

Washington County Republican Women
Regularly Scheduled Luncheon
May 7, 2015 – Abbey Inn

The luncheon was called to order by President Judy Houston at 11:56 AM. President Houston announced and welcomed the following dignitaries:

- President Richard Williams, Dixie State University
- David Clark, Vice-Chair DSU Board of Trustees
- Bette Arial and Yoli Klauwitter from Senator Mike Lee's Office
- Gary Webster from Congressman Chris Stewart's Office
- Mayor Jon Pike, St. George City
- Bette Arial and Michelle Randall, St. George City Councilwomen
- Robert Jensen, WCRP Chair

The prayer was offered by Cleo Atkin.

President Williams led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Houston read the names of the proposed Nominating Committee as follows:

- Lesa Sandberg
- Cleo Atkin
- LaRene Cox
- Peg Kull
- LaStar Richins

A motion to accept the Nominating Committee as presented was made by Bette Arial, seconded by Diane Adams and seeing no objections, the chair declared the motion passed. President Houston announced that Lesa Sandberg would chair the committee.

In the absence of our Finance Chair, LaStar Richins, President Houston reported that our general checking account totaled \$9,951.56 and the account for Caring for America totaled \$1,115.14.

The time was turned over to Elna Rae Page who presented member Judy Bozeman as our Spotlight for the month of May.

Elna Rae encouraged all member to fill out the questionnaire as a pass to get out of our meeting.

Judy Bozeman

Judy had a successful career as a Programing Manager for the Farmers Insurance Company in Los Angeles. She does not like to cook. One knows where she stands, she speaks her mind after researching the subject but

she speaks her mind with love. She is very active and deep rooted in the Republican Party. She attends our Caucus Meetings regularly, and currently serves as Precinct Chair and is a County and State Delegate. She is a grassroots person and has been all of her life. She enjoys Bingo and other activities at Sun River St. George. She chairs the conservative group at Sun River and is well known for getting important information out to her community. She's loyal beyond measure and if you confide in her it will never, ever be broken. She welcomes her friend dogs in her home and she has toys for them to play with. She always has time to be a friend and listens and often researches medical positions online and suggests solutions for her friends. Congratulations on being spotlighted.

Lesa Sandberg, 2nd VC over Membership, reported that we have 62 members and 11 Associate Members, totaling 73. Of those, 27 are Gem Members (16 Silver, 9 Gold and 2 Diamond).

A Legislative Report was given by Bette Arial.

We are gearing up for Presidential Elections. It's quite phenomenal to see how the slate of Republicans are signing up, almost daily and we will be hearing from them a lot.

I will give you a couple of things that are happening on the Lee horizon right now. Last week he spoke to the young men who were selected into the military academy in SLC. One of the young men was admitted before and attended then went on an LDS Mission and was readmitted. And the icing on the cake was that his brother was also admitted so we have two young men from Utah.

Also, Senator Lee has initiated an innovative policy agenda where he is trying to gather and encourage people to give him new ideas about ways we can do things better. He, Senator Hatch and Senator Vitter have also introduced a Bill concerning native species protection act <http://www.lee.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=0e93878e-a299-439b-bd7b-634b82f972cf>. This is significant because the Sage Grouse is about ready to shut down a few of our Counties in Utah.

All three of our federal delegation are working very hard together and are co-sponsoring each other's bills.

Gary Webster announced that Congressman Chris Stewart would be at Hurricane High School on May 26th at 6 PM. We were all invited to attend.

Announcements

State Convention will be August 1, 2015

Next Luncheon June 4th and we will be honored to have our newly elected WCRP Chair, Robert Jensen as our guest speaker. President Houston congratulated him and invited him to give a few remarks.

Diane Adams, 1st VC over Programs, introduced our guest speaker, President Richard "Biff" Williams.

Dr. Richard "Biff" Williams was announced as the 18th President of Dixie State University on July 17, 2014. Prior to his arrival at Dixie State, Williams served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Indiana State University. Previous to his appointment as Provost and VP, Williams was the founding Dean of ISU's College of Nursing, Health and Human Services, for which he led the development of six new degree programs designed to address the state's critical shortage of healthcare workers.

Dr. Williams had also served as an Associate Dean of the College of Education at the University of Northern Iowa, where he was a faculty member, Executive Associate Director of the School of Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services, and Chair of the Division of Athletic Training. At UNI, he helped create a private-public partnership between the local hospital, medical community, and university that resulted in the construction of a two-story human performance center that served the surrounding rural communities.

A native of Brigham City, Utah, Williams holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Lifestyle Management from Weber State University, a Master's degree in Athletic Training from Indiana State, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from New Mexico State University.

President Williams and his wife Kristin are the parents of five children – Bailee (19), Elly (15), Braden (14), Peyton (11) and Rowen (9). Mrs. Williams has worked in the physical therapy field for more than 21 years. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy at the University of Utah in 1993, and a Master's degree in Exercise Science at Northern Iowa in 2007.

We were honored to hear President Williams report that DSU was doing great things. The head count was increasing as was the retention rate. Upper Division Enrollment had increased 19% from 2012-2015.

Among its piers, DSU is the most affordable with average annual costs, including tuition, fees, books, room and board, totaling \$10,239.

DSU has been faced with new challenges. Its faculty has doubled in size and the average class size has increased from 10-22. The administration is proactively searching for ways to help teachers.

They have created a new Center for Teaching and learning and a New Office of Sponsored Programs which will house the Director for Title 9 and Adjuncts.

President Williams spoke of about the campus infrastructure and Student Services. These departments would be responsible for Instructional Planning and Budget, Human Resources, Health Center, Retention Advisors, Academic Advisors, Student Success Center and International Student Services.

The university has worked hard to implement a new program at the OC Tanner Amphitheater in Zion National Park. Its emphasis will be to Stay, Do and Learn. It is a two week experiential learning program that Students may enroll for online.

He is very proud of the computer Crime Institute Lab. It is the most advanced cell phone forensic lab in the USA.

The university is proactive in its building projects with plans to expand the Burns Arena. This new upgrade would house HR and Public Safety. They are also adding new housing on campus, purchasing the seven plus acres where East Elementary now sits and expanding the Hansen Stadium to seat 5000 people. This addition would add room for a banquet room and an upgraded football locker room

Most of all President Williams wishes for everyone to know that "We" are Dixie. He wants the community to feel welcome on campus.

The floor was opened to questions and answers and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10 PM.