

Northern Hills Republican Women – October Report to SDFRW

The Northern Hills Republican Women is a newly formed Club in the Federation. We were chartered on February 7, 2023, and SDFRW President, Catherine Barranco swore in the Charter Officers on March 16, 2023 at a ceremony at the Deadwood Welcome Center.



Front: 1st VP Paulette Washenberger; Pres. Karen Brandt; Secretary Judy Jelbert; Treasurer Ann Thie; Back: SDFRW Pres Catherine Barranco; 2nd VP Mistie Caldwell; Corresponding Secretary Ginny Grenz; Parliamentarian Ellen Gross; Mary Fitzgerald Member at Large; Deb Tridle Member at Large; Chaplain Karen Sleep.

The NHRW has been busy since then planning events and growing our membership. We held a cooking class as a fundraiser, at the home of Ron & Karen Brandt, with Chef, David Brueckner of Cheyenne Crossing, some of our Associates served as waiters. Everyone had a nice time and went home with new knowledge and a happy tummy!



We supported our Spearfish High School Civics Class as they departed for the National, **We the People** competition in Washington, D.C. They are taught by instructor, Pat Gainey at Spearfish High School.

In July 2023, Spearfish experienced torrential rain which caused flooding and inundated some Senior Living Units. Our NHRW donated \$250 for Spearfish Flood Relief 2023 through the Community Foundation.

We have joined three Chambers of Commerce: Spearfish, Deadwood, and Lead. They help us connect with people and events and promote our events, as well.

We constructed a July 4th Parade float and participated in the Spearfish, Deadwood, and Lead parades. Our banners with our Club name are helping us to publicly show our enthusiasm for such a Patriotic day! Our 2nd VP, Mistie Caldwell was chosen to be the Parade Marshal!



President Karen, VP Paulette, and Secretary Judy ventured to Camp Rimrock to watch the TAR's Camp in action and hear historian, Mark Skogerboe discuss the feature topic of Barry Goldwater, and listen to State Auditor, Rich Sattgast discuss the importance of youth in the preservation of the American Republic. We took pans of bars and cookies prepared by Mistie Caldwell, and a booklet of Goldwater quotations, as a token of our commitment to our GOP young people and promised our encouragement and support to them.



Many of our members attended a Social Gathering of the Lawrence County GOP at Bob's Sunshine Saloon, Spearfish, to fortify unity with fellow Republicans in Lawrence County. Bob Ewing and wife Sherry were generous donors to our NHRW Club in our early days of slim treasury! They are unabashedly Republican.



NHRW will be sending a voting representative, Karen Brandt, to the National Federation of Republican Women 42nd Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, September 28 – October 1, 2023. There will be networking and fellowship opportunities, a chance to hear from Presidential hopefuls and other high-level speakers, Leadership Training Seminars, and much more. We can't wait to hear her report in early October.

Many of our members attended the **Trump Rally** on September 8, 2023, at the Monument Convention Center in Rapid City. It was a dynamic evening, with our Governor, Kristi Noem introducing and endorsing Donald Trump in his bid for the Presidency. Here are two rows of our members pictured with Lt. Gov., Larry Rhoden.





South Dakota Governor, Kristi Noem



Former President, and announced candidate, Donald Trump

We are currently working on our big fundraiser, the Reagan Day Dinner, scheduled for October 28th, 2023, with Social Hour at 5:00 and dinner, catered by Cheyenne Crossing, beginning at 6:00. The event will be held at the Tretheway Pavilion in Spearfish. The theme for this years Reagan Day is ***A Time for Choosing*** based on a famous Reagan speech in 1964. State Auditor, Rich Sattgast has been chosen as speaker. His wife, Penny, former President of SDFRW, has agreed to be our Emcee for the evening. Voter registration and NHRW Membership forms will be available.

We are sponsoring a Rifle Raffle drawing for a Ruger 6.5 American Creedmoor Bolt Action with scope Rifle, which will be held during the Reagan event. A few of the 400 tickets are still available. Need not be present to win. All are welcome to Reagan Day.

Contact Ann Thie 605 645-0892 for tickets to Reagan Day.

