



SDFRW NEWSLETTER

March 2019

President's Report for February 2019 SDFRW Newsletter

Our new year is off to a great start! We have several new club Presidents that are doing a terrific job. We have almost all of our committee spots, on our Board of Directors, filled with at least one person, and oftentimes, two. When we have two ladies serving on our Standing Committees, in each case, one is from the West River area, and the other is from the East River area. Our Caring for America Committee has ladies from the north and south ends of our state. We have all ten of the counties that were in existence at the time of our State Convention, represented on our Executive Board. We have all ten counties represented, in many spots, on our Board of Directors. We have a dynamite Board of Directors, made of wonderful women with amazing skills and types of experience! I feel very blessed and privileged, to be able to work with such an awesome, talented, hard-working, and dedicated group of women.

We will always be ready to accept more volunteers for our various SDFRW Committees. If you are interested in learning more about a particular committee or are thinking about volunteering to serve on a particular committee, please call me. My phone number is 605-351-0246. As a President who firmly believes in transparency, and working together, I will always welcome suggestions for ladies who would be perfect for one committee or another. We have added many new members to our Board of Directors this year. I am thrilled about that. It is not fair for new people to have the same women be in charge of everything year after year. Let's mix things up a bit; and bring in some new blood and new ideas. Besides, we do not want to look cliquey or something, by having the same people always serving on our Board of Directors or being the Chairwomen of our committees. We have not had to put the same person on several difference committees; and I am very happy about that. The more different women we have on our committees, the more depth we have in skill levels, talents, types of expertise, types of experiences, ideas, insights, time and energy!

You should all be receiving a complete list of all of our SDFRW Committees, and who is serving in a leadership role on each committee, from your club president. Check them out. See what committee might interest you. Get involved! If you have not been on a state level committee before, maybe you want to start out as a Vice Chair, to get your feet wet and to get your bearings, in our state organization. So, do not hesitate to call me about serving on any committee.!

We were able to welcome one brand new Republican Women's Club to our South Dakota Federation in January! I delivered their official NFRW Charter to them on February 21st. That was exciting! We want to all welcome the ladies of the Brown County Area Republican Women's club to our federation! They will be an awesome addition to an already amazing organization! They were the first brand new club in probably at least 10 or 12 years; so, this was an exciting new development! I am hoping to get at least 2 or 3 more new clubs started, here in South Dakota, in the new two years. Cross your fingers for me and pray with me for success!!

Another exciting new development was the willingness of ladies from 10 out of our now 11 clubs being willing to learn how to use the Zoom video conferencing system! Then we used that system to participate in some special training for club presidents put on by Eileen Sobjack, or Regional NFRW Director. This is an exciting step forward! I was very proud of the women who took the challenge, stepped up, and learned how to use Zoom video conferencing!! We will be providing the training for and using much more technology in the next two years. That will enable us to stay better connected as local clubs, and as individuals. It will also enable us to reach more women in all age brackets, and in all parts of our state! Exciting times are ahead!

We had our first Quarterly SDFRW Board of Director's meeting on February 16th, in Huron. It was a well-organized, and delightful, fun-filled event planned by the ladies of the Beadle County Republican Women. A fine time was had by all! The first time this event was planned, it had to be postponed because of weather. The second attempt went much better. We have about 30 women let us know that they planned to attend. Of that number 6 or 8 were kept from attending by another snowstorm. But those who attended all appeared to have a good time, meet some new friends, do some networking, learn more about the other clubs and their members, and participate in some valuable training. It was a good day! Thank you to the Beadle County Republican Women for doing such a terrific job of hosting our first Quarterly SDFRW Board of Director's meeting!

Our other big event in this first quarter was our Legislative Day in Pierre. That was an event that had been sort of an annual event in the past, put on as a special project by the ladies of the Cen-Kota Club. However, for some reason, unknown to me, that tradition had gotten lost. It was a definite treat, for all who attended, to have that fun and educational tradition brought back! We had 60 or more women, from all over the state, declare their intentions to attend this event. Again, because of road and weather conditions, some ladies could not make it to Pierre in the middle of February. However, we still had 42 SDFRW members, plus their guests, join us for a terrific day in our beautiful Capitol. Attendees were on their own to attend committee meeting sessions with our legislators first thing in the morning. We gathered on the marble staircase of our beautiful Capitol rotunda at about 11:00 for pictures. All of our constitutional officers came to welcome us at that time. After a guided tour of the Capitol, we all traveled over to Drifters for a delight lunch and some time to socialize, mingle, get acquainted, and make new friends.

