

Washington County Republican Women
Regularly Scheduled Luncheon
11:30 a.m. October 5th, 2017
Abbey Inn

President Lesa Sandberg opened the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Jimi Kestin gave the prayer and Courtney Brinkerhoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lesa recognized and welcomed dignitaries: Michelle Randall, Bette Arial, Courtney Brinkerhoff, LaRene Cox, Becky Dunn, Jon Pike, Brock Belnap, Cory Pulsipher, Jimi Kestin, Lowry Snow, and Dean Cox. Lesa asked all attendees running for office to stand and be recognized.

Lesa then announced that the nominating committee for next year's WCRW leadership would be meeting at 2:30 pm that day. Lesa asked any and all attendees who are interested in serving on the Executive Board to let LaStar and the nominating committee know.

Charlotte Devlin gave the Spotlight Report. This month's Spotlight was Courtney Brinkerhoff. Bette Arial gave the Legislative Report. Some of the things Bette reported on included tax reform and Hillary Clinton's new book "What Happened?" in which she blamed everyone but herself for her failed campaign.

LaRene Cox gave the Membership Report. She then did the various monthly drawings (member, associate, and guest). Judy Houston passed out cookies to members who have had birthdays since our last luncheon (birthdays June through October).

Lesa Sandberg presented a check for \$500 to Michelle Randall as a donation from WCRW to Michelle's campaign fund. WCRW supports its members! Lesa then introduced Jana Ostler as high school student at Snow Canyon High School who attended Girls State over the summer with the help of WCRW. WCRW donated the funds to Jana to help her attend the program. Jana shared some of the things she learned at Girls State with the luncheon attendees which included (1) elected officials and politicians are regular people, (2) how the political process works (3) how elections on state, county, and local levels work as well as party elections, (4) how to campaign (5) patriotism and appreciation for veterans. Jana was very grateful she could attend the program and is excited to register as a Republican voter as soon as she turns 18 later this year.

Lesa then introduced our guest speaker for the month, Sheriff Cory Pulsipher. Sheriff Pulsipher introduced Officer Graf and Officer Graf introduced K9 officer, Tess. Tess stole the

show! Officer Graf talked about Tess and the recent experience they had when she was shot in the line of duty. Tess was life-flighted to Las Vegas. The Las Vegas Police Department shut down Tropicana Blvd. so Tess's helicopter could land there. Tess received top of the line treatment and is recovering well. She will have the bullet and bone fragments in her throat for the rest of her life.

Sheriff Pulsipher talked about crime in the county. Specifically he mentioned that the Purgatory Correctional Facility would be paid off this year. He also talked about the rapidly rising drug epidemic in our community and new ways to treat those afflicted with addiction. He had County Attorney Brock Belnap and _____ talk to a group about a new, comprehensive program they had started to help drug addicts recover.

Sheriff Pulsipher yielded the floor and Lesa Sandberg adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm. The Sheriff stayed to answer further questions and guests were able to take pictures with Tess.