

To: NRLN Utah Chapter Members
From: Claudeen Luckart
Subject: **NRLN Utah Chapter on the Move**

As your NRLN Utah Chapter moves toward 2014 your leadership team is working on being effective grassroots advocates with Utah U.S. Representatives and Senators plus making plans on how we expand the size of our organization.

I met on December 5th with **Sherri Shilcrat**, Chapter Legislative Director, and **Neil West**, NRLN Vice President, Mountain West Region, for a planning session on how we move forward. We decided to ask Chapter Congressional District leaders to form their own network of people to help them in calling and letter writing campaigns with their members of Congress.

I thought you might like to get to know your Chapter leaders.

I, **Claudeen Luckart**, live in West Valley City. I began working for the company now known as CenturyLink in 1972 when the name of the company was Mountain Bell (later known as US West and Qwest). My first job was in operator services. I later had jobs as a toll investigator in CTI, clerk in dial assignment, complex translation in dial assignment, CO Tech in central offices and the SCC. When reengineering happened and I went to SDDI position in Network, first in features group then in design services. My title was CST when I retired in 2003.

I was a union (CWA) vice president or a few years and also served as an area representative and state mobilization coordinator.

Sherri Shilcrat, who lives in West Jordan, is the Chapter's Legislative Director. She started with Mountain Bell in Denver in 1977 as a marketing order writer and was promoted to a marketing representative. Later, she transferred to the plant department and worked as a framer attendant for special services and then to special facilities representative which was eventually changed to technical assistant. Sherri eventually moved to Salt Lake City where she first worked as a supply attendant. For the 2001 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics she served in the public access department. All of Sherri's jobs were craft jobs and she was a member of the CWA. She retired in 2004.

The Chapter's Congressional District Leader for Utah's 1st Congressional District (U.S. Representative Rob Bishop) has not been identified. Any 1st District constituents interested in serving as the Congressional District Leader should send an email to me at UTchapter@nrln.org. Serving as a Congressional District leader involves contacting your U. S. Representative and Senators or calling their offices when necessary; sending them an email when an NRLN Action Alert goes out; or, visiting their offices, or attending a town hall meeting.

Robbin McGee, who lives in southern Utah, is the Congressional District leader for Utah's 2nd Congressional District (U.S. Representative Chris Stewart). She began working for Mountain Bell in 1979 and held craft jobs in engineering, carrier and assignments. Robbin retired in 2004.

Patricia Adams, who lives in Springville, is the Congressional District Leader for Utah's 3rd Congressional District (U.S. Representative Jason Chaffetz). She began her career with AT&T in 1975, first as an operator and later worked as a network tech. She retired in 2003.

Sharon Smith, who lives in West Valley City, is the Congressional District Leader for Utah's 4th Congressional District (U.S. Representative Jim Matheson). She started working for Mountain Bell in 1962 as a telephone operator and later became a data services clerk. With a transfer to engineering, she became a tech assistant and later was upgraded to an engineering specialist. Sharon's last job was a tester for special services for Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. She retired in 1998.

At the December 5th meeting, Neil requested that as Congressional District leaders are networking with people they know, they should get any names and companies an individuals retired from and provide them to him. Neil will work with any groups that may show an interest in joining the Utah Chapter. He is targeting new CenturyLink retirees and individuals in the company near retirement. He is also focusing on memberships from

Albertsons retirees, and state workers, such as teachers to join the Utah Chapter or create a secondary NRLN Chapter in Utah. If you know of an individual or a group possibly interest in participating in our grassroots networking efforts, send an email to Neil at mountainwest@nrln.org .

The Chapter would welcome other individuals to join our leadership team. We especially need a communications director to help with emails and our newsletter and a membership director. Send me an email at UTchapter@nrln.org if you are interested in helping your Chapter.

Remember to regularly visit the Chapters webpage. Go to the NRLN website at www.nrln.org and click on the "NRLN Chapters" link (tab) near the top of the home page. When the window appears select "Utah State Chapter".

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas during the holiday season. With your support in 2014 we will grow our membership, be effective advocates for the NRLN's legislative initiatives and fund our Chapter through Individual Member contributions.

Claudeen Luckart, President
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