In the afternoon, we went back to the Capitol, and spent time in the galleries of both chambers of our Legislature. In both chambers we were publicly introduced and recognized. In both chambers, we received standing ovations. We were able to watch our legislators in action. After that we were treated to a wonderful dessert reception in the Governor's Mansion. Governor Kristi Noem came over to join us, spent some time visiting with us, and then very graciously personally, led us through a tour of the mansion! The time in the Capitol was informative and educational. The time in the Governor's residence was fun and very special. Special thanks go out to Governor Noem, for her hospitality; to Penny Sattgast and Sandy Rhoden, for planning this fun event; to the staff at the mansion for the delicious treats; and to Rosie Harrington, for making President Trump shaped cookies for this event. It was a day that everyone will definitely remember for many years.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next SDFRW Quarterly Board of Director's meeting, in Pierre, on May 4th, if not before! Watch for further details. Stay well, stay involved, and stay in touch!

Karon Gubbrud, State President
South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

“Connect. Communicate. Educate. Together We Make South Dakota Stronger!”



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" CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, EDUCATE. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE SOUTH DAKOTA STRONG! "

Ladies in RED view the Legislative process from the Gallery on Legislative Day February 20th, 2019.



Original Rosie in later years

Ladies from our SDFRW converged on Pierre, from across South Dakota to attend Legislative Day !
The weather was a factor for some likely attendees who now look forward to the next Legislative Day!

THE AGENDA:

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 – 10:30 Visit legislative committees if you'd like ~ On your own
- 10:35 Gather in Rotunda
- 10:45 **Photo** with Constitutional Officers
- 11:00 **Tour** of Capitol ~ or attend committee meetings
- 11:35 Gather ~ head to Ft. Pierre ~ **Drifters** **if we can carpool to save some ladies time/walking/distance that'd be great!*
Drifters: 325 Hustan Ave, Fort Pierre, SD 57532 (looking into a bus service?)
- 12:00 Luncheon at Drifters
- 1:25 Head back to Capitol
- 1:35 Look at First Lady's Gowns in Lower level ~ Capitol Club
- 1:45 Find seating in Gallery in **Senate**
- 2:00 Session – introduction around 2:15 pm
- 2:25 Move to House Chambers ~ Introduction *(approximately)*
- 2:45 Head to Mansion
- 3:00 Coffee/Dessert I

From the SDFRW Legislative Day Organizers:

Thank you, ladies who made the trip to Pierre, to make Wednesday an awesome day. There are many who helped in small ways and big ways to make our day very special.

Without all of you showing up it would not have been the special day that it was. We encountered only positive feedback and felt it was very productive, enjoyable, and represented to the public what a great organization we have. We can and will move forward in a positive way to keep our state and nation strong with our Republican values.

Personally, I loved working with Penny! She is very positive, professional and so giving of her time. Thank you, Penny, for being such a great “partner in crime” these past few weeks.

On behalf of myself and Penny, THANK YOU to all who were there yesterday to add a smile, to participate, and to exude your positive energy. Sandy



From an attendee:

What an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience! Thank you so much Sandy and Penny, our gracious hostesses, for putting together such an extraordinary event!! I know we will forever treasure both the memories and the friends we made that day.

It was such fun to learn about our Capitol (from the very knowledgeable wife of the Lieutenant Governor!) and to learn backstories about the mansion – from our fabulous Governor herself! It was incredibly rewarding to receive a standing ovation from the Senate and House following introductions in both. We all thoroughly enjoyed getting to see members drawn together from all over the state and getting to know each other better through fun activities and conversations.

We **Connected**. We **Communicated**. We **Educated**. That day embodied everything that we could hope for in an SDFRW event! Thank you for the happy memories of a perfect day.

