

Washington County Republican Women  
Regularly Scheduled Luncheon – Post Legislative Forum Minutes  
April 2, 2015 – Abbey Inn

The luncheon was called to order by President Judy Houston at 11:58 AM. President Houston announced and welcomed the following dignitaries:

- Representative Lowry Snow
- Representative Brad Last
- Representative Jon Stanard
- Representative Don Ipson
- Senator Evan Vickers
- Senator Steve Urquhart
- Bill Swadley, representing Senator Orrin Hatch
- Yolie Klauwitter, representing Senator Mike Lee
- Gary Webster, representing Congressman Chris Stewart
- Commissioner Alan Gardner
- Nick Lang, WCRP Chair
- Todd Jones, WCRP Treasurer
- Willie Billings, UTGOP VC
- Vardell Curtis, WC Board of Realtors

The prayer was offered by Representative Lowry Snow and Representative Jon Stanard led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Houston announced the WCRP Organizing Convention scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM in the DSU Gardner Center. She also announced that at our May Luncheon we will be honored by DSU President, Richard “Biff” Williams as our guest speaker.

A motion to approve the February 5, 2015 regularly scheduled luncheon minutes was made by Cleo Atkin, seconded by LeAnn Stanard and approved unanimously. President Houston declared the motion passed.

In the absence of treasurer LaStar Richins, the Finance report was given by President Judy Houston.

- The General Business Account: \$9,916.77
- Caring For America Account: \$1,115.14

The Membership Report was given by Lesa Sandberg and she also presented cookies to our birthday members: Sharon Simmons, Michelle Boulter, LaRene Cox, Elna Rae Page and Bette Arial.

President Judy Houston asked the members to keep 1<sup>st</sup> VC Diane Adams in their thoughts and prayers because just this morning her sweet father passed away. In the absence of and on behalf of, Diane, LaRene Cox introduced our guest speakers. The following was penned by Diane Adams.

“Good afternoon ladies and gentleman,  
For those of us that attended our January WCRW luncheon, the gentlemen seated at the dais need no introduction, however, if you are a guest you have no idea what a treat you are in for!

I have a quote I would like to share with you by Tim Pauley, from an article in the Capital Commission, written on 9/11/2012.

“Our legislators, (elected officials, and government leaders) have a daunting responsibility – proposing, passing, interpreting, and enforcing the laws that affect every citizen of our state (and of our nation). In a constitutional republic, they have the authority to do this because it has been given to them by the citizens. The making of laws is obviously the focus of much of what goes on here in the statehouse. The title “legislator” comes from the Latin words for “law bringer”, hence our descriptive title of “lawmaker”.”

With us today are our ‘lawmakers’:  
Brad Last; Representative in District 71  
Don Ipson; Representative in District 75  
Evan Vickers; Senator in District 28  
Jon Stanard; Representative in District 62  
Lowry Snow; Representative in District 74  
Steve Urquhart; Senator in District 29

Gentlemen, in the order you are seated, please take a few minutes to give us an update of bills you sponsored; co-sponsored or are very passionate about. After each of you have spoken, the remaining time will be dedicated to QA, both submitted in writing and from the floor.”

Brad Last: Equalization of School Funding.

Don Ipson: DXATC Funding and the Water in Bear River

Evan Vickers: SB29, School Planning and Zoning as well as the Charter School Construction in Washington City.

Jon Stanard: 1) His bill on Government Entities and public meeting notice took away the exemption from small entities 2) Keeping grants and funding going forward for the Science and Tech. Departments at DSU and SUU.

Lowry Snow: Sponsored a bill that gave non-custodial parents expanded visitation rights and another bill that would encourage good companies to come to Utah.

Steve Urquhart: Spoke of his great privilege to serve Washington County. His responsibility is Higher Education. He would like to see performance based funding and more math in High School. He also spoke somewhat about his non-discrimination bill. He was able to bring people together before and then was able to take steps forward.

The floor was opened to questions and answers and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 PM.