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Upcoming Events

Jan. 1 New Years Day

Jan. 4 Statehood Day

Jan. 10 Luncheon

Jan. 17 St. George Heritage Day

Jan. 18 WCRW Board Meeting

Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 22 Legislative session begins

Feb. 4 UFRW Legislative Day

Feb. 7 Luncheon

The Washington County
Republican Women Present:

"WEED" THE PEOPLE



Answering your questions about
medical marijuana legislation in
Utah. Come hear from one of the
leading sponsors of the Utah State
Legislature's "Proposition 2
Compromise" Senator Evan Vickers

11:30 a.m. January 10, 2019
Abbey Inn
1129 S. Bluff Street
St George, UT



\$15 per person, includes lunch. Reserve your
seat now by emailing WCRWmail@gmail.com
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President's Message



Happy New Year! Can you believe 2018 has come and gone. What a great year we've had! We had a 132% increase in our membership including 23 new members and 52 gem members. 26 associate members including 6 new members joined WCRW. I had the privilege of working with 24 members that held positions on our Board of Directors. We held 10 luncheons including a September Evening Social and a December Evening Christmas Social. Guest speakers included Michelle Wall, Brock Belnap, Celeste Maloy, Eric Clark, Jason Chaffetz, Evan Vickers, Don Ipson, Travis Seegmiller, Brad Last, Lowry Snow, Walt Brooks, Gil Almquist vs Allen Davis, Donia Jessop, Mitt Romney, Logan Reid, Glyn & Jena Jones. We also held our biennial Meet the Candidates in the Park in October and hosted the Election Night Party. We attended UFRW events hosted by our own LaRene Cox, President of UFRW. And we honored our lifelong member, Cleo Atkin. It's been a great year!

Now on to 2019. Your executive committee and board of directors met and have planned an amazing year of luncheons and guest speakers to tentatively include topics: Marijuana compromise, Protecting ourselves and our families, Lake Powell Pipeline/Northern Corridor, Post Legislative Forum, Washington County Court Program, Better Days 2020, Human Trafficking, Republic vs Democracy. I'm excited to welcome Christa Hinton (3rd VP) and Kristen Clarke (member at large) to our Executive Committee.

Our December Luncheon was fantastic! We elected our new Executive Committee and honored our Gem Members and 10+ year members and 5+ year associate members. Then we were delighted to hear from the Dixie High School Madrigals, led by our own Sheryl Snow. Last but not least, we kept the secret and surprised Cleo Atkin with a poem and special presentation honoring her for the many years she's served in the Republican Party and WCRW. I hope I can be like Cleo when I grow up and am excited to have her be the President's Advisor on our Board of Directors.

January's luncheon will feature Senator Evan Vickers as our guest speaker. He will address the Medical Marijuana Compromise, that is now law, and the impending lawsuits. It will be great to hear what's really going on and how it affects us, our families, and our community.

It's time to renew your yearly membership with WCRW. You can do that online or at the luncheon. Remember our goal of Each One Bring One! Let's see if we can double our numbers in 2019! Please renew your membership right away and join as a Gem Member if you can.

God Bless each of you and God Bless America!

Lesla :)
Be Cheery!



Prayers for a successful and complete recovery for:

Our friend Chantie Belnap, as she continues physical therapy following a December surgery.

Our friend Kay Hancock as she recovers from a leg injury.

Our friend Patricia Robbins as she recovers from a wrist injury.

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Isaiah 41:13



Jan. 1 Sharron Robinson
Jan. 3 Jennifer Nelson
Jan. 12 Jenny McDowell
Jan. 23 Sandy Atkin
Jan. 25 Velma Southwick

Associates

Jan. 3 Gil Almquist
Lyle Richins
Jan. 6 Travis Seegmiller
Jan. 21 Walt Brooks
Jan. 29 Larry Meyers





Highlights of our Monthly Meeting



Officers being sworn in by Larene Cox: LaStar Richins, Kristen Clark, Sandy Atkin, Christa Hinton, Kimberly Hancock, Judy Houston, Lesa Sandberg



2018 Board of Directors: Elna Rae Page, Yolie Klawitter, Penny Barben, LaRene Cox, Cleo Atkin, Judy Houston, Marion Kohte, Courtney Sinagra, Sharon Simmons, Kimberly Hancock, Meri Crandall, Yvonne Wall, Lisa Thorpe, Sandy Atkin, LaStar Richins, Lesa Sandberg



New members Valerie Hogan, LoyAnn McLendon, Haylee Caplin



2018 Silver Gem Members: Karol Remington, LaStar Richins, Elna Rae Page, Rikki Kestin, Jill Almquist, Gil Almquist, Lesa Sandberg, Yvonne Wall



Cleo Atkin & Meri Crandall 2019 Diamond Gem Members



2019 Gold Gem Members and Associate: Gil Almquist, Jill Almquist, Yolie Klawitter, Sandy Atkin, Bonnie Harrington



2018 Gold Members: Lisa Thorpe, Lowry Snow, Yolie Klawitter, Bonnie Harrington, Dean Cox, LaRene Cox, Sandy Atkin, Judy Houston, Meri Crandall, Evan Vickers



10 + year members and 5 + associates: Lowry Snow, Dean Cox, Bonnie Harrington, Cleo Atkin, Larene Cox, Lisa Thorpe



2018 Diamond Gem members: Cleo Atkin, Don Ipson



Dixie High School Madrigals directed by our own Sheryl Snow



2019 Silver Gem Members: Jimi Kestin, Yvonne Wall, Rikki Kestin, LaStar Richins, Lesa Sandberg



2019 Board of Directors surprise Cleo with a poem in honor of her: Lesa Sandberg, Elna Rae Page, Kristen Clarke, Judy Houston, Meri Crandall, LaRene Cox, Yolie Klawitter, Sharon Simmons, Marion Kohte, Yvonne Wall, LaStar Richins, Penny Barben, Kimberly Hancock, Courtney Sinagra, Sandy Atkin, Cleo Atkin

Guest of Honor Poem

Twas the night before our luncheon and all through our club
 Every creature was stirring, what was all the hub-bub
 How could we create a poem about someone so cool
 Someone who'd been amazing, an icon, a jewel

When out in the lobby there arose such a clatter,
 We sprang to our feet to see what was the matter.
 When, whom to our wond'ring eyes should appear,
 But a miniature lady, full of good cheer.