Catherine

P.S. How cool to think that our very own Rosie Harrington's Trump cookies are going to be hand-delivered by Kristi to The Don himself?! Rosie, when you become a famous chef featured on Fox News, please remember to give us a shout out!



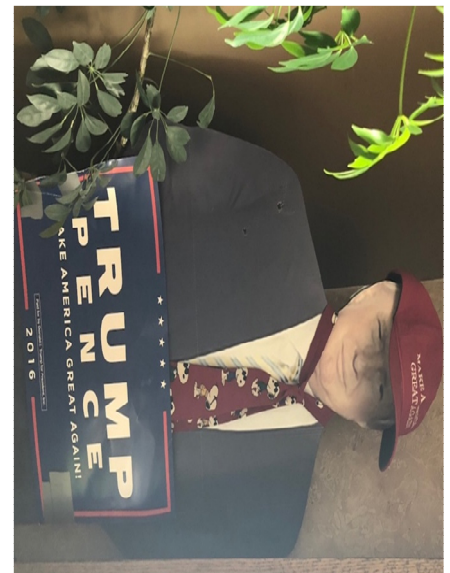
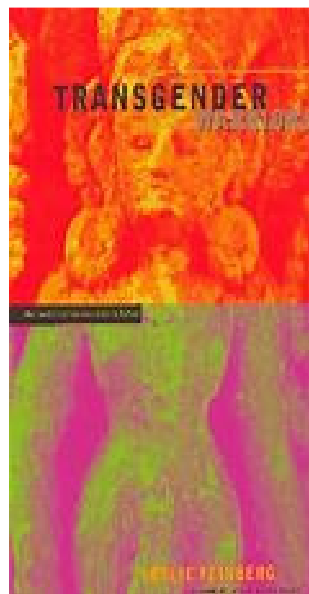
ROSIE HARRINGTON WITH "THE DON" & GOVERNOR KRISTI NOEM

The Charter for the Brown County Area Republican Women was just approved!! We have a brand new Federation club in our state!! I want to welcome them with big open arms!! Welcome aboard, ladies!! You are now an integral part of a large, powerful, organization, which is made up of wonderful, warm, caring, devoted, dedicated, intelligent, strong, patriotic, and hard-working women!! Our new year is off to a fantastic start!! A new federated club! An awesome first Quarterly SDFRW BOD meeting planned, in Huron, on February 16th! A wonderful Legislative Day planned for February 20th, including a dessert reception in the Governor's Mansion!! Our first video conference call successfully held with our Regional Director!! All in just the first few weeks of our first year together!! I feel sooo blessed to be working with such a fantastic group of wonderful women!!

Karon Gubbrud, President
 South Dakota Federation of Republican Women
 "Connect. Communicate. Educate: Together We Can Make South Dakota Strong!"

*Charter Name: **Brown Co. Area RW (BCARW)***
*Charter Number: **53000119***
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WELCOME TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BCARW!



LAWRENCE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN (LCRW & Associates)

The Lawrence County Republican Women have successfully reorganized as of January 2019. We currently have 14 women with paid memberships. We also have 4 male Associate members. An ongoing goal is to further increase our membership.

The Executive Committee has voted to rescind the By-Laws that were submitted when we re-joined the SDFRW. I believe we might have used the Pennington County By-Laws as the template because they require a quorum of 20 to conduct Board business. We have fewer voting members than that in total.

Our Vice President is engaged in a tourism business in Alaska during summer months and won't be available June – August. Because the By-Laws specify only 5 meetings per year, that would work, but I personally believe that keeping meetings on a monthly schedule provides continuity.

To continue on in the absence of my Vice President, I decided to propose a Second Vice President, which is what the NFRW template suggests anyway. It gives one more person an involvement and also designates the position as the Membership Chair. I have great officers in Secretary, Karen Sleep and Treasurer, Ann Thie. My Vice President, Terssa Markworth, is knowledgeable with Social Media and has created a Facebook page for our Club. Check out *Lawrence County SD Republican Women* and give us a thumbs up! You can see our Organizational group photo there. We will be building the page as we grow and entertain speakers, create events, register voters, and promote our great Republican Platform.

