



# Washington County Republican Women

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## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 1 Hurricane Peach Days
- Sept. 3 Labor Day
- Sept. 7 Evening Social
- Sept. 11 Patriot's Day
- Sept. 14 WCRW Board Meeting
- Sept. 20-22 Santa Clara Swiss Days
- Sept. 26-29 NFRW Biennial Conference
- Oct. 4 Luncheon



**“Mitt for Utah”**  
Come enjoy dinner and  
hear from our  
Republican Nominee  
for U.S. Senate  
Mitt Romney

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*Friday Sept 7th*

Evening Social  
at Best Western  
Abbey Inn  
\$25 per person  
includes Dinner

Doors open at 5:30pm  
Dinner is served at 6:00pm



*Special Musical Number  
sung by Wade Hudes*

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# President's Message

*Lesa Sandberg*



Summer has flown by! I can't believe it's time for our Fall Social already! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again!

We've had opportunities to volunteer this summer and I've enjoyed working booths and promoting Conservative Values with you. Hopefully we'll have some new members join because of our efforts.

We had 13 WCRW members and associates attend the first ever Region One Conference held August 3-5<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake! I was so proud of our representation, the most by far from club or state! The conference featured some great guest speakers: NFRW President Jody Rushton, NFRW 4<sup>th</sup> VP Ann Schockett, Congresswoman Mia Love, Attorney General Sean Reyes, Tim Ballard from Operation Underground Railroad and Jason Chaffetz to name a few! It was amazing and I'm excited to see what we can implement in our club in the coming year!

Please note that our September Social will be on FRIDAY this year! We're excited to have Senate Candidate, Mitt Romney, to be our guest speaker! I'm anxious to learn more about him and his plans for Washington DC. Now is the time for Republicans to unite behind our candidates and sweep the state! Please join us!

Lesa :)  
Be Cheery!



*Sharon Simmons*

*With heartfelt wishes for healing to:  
For our friend Yolie Klawitter as she continues to recover from injuries sustained in an accident.*

*May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you and yours through this time of sorrow:  
For our friend Mary Burkett on the passing of her father, patriot Maurice Wilson, 100, a WWII and Korean War veteran.*



# Americanism

*Carol Bracken*

*"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."*

John F. Kennedy







# Highlights of Region One Conference





*Charlotte Deulin*

The Utah State Legislature held a Special Session in July. Nine bills were passed and signed by the Governor. The following is a summary of a few of the more important bills:

**Dependent Tax Exemption for Utah Working Families**

Now that the impacts of federal tax reform are better understood, the Utah Legislature was able to find a way to lessen the tax burden for some Utahns with dependents. The Legislature passed HB 2003, Income Tax Code Amendments, which designates that \$30 million in new money be used to fund a state dependent tax exemption for working families with children, as this population was most impacted by the loss of the personal exemption at the federal level.

It also conforms provisions of the Utah tax code dealing with loss carry backs and carry forwards to federal tax law. These amendments give companies a longer time period to carry forward net operating losses.

**Tax Amendments**

Federal tax reform included a new, reduced tax on repatriated foreign earnings, payable over eight years. This new lower rate only applies for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2018. In order for Utah state law to conform to the new federal law, it became necessary to clarify some issues, including that the same date provisions apply for state tax purposes.

**Online Sales Tax**

When online sellers do not collect sales tax, the responsibility falls on the consumer to pay the use tax when filing. However, the process can be confusing and time consuming, and only approximately 1.3 percent of returns filed in Utah include a use tax return.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court, handed down an opinion in South Dakota v Wayfair, permitting states to require the collection of sales tax on remote purchases by sellers engaged in over 200 transactions or \$100,000 worth of business within a state.

The Legislature passed SB 2001, Online Sales Tax Amendments to conform and align state statutes with the SCOTUS decision and to implement start date of January 1, 2019.

This new law eliminates the tedious process of calculating the amount of sales tax owed when filing Utah state income taxes. Additionally, the Wayfair decision is projected to lead to a \$60 million annual increase in state sales tax. That new money will be used to fund the manufacturer 3-year life, which enables all manufacturers to depreciate new equipment over a three-year period.

**Inland Port**

HB 2001, Utah Inland Port Authority Amendment, is a result of weeks of open and candid dialogue with stakeholders, including the Salt Lake City Council, to strengthen and improve provisions enacted by SB 234, Utah Inland Port Authority, which passed during the 2018 session.

HB 2001 clarifies the strategies, policies and objectives of the Inland Port Authority, establishes clearer procedures and increases transparency.

**Overview**

Ensures that municipalities within the authority will provide services and be allocated a tax increment<sup>[SEP]</sup> Places a 2 percent cap on property tax to be used for the authority’s operating expenses Encourages the Inland Port board to work with neighboring communities to develop plans to mitigate potential environmental impacts<sup>[SEP]</sup> Respects existing land use and other agreements/arrangements between property owners and government authorities.

Excerpted from the UTAH HOUSE MAJORITY LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER  
Courtesy of Rep. Walt Brooks, Dist. 75



## *Spouse Spotlight*

Let's get to know Utah Representative (District 62) Travis Seegmiller's wife. Lisa Hopkins Seegmiller was born to Dr. James & Barbara Hopkins of SLC. She was born in Simi Valley, CA but raised all over the U.S. and Canada, including NYC, and ultimately SLC from middle school onward. She graduated from The Waterford School, Sandy, UT, then received her BA in Acting with emphasis in Classical Voice/singing at Yale University. She went on to graduate school at Manhattan School of Music earning a Master degree in Vocal Performance. She works as a professional singing actress and voice teacher.

Lisa and Travis met and courted while studying as undergrads at Yale University. They were married on April 6th --- a very special date for the two of them in many ways. Lisa and Travis have 2 girls and 1 boy ages 9, 6, and 4. Being a great Wife and Mother is Lisa's highest life ambition, and so she loves to keep things exciting and educational for the kids. One example is their recent work with Alex Boye and Dixie State University to create and record all of the children's singing for the video that has been viewed nearly a million times now. A family project, this video featured all 3 of our talented, singing children, with their oldest daughter as the child soloist.

Lisa's accolades include Tony Award Winner for playing the leading lady in the first major classical opera production on Broadway--- Puccini's La Boheme on Broadway; Grammy Award Nomination, for Best Opera Recording; Many performances around the world, including right here at our hometown amphitheater, Tuacahn. She currently also teaches Private Voice Lessons in St. George.

Travis tells us that " Lisa is an amazing chef, emphasizing healthy cuisines from around the world. And even though she has bona fide "City Girl" credentials, she LOVES spending fun times at the family farm in the Washington Fields every day, whether it be gathering the eggs with the kids, or enjoying the family's purebred Nigerian Dwarf goats and beautiful Olde English Bulldog puppy."

The Seegmiller family spends a lot of quality family time being together on Skype or video-conference call when Travis is up at the Capitol. Of the things Travis loves most, he loves his family and his hometown area of Southern Utah, so they have a nightly ritual (that they have never missed even once) of studying together and then praying together as a family, using technology means to bring them together like this at least once every day, even while Travis is up at the Capitol. This keeps their family close and helps Travis to not get too lonely without them.

Lisa, thanks for lending your husband to public service. We appreciate your sacrifice!

