



Washington County Republican Women April 2017

March Monthly Meeting

At our March luncheon, we heard from Jeriah Threlfall who is the Director of St. George Area Economic Development which is a collaborative organization led by business and community leaders to strengthen and develop Southern Utah's economy. Jeriah told the group that his organization used to be called the Washington County Economic Development, but because there are several Washington Counties in the country, Jeriah and his team changed the name to the more easily identifiable "St. George Area". The St. George Area Economic Development group helps businesses relocate to Southern Utah and helps retain businesses that are already here. They support city and county projects that will continue to make Southern Utah a wonderful destination for businesses. They also work with our secondary education institutions like Dixie State University and Dixie Applied Technology College to make sure that our workforce has the education and experience necessary to work for these companies.

Washington County's population is continuing to boom. Jeriah outline several reasons why Washington County is the fastest growing county in the fastest growing state in the nation. A lot has to do with our friendly and safe communities, our beautiful scenery, and the opportunities for businesses. Jeriah also outlined some of the struggles our local government faces when it comes to growth. These included a lack of resources (i.e. Land, Water) and lack of high paying jobs. His organization seeks to remedy some of these problems so the St. George Area can continue to grow in a positive way.



The guest drawing winner was Penny Barber and the member drawing winner was Linda Petit. Dean Cox was associate of the month.



Four new members joined in April along with four associate members. The new members are Cindy Lindsten, Kristen Clark, Carol Hallowell and Meri Crandall.

The new associate members are Victor Iverson, Tom Durrant, Evan Vickers and Lane Ronnow.

Several others renewed their membership.

April Monthly Meeting

The April meeting was held at the Santa Clara City building which was able to accommodate a large gathering. We were able to hear from our state legislators who touched upon different subjects. Our newest senator, Don Ipson, seems very comfortable with what goes on during the legislative session. We are thankful to have honest, personable men to represent us. At the legislative session, Dixie State University was given the go ahead to build a new building which will be a great resource on campus.



Kristine Wagner

Kristine Wagner grew up in Las Vegas and graduated from BYU with a bachelor's degree in political science. While in college, she spent a semester at BYU Hawaii and another semester in Washington D.C. where she worked on Capital Hill for Congressman Tim Lantos.

In 1990 she married her husband Ward and moved to Iowa where they lived for 4 years while he attended chiropractic school. The couple moved to St. George 20 years ago and have raised their 4 boys here.

Kristine has served on the board of trustees for two charter schools. She has been actively involved in the fight for local control of education and the protection of parental rights.

In 2015, Kristine attended the United Nations Conference on the Status of Women. She is a member of the LDS church and has served in scouting, primary, YW and Relief Society. She has been a member of the WCRW for 2 years and enjoys her association with us.

Please make a point of seeking out Kristine and introducing yourself to her. You will make a new friend!