We meet the fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of November and December, which will be an earlier Thursday due to Holiday Celebrations. We may vary our venues for various occasions, as we have many beautiful places in which to gather.

Judy A B Jelbert

President, LCRW sisterliberty@gmail.com 605 645-2462

CODINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Submitted by: Carol Johnson, Corresponding Secretary

October 2018 Codington County Republican women met at the Pizza Ranch in Watertown. State Legislator, Nancy York, was our guest speaker. She spoke on her first term in the SD House and was going on to her second term.

November 2018 Neal Tapio was our guest speaker. He spoke on the political agenda in Washington D.C.

December 2018, we had a Christmas reminiscing gathering of our members.

January 2019, we did not meet in January, due to the weather.

February 2019 Ried Holien, SD National Committeeman, spoke about his recent trip to Washington DC. President Trump signing the Government funding bill today, and the impossible environment for building the wall to protect the citizens of the US.

THE GATHERING STORM

"Still, if you will not fight for the right, when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival.

There may even be a worse case - you may have to fight when there is NO hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves."

WINSTON CHURCHILL



Penny Sattgast, President
Cen-Kota Republican Women
February 2019 Club Report

October 2018- We organized a membership open house hosted by former South Dakota First Lady Pat Miller.

November 2018- Supported local and state-wide candidates up until election by directly volunteering and/or “getting the word” out via our email distribution list and Facebook.

December 2018- Held our annual Christmas Party at the beautiful St. Charles Hotel and invited the Hughes County Republicans to join us.

February 2019- Elected new officers and had our local District 24 Legislators come and provide us with a 2019 SD Legislative Update. We also helped with the Hughes County Lincoln Day Dinner and some members were able to attend the SDFRW Legislative Day.

Beadle County Republican Women

The Beadle County Republican Women have had a very busy beginning to 2019. It began with the installation of our new officers and the invitation to SDFRW to hold the Winter Quarterly Board Meeting in Huron at the Ground Round in January. Of course, the blizzard did not let that happen.

The Winter Quarterly Board Meeting was rescheduled to February 16 in Huron, and we were happy that 20 SDFRW members were able to travel the State to Huron for the day. It was indeed our pleasure to host SDFRW, with a few members joining us on Friday evening for dinner and conversation.

The first item on our BCRW agenda for the new year was to review and update our Bylaws, which will be finalized at our March meeting and forwarded to our SDFRW President. We have also updated our Standing Rules.

We have already held two Caring for America programs. Our January speakers were Chad and Winter Hendrickson talking about their experiences with fostering and then adopting four children. Huron, benefiting from a diversified population of immigrants from a number of countries, “is probably the best place on earth to raise a multi-racial family”. A front-page article in the DAILY PLAINSMAN by reporter Roger Larsen (who attends our monthly meetings for the media) created much discussion in the community. Governor Noem has made fostering a prominent project of hers.

Our second Caring for American program is helping SD 4-H collect shoes for “Soles4Souls”—a program to disrupt the cycle of poverty not only in South Dakota but around the globe.

Two of our members attended and enjoyed the SDFRW Legislative Day in Pierre—a wonderful revival of a long-standing SDFRW tradition.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Harrington BCRW President

Pennington County Republican Women Report

by Kirsten Bradsky, President PCRW

Pennington County Republican Women had an amazing start to the New Year. We have a professional, progressive, and fun executive board, along with many of the other positions quickly being filled. Our first two membership meetings have been very well attended and there seems to be a lot of enthusiasm for the cause of the Republican Party. Our meetings consist of Congressional reports, an educational brief on one of the Amendments, and engaging speaker and other meaningful reports. Our memberships meetings are on the third Thursday of each month. For more information, see our "Pennington County Republican Women" Facebook page or email us at: thepcrw@gmail.com.

Rushmore Regents

As I am in Arizona for the winter, I am a bit out of the loop. However, I do want to extend a warm welcome and a thank you to those of you who have become Rushmore Regents for 2019. I'm looking forward to getting better acquainted with each of you.

