

**Washington County Republican Women  
Regularly Scheduled Luncheon  
January 5th, 2017- Abbey Inn**

President Lesa Sandberg welcomed the group and opened the meeting at 11:45 am. She recognized the following dignitaries:

- Bette Arial -City Councilwoman and Southern Utah Director for Senator Mike Lee
- Courtney Brinkerhoff -Southern Utah Director for Senator Orrin Hatch
- LaRene Cox -School Board Representative
- Dean Cox -County Commissioner
- Victor Iverson -County Commissioner
- Adam Snow -Southern Utah Director for Representative Chris Stewart
- Jon Stanard -Utah State Representative
- Michelle Randall -City Councilwoman
- Mike Noel -Utah State Representative
- St. George News
- Robert Jensen -Washington County Republican Party Chairman

Robert Jensen announced the annual Washington County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Breakfast will be a dinner this year. He mention that last year's speaker, Kris Paronto, doubled the usual attendance. This year's speaker is Dinesh D'Souza, the filmmaker behind "Hillary's America" and several other documentaries. He asked members to help advertise for the event. WCRW had purchased two tables, however, by show of interest we need to have six tables and a seventh on hold. The request was reported to party officials.

Courtney Brinkerhoff gave the opening prayer and Adam Snow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Their will be a WCRW Board Meeting on Monday January the 9th at 1 pm. The Board has open positions it is seeking to fill.

2nd VP LaRene Cox announced that a quorum was present at the meeting. Secretary Courtney Brinkerhoff asked to know about any necessary revisions for the minutes from December's luncheon. There were none and Bette Arial moved for approval, with a second from LaRene Cox. The minutes were approved by a vote from the body.

2nd VP LaRene Cox offered the membership report. She read the list of gem members and announced a new associate member, Mel McCoy. Sandy Atkin won our member of the month drawing and Jon Stanard was the Associate of the month. Keith Bozeman won the guest drawing but graciously gave his prize to Courtney Brinkerhoff who also brought a guest.

Bette Arial gave the legislative update, noting that the Utah Legislative Session opens on January 23rd and that Utah's birthday was yesterday, January 4th.

Historian and Member at Large Charlotte Devlin needs short biographies from the group. We will be highlighting a member each month and getting to know each other. Sharon Simmons was this month's spotlight. She is an Air Force veteran and has been all over the country and world. She has advanced degrees in nursing. We are happy to have her as a member!

Treasurer moved to approve the financial report and Cleo seconded. The report was approved. The report shows the general account as having \$19,009.67 and the Caring for America account as having \$1,747.18.

Commissioner Dean Cox introduced guest speaker Representative Mike Noel.

Representative Mike Noel discussed issues about public lands, natural resources, and federal agencies. He talked about what he would do if selected to be BLM Director. He was asked what Washington County Republican Women could do to help him in that endeavor and mentioned an endorsement from the group would be helpful.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.