And then, in a twinkling, we heard at the door
 The woman we love, the woman we adore.
 As we drew back our heads, and were turning around,
 Through the doorway she came with a leap and a bound.

We spoke not a word, but went straight to our work,
 And started the meeting; then turned with a smirk.
 We'd kept the secret, no one had ruined our surprise
 Cleo is our honored guest, WCRW's prize



Lowry Snow, Evan Vickers, Don Ipson, Victor Iverson, Dean Cox, Gil Almquist serenade Cleo with Let it Snow



Mariana Taylor Dec. birthday



Yvonne Wall with Jenna & Glyn Jones from the Dream Center



Sandy Atkin member of the month
 Evan Vickers associate of the month
 LaRene Cox brought a guest



Some of Cleo's family



Remembering President George H.W. Bush

This week we mourned the passing of our 41st President George Herbert Walker Bush, and we remember him for his service, humor, dignity and kindness.

When World War II broke out he put his plans for college on hold, joined the US Navy and became a Fighter Pilot. Thus began his life of service to our country.

He was an example to all of us in his love for his wife Barbara, his children and grandchildren and will always be remembered for his service to our great nation.

At the service, his son President George W. Bush said of his father that he looked for the good in each person and "usually found it."

President George H.W. Bush taught that public service was noble and necessary and that one can serve with integrity and hold true to the important values like faith and family.

He believed it was important to give back to the community and country in which one lived. He encouraged all of us to serve and be part of 'A Thousand Points of Light'. He recognized that serving others enriches the givers soul.

Each one of us has something we can contribute to lift and give light to those around us.

At this Christmas Season we are especially grateful for President George H.W. Bush and his wonderful wife Barbara and their great examples to all of us of service and of dedication to Faith, Family and Country.



Someone to do the monthly newsletter. Please let Lesa know if you would be willing to be on the board and serve in this capacity.

A Public Relations Chair is also needed. Please, let Lesa know if you are willing to serve.



Membership Report:

59 total members for 2019 (67.8% of last year's numbers)
16 new members
43 2018 members renewed (50%)
44 have not renewed from 2018 (OF 87)
14 total associates
2 new associates
37 Gem Members (4 of which are Associates)

As we continue our annual Membership Drive, we invite you to renew/join Washington County Republican Women. In 2018, we saw a 131.8% increase in membership, with a total of 87 members joining + 26 associates! Incredible. Our largest increase in 10 years. NFRW is sponsoring a Membership Campaign for 2019: **Each One Bring One**. We are inviting Each One of our members to Bring One new member to our group. We can do that, right? We already have 16 new members, only 71 to go! So let's invite all of our friends to join. Let's see if we can increase our number to 174 this year! We can do it!





Legislation Jan. 2019 UTAH Special Session

The Utah State Legislature voted (House 60-13, Senate 22-4) to replace Proposition 2, the medical cannabis ballot initiative approved by voters in November. Under Utah law, the state legislature has the authority to replace or modify ballot initiatives.

The Libertas Institute insists that what lawmakers have passed is "90% of what voters approved." However, some provisions are stripped out and regulations are stricter on medical cannabis. For example, "grow your own," if you live more than 100 miles from a dispensary, is out; patients must purchase through a state-run dispensary or a select amount of privately-run facilities; the patient list has been modified; but nurse practitioners, physician assistants and high-ranking social workers added to the list of those who can recommend it.

The compromise plan changes the language blocking some marijuana edibles such as cookies, which might appeal to children. Smoking marijuana wasn't allowed in the original and won't be allowed in the new version.

Attend the WCRW meeting on January 3rd to hear Sen. Evan Vickers give a thorough explanation.

Washington D.C.

President Donald Trump signed a new trade deal with Canada and Mexico Friday delivering on a signature promise from the 2016 presidential campaign. "This new agreement will ensure a future of prosperity and innovation for Mexico, Canada and the

United States," Trump declared at the G20 summit in Argentina. The president signed the new deal with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto.

H.R. 2422 authorizes \$18 million in each of the fiscal years 2018 through 2022 the oral health promotion and disease prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and expands initiatives to enhance oral health education and community-wide dental disease prevention. The bill also authorizes \$13.9 million in each of the fiscal years 2018 through 2022 for the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities, which aim to increase access to dental care in underserved communities.

Courts

U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor in Texas has declared Obamacare to be unconstitutional. The ruling was on a lawsuit brought by 19 attorneys general and a governor, all Republicans. Once the heart of the ACA — the individual mandate — is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of the ACA must also fail, the suit contended. The ruling enjoining Obamacare halts an unconstitutional exertion of federal power over the American health care system while our multi-state coalition lawsuit works its way through the courts. The case will almost certainly go to the Supreme Court, where Justice John Roberts would still remain the swing vote. He originally upheld Obamacare based on the fact that the 'individual mandate' was a tax. The tax has been cut to zero thanks to the removal of the individual mandate, so there remains the potential for a flip

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