Our bylaws indicate that dues for Rushmore Regents are \$100 annually, discounted to \$75.00 if paid by the end of February. These funds are principally used to support women who are running for State offices. Because inclement weather interfered with the winter board meeting, we will extend that deadline to the end of March. This will give our members more of an opportunity to participate.

All women who are members of SDFRW are invited and encouraged to become members of the Rushmore Regents. If you would like to become a part of Rushmore Regents, please send your dues to Tina Mullaly, SDFRW Treasurer, 6390 Long View Road, Rapid City, SD 57703. Please note "Rushmore Regents" on the memo line. Thank you for considering becoming a part of this group of wonderful ladies.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Carol Luebke, Chair
Rushmore Regents

SDFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY ~ ∞ ~ February 20, 2019
Pierre, South Dakota



OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

From Left to Right

**Attorney General, Jason Ravensborg; Secretary of State, Steve Barnett; Lieutenant Governor, Larry Rhoden;
State Auditor, Rich Sattgast; State Treasurer, Josh Haeder; Comm. of School & Public Lands, Ryan Brunner;
Public Utilities Commissioner, Chris Nelson**

The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

Grouped behind

Too many to list !



JOHN THUNE

U.S. SENATOR for SOUTH DAKOTA



Recent Press Releases

Thune: 'Horrificed' Senate Democrats Would Not Condemn Infanticide

"A baby born alive in an abortion clinic is no less valuable and deserving of protection than a baby born in a delivery room."

February 26, 2019

U.S. Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.)

"Mr. President, last night, for the second time in a month, Democrats objected to a bill to ban infanticide.

"For the second time in a month, Democrats objected to a bill that would do nothing more than state that a living, breathing baby born in an abortion clinic is entitled to the same protection and medical care that a living, breathing baby born in a hospital is entitled to.

"It's a pretty basic bill, Mr. President.

"It just says that living, breathing, born human beings are entitled to protection.

"Even if they're born in an abortion clinic.

"But apparently that's not something Democrats are prepared to say.

"This is where Democrats' support for abortion has led them – to being unable to condemn infanticide. "Mr. President, let's remember why we voted on this bill last night.

"We voted on this bill because the Democrat governor of Virginia implicitly endorsed infanticide. "Because the Democrat governor of Virginia got up and said you could keep a living, breathing baby comfortable while you decided what to do with it.

“Mr. President, there’s only one answer to what you do with a living, breathing baby, and that is provide it with the care it needs. “A baby born alive in an abortion clinic is no less valuable and deserving of protection than a baby born in a delivery room.

“Mr. President, it’s horrifying that we’re actually having a debate about this.

“It is horrifying that the Democrat Party can’t get up and say that infanticide is wrong.

“My Democrat colleagues like to talk about protecting the vulnerable.

“But how can they claim to care about helping those in need if they harden their hearts toward the most vulnerable among us?

“If they are willing to deny living, breathing babies basic medical care?

“Do you really stand for the vulnerable if you can’t stand up and say infanticide is wrong? “Mr. President, it’s terrible enough that we have so far betrayed our founding principles as to deny the right to life of living, breathing unborn babies.

“But we’re not even talking about abortion here.

“We’re talking about withholding essential care from babies born alive.

“And my Democrat colleagues can’t even bring themselves to say that this is wrong.

“Mr. President, I would say to my Democrat colleagues, do you really want to be the party of Governor Northam? “Do you really want to be the party of infanticide?

“The American people don’t agree with the Democrat Party on abortion and infanticide.

“Most Americans believe that babies born alive after an abortion should be provided with medical care. “And most Americans think there should be at least some limits on abortion. “In fact, most countries in the world think there should be some limits on abortion. “The United States is one of just a tiny handful of countries that allow elective abortion past 20 weeks of pregnancy.

“Among the others are China and North Korea.

“Not exactly the company we want to be keeping when it comes to protecting human rights. “A recent poll found that 71 percent of Americans oppose abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

“And yet the Democrat Party is aggressively embracing an agenda of zero restrictions on abortion, ever, up to – and apparently now after – the moment of birth.

“Mr. President, I hope last night is not the last time we vote on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. “I hope my Democrat colleagues have a chance to recast their votes. “And I hope that next time, they’ll decide to vote against infanticide.

“I hope that next time, they can affirm what should be a basic, foundational principle: that every baby, wherever he or she is born, deserves to be protected.”

Thank you, Senator Thune!

You speak for the values and the Platform of the great state of South Dakota!

**South Dakota Federation of Republican Women
Income and Expenses - 2019**

INCOME		2019 Budget	1/15/2019	2/15/2019	3/15/2019	4/15/19	2019 Actual
SDFRW Dues - (\$10 SDFRW + \$10 NFRW)	\$	6,000.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,790.00			\$ 2,850.00
NFRW Service Fees - (\$15.00)	\$	150.00	\$ 15.00				\$ 15.00
Rushmore Regents	\$	2,000.00	\$ 150.00				\$ 150.00
Fundraisers	\$	3,000.00					\$ -
Other Income	\$	-		\$ 324.26			\$ 324.26
Direct Contributions	\$	-					\$ -
SDFRW Convention	\$	-					\$ -
Quarterly Meeting Income	\$	-					\$ -
SDFRW Convention Loan Repayment	\$	-					\$ -
L.D. Memorial/Honorium Program	\$	-	\$ 0.05	\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00
Interest/Savings Account	\$	-	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.06			\$ 0.11
Total Income	\$	11,150.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 3,114.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,359.37
EXPENSES							
National Expenses							
NFRW Dues - (\$10.00)	\$	3,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,355.00			\$ 1,385.00
NFRW Service Fees - (\$15.00)	\$	150.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 75.00			\$ 90.00
NFRW Meetings - President's Expenses	\$	3,000.00					\$ -
NFRW Delegate Expenses	\$	2,000.00					\$ -
NFRW Auction and President's Gift	\$	-					\$ -
NFRW Achievement Awards	\$	-					\$ -
Administrative Expenses							
SDFRW President's Expenses	\$	1,000.00		\$ 84.30			\$ 84.30
Postage	\$	100.00					\$ -
Phone	\$	-					\$ -
Newsletters/Publications	\$	-					\$ -
Paper/Copies/Supplies	\$	300.00					\$ -
Bank Charges/Check Supply	\$	5.00					\$ -
Web Page	\$	350.00					\$ -
SDFRW President's Gift	\$	500.00					\$ -
Leadership Development-SDFRW	\$	500.00					\$ -
Meetings and Etc.							
Meeting Expenses	\$	200.00					\$ -
SDFRW Convention	\$	200.00					\$ -
Education/Special Meetings/Workshops	\$	-					\$ -
Projects/Committees/Promotions	\$	500.00					\$ -
Fundraisers	\$	100.00					\$ -
Membership Recruitment & Incentives	\$	150.00					\$ -
Rushmore Regents	\$	150.00					\$ -
Candidates/Grants	\$	150.00					\$ -
TARS	\$	150.00					\$ -
College Republicans	\$	150.00					\$ -
First Ladies Gown Collection	\$	100.00					\$ -
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	100.00		\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00
Total Expenses	\$	12,055.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,534.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,579.30
Checking, Savings, & Conv. Account Total	\$	15,804.94	\$ 15,985.05	\$ 17,585.07	\$ 17,585.07	\$ 17,585.07	
Current Checking Account Balance	\$	13,096.83	\$ 13,276.83	\$ 14,856.79	\$ 14,856.79	\$ 14,856.79	
Leadership Dev. Account Balance	\$	2,208.17	\$ 2,208.22	\$ 2,228.28	\$ 2,228.28	\$ 2,228.28	
SDFRW Biennial Convention Account	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	

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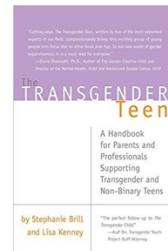
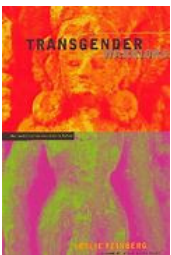
Where Has My America Gone?

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Kids are coming home with questions or demands to their parents for the way by which we address them. **Where is this coming from?** The transgender issue is another recent battle that my own parents would have been confused and alarmed to learn about:

“What do you do when your son announces he is transgender and asks that you call her by a new name? Or what if your child uses a term you’ve never heard of to describe themselves (neutrois, agender, non-binary, genderqueer, androgynous...) and when you didn’t know what they meant, they left the room and now won’t speak to you about it? Perhaps your daughter recently asked you not to use gendered pronouns when referring to ‘her’ anymore, preferring that you use “they”; you’re left wondering if this is just a phase, or if there’s something more that you need to understand about your child.

There is a generational divide in our understandings of gender. This comprehensive guidebook helps to bridge that divide by exploring the unique challenges that thousands of families face every day raising a teenager who may be transgender, non-binary, gender-fluid or otherwise gender-expansive.”



Why are these books allowed in Public School Libraries, but the *Bible* is not? Because we have loosened our grip on our Social Mores and given in to “Political Correctness!” WHY? Because the enforcers try to make us feel guilty about denying those with differences their rightful place in our Society. “OK,” we say. **But**, “Give an inch and they’ll take a mile.” Teachers’ Unions, and some College Faculty are fueling the move to the left. And, now we find ourselves MILES away from a better time in history, edging farther and farther down the perverse road to their version of power and control of their self-manufactured *Brave New World*.

There is much at stake, and I for one, am rather glad that I am old. But the fact is, I have 15 Grandchildren (14 living & 1 twin that deceased at 14 weeks). I still count her because I held her (Grace James) wrapped in

a tiny pink blanket with her name embroidered on it. The James is after my Dad. She was cremated in that blanket, and her ashes are in a tiny heart shaped brass urn, engraved with "Our Angel", in the nursery with her sister, Cora James.

These 14 dear grandkids don't think much about what their future could become - they live happy, busy lives with much love, freedom, entertainment, privileges, and all with happy families. They dance, play basketball, ski, swim, water ski, hike, ride bikes, fish, play hockey (boy and girl!), enjoy gymnastics, play softball, ride horses, build Lego creations, read, have pets, sled, sing, enjoy music, say prayers, help cook, love Halloween, Fourth of July, Christmas, and Easter. They are normal kids. You probably have your own with similar involvements.

Reflecting back, I probably thought the world was a pretty cool place at their ages, too.

Little did I know that before long, the Vietnam War would rage and cause the beginning of the Resistance Movement. Peace symbols, hippies smoking pot and protesting, burning cars, draft-dodgers, and a sense of general unrest in America. Divided thinking!

Now, I hear news that the world will surely end within 12 years so, we are asked,

"Should we really be having children?" This is Alexandria **Ocrazyo** Cortes, the new icon of Liberal thinking, who has won a seat in Congress from New York. She posed this question during an interview. The media loves her. To me, she looks like a horse.

Well this is a very comprehensive missive, but these are some of the things that are high on my mind. I thank God for Donald Trump who provides a voice of organized Conservatism and unabashedly continues on with his Agenda which is aimed at taking us back to a time when America was naturally GREAT, Free Enterprise was not challenged, and the far-left detractors had not yet become funded or active. We must promote our Constitutional Republic and our Free Enterprise System. Judicial Appointments are a good place to start!

We **MUST** resist the movement toward Socialism, for it NEVER works. The hard-working wealthy, who are heavily taxed to pay the Socialist's bill of FREE EVERYTHING, always run out of money, the Dictators always turn mean, and life just sucks for the ordinary people. Look at Venezuela for proof!

Hang onto your hats, ladies (and gents)! The next two years are going to be a wild ride! Our position, as solid Republicans, will be called to action in a fashion not unlike the soldiers in the Civil War. We are a divided nation, and the battle is already raging. Ours is the cause of right!

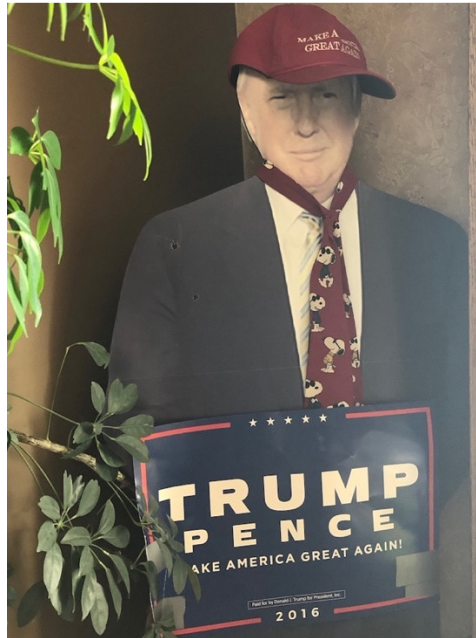
We are the curators of our Constitutional Republic. Fight we will - for the children!

"Liberty, once lost, is lost forever."

Abigail

July 1775

John Adams, in a letter to



The life-sized Donald that lives in my den!

THE GATHERING STORM

"Still, if you will not fight for the right, when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival.

There may even be a worse case - you may have to fight when there is NO hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves."

WINSTON CHURCHILL

IN THE WORKS ~~~ A NEW SDFRW BANNER.

SDFRW President, Karon Gubbrud has chosen the theme of:

**“CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, EDUCATE:
TOGETHER WE MAKE *SOUTH DAKOTA* STRONGER!”**

She explains her choice of the theme as a deliberate attempt to **CONNECT** the two sides of South Dakota into a unified state party. “We want to get to the point that we all feel like a very important, and integral part of our large statewide organization. We all belong to a huge, very powerful organization; and each of us is a very important, integral part of that organization.”

“Getting to that point will also mean that we will be working hard to have the members of each club get to know the members, strengths, ideas, practices, and goals of the other clubs. Every member is important, and every member has something very special to add to our organization. It is my hope that, by the end of the next two years, each of us will feel like we have made some wonderful new friends . . . actual friends . . . from all across the state, and all will look forward to attending our SDFRW Quarterly B.O.D Meetings and our next State Convention, not only for the training and learning, or the convention business, but also to be able to see and spend time with, some new friends.

COMMUNICATE between clubs. Communication is extremely important to the success of any organization! Communication between the President and the Executive Board of SDFRW and all members will be essential to achieve our goals. “We will be doing several new and hopefully fun and productive things. We will be making much more use of social media. We are going to teach the members of each club how to set up and use both an individual and a club Facebook page. That way we can stay in much closer touch with other clubs and with their members.” Exchanging ideas about speakers, fundraising ideas, and fun events to host will be the benefit. We will use Zoom video, Snapchat, and Twitter.

I hope to also “attend several meetings or events of each club in the next two years. I hope to get to know every single active member of every single club.” I hope that everyone feels comfortable enough to call or email me with her ideas, insights, concerns, or thoughts. “Let’s Communicate!”

EDUCATE our members through training on all kinds of technology is my goal. “We also need to reach out to many other women. Our Native American women. Women of color. Women who still are undecided as to what political philosophy best fits their personal values and beliefs.” Women of all ages should be our target goal.

“We will also be providing training in all sorts of other areas, too . . . campaigning, our By-Laws, self-defense, how best to reach and utilize volunteers, our state’s history, our Supreme Court, how to select good candidates, and all other sorts of things. I would love to hear your suggestions as to good speakers for our Quarterly Board of Director’s meetings, and your ideas about what areas in which you feel we need training, and available trainers. “We will all learn and grow together!”

TOGETHER WE MAKE SOUTH DAKOTA STRONGER! “Once we are all truly invested in this organization and in our goals for the next two years, we will see us all eagerly working together, communicating and learning together. That will lead to helping one another more, as clubs and as individuals. . . More sharing of ideas as to how to gain new members, do effective fund-raising, and grow our memberships.” As this strengthens our members and clubs, “South Dakota will grow stronger because we have grown stronger! Let’s get going and get growing!”

You will have the option of getting printed business cards with this motif and the new slogan:

**“CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, EDUCATE:
TOGETHER WE MAKE South Dakota STRONGER!”**



Will keep you posted!

That’s it for now, folks! Stay warm, stay safe, and stay CONSERVATIVE!

