

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

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- Chaplin's Corner
- Six Club Reports
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- Campaigning Reports
- Season's Greetings throughout

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Christmas at the Capitol + Winter Board Meeting + WWII Remembrance Program

Join us on December 7 for a beloved SDFRW annual tradition: Christmas at the Capitol! Come admire the gorgeous trees in the Capitol building (including SDFRW's stunner!) and sing Christmas carols in the Rotunda! Join with your SDFRW sisters for the last board meeting of the year — all are welcome! — and share a delicious catered meal from Guadalajara with special Christmas cookies made by our very own Mistie Caldwell! Because December 7 is Pearl Harbor Day, we'll have a special WWII program. There will be special guest speakers and fun surprises — you don't want to miss it!

We've had a very successful fundraising year, so rather than asking people to bring items for a silent auction, we'd like to use this opportunity to give back! If you can, **please bring an unwrapped gift to donate to the SD Kids Belong foster children.** This is our statewide Caring for America project of the year.

Registration is open now through Nov 29! Use the link below or email Hostess Committee Chair Beka Zerbst at Beka.Zerbst@gmail.com

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1065002263439?aff=oddtcreator>

Here's the schedule for the day — all times are CST:

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Christmas at the Capitol

Saturday, December 7, 2024
Pierre, SD

GETTING IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

8:00 Christmas carols in the Rotunda, led by Sara Frankenstein

SDFRW WINTER BOARD MEETING

9:00 Social Time + Drop Off Christmas Gifts for SD Kids Belong Foster Children + Sign Cards Thanking Veterans for their Service

10:00 SDFRW Board of Directors Meeting

WWII REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

11:30 Color Guard posts the Colors

11:40 Lunch is Served; short invocation by Chaplain Lorie Hausmann

12:30 Special Program on South Dakota's WWII "Code Talkers," Presented by Secretary of Tribal Relations David Flute

1:00 Color Guard retires the Colors

1:10 Proceed to the WWII Memorial + Wreath Presentation

1:20 "God Bless America," sung by Fmr. Miss SD Sara Frankenstein

1:30 Walk to the Capitol Building

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPITOL

1:45 Group Photo on the Marble Staircase

2:00 View the beautiful trees, including SDFRW's tree!

Merry Christmas



Giving Back

During our Christmas at the Capitol event on December 7, we're having a toy drive for South Dakota Kids Belong, SDFRW's Caring for America charity. **Please bring an unwrapped gift or gift card to donate to foster kids in South Dakota.** If you're not able to make it on December 7th but would still like to support the foster kids, please communicate that to your Club President or email President@SDFRW.org and we'll coordinate with you.

There is no need to bring an item for a silent auction as we're having the toy drive instead.



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NFRW Past President Eileen Sobjack talks with SDFRW about the History and Purpose of NFRW

SDFRW works incredibly hard to support the GOP and help our Republican candidates get across the finish line, but we do so much more than that! We also engage with the youth, active duty military and veterans, and the community. We help people be aware of upcoming bills in the legislature. We offer all sorts of trainings to help candidates, volunteers, and leaders of all kinds!

We have clubs spread across South Dakota as well as a virtual club that meets over Zoom. By joining any club, you automatically become a member of the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women AND the National Federation of Republican Women. It's three memberships in one!

If you'd like to learn more about the purpose and history of the National Federation, check out this short video from our Zoom call a couple weeks ago with NFRW Past President Eileen Sobjack:

https://youtu.be/goJ5T-nHNfM?si=ErXdTxRVch_zkan



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Campaigns in a Nutshell: Learn the Basics of Campaigning in South Dakota!

We just completed a triumphant election cycle!! President Trump was re-elected President, we flipped the Senate, and are on the verge of keeping the House. Now.... time to start thinking about '26! At SDFRW's Biennial Convention, our Regents Breakfast discussed why you should consider running for office and what to expect once you're elected. Now it's time to learn more about the ins-and-outs of running for office! Our Zoom call on December 3 will last about an hour and will feature true experts in South Dakota campaigns:

All times are CST:

8:00pm - AG Marty Jackley will discuss campaign finance law

8:30pm - Sen. Jack Kolbeck will talk about how to run a campaign

To register, click here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvdeiprTlqEtOTX6nRMz0_XUdCK5xSusax



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Door Knocking for Local Candidates + No on G and H

SDFRW joined up with the SD College Republicans and Life Defense fund to door knocking for local candidates as well as No on G and H. Thank you to the elected officials and volunteers who came out in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, and Watertown!



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Presidential Inauguration Tickets!

If you want to attend the Inauguration of the 47th President of the United States Donald J. Trump, you can use this link to submit your name! Please note: Sen. Thune's website clearly states that tickets are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. You are **not** guaranteed tickets simply by virtue of submitting your name. But if you want to go, it's worth a try!

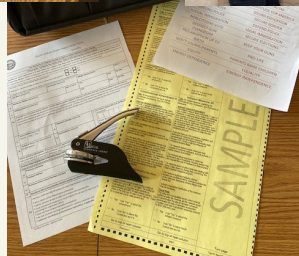
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AURORA-DOUGLAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Aurora Douglas Republican Women concentrated on helping with voter registration and with those who needed to vote absentee, supporting our Republican Candidates, and distributing information about the issues on the ballots. Members went to the high schools in our two counties and distributed voter registration forms which the seniors filled out and sent to their county auditor. College students were given absentee application forms so they could vote even when they were away at college. Applications for voting absentee were brought to the elderly and to others who will be gone on election day. Members walked in parades and a debate was organized. At this debate our District 21 senate candidates were asked questions on the ballot issues. Ballot issues were also discussed with our District 21 Representative Marty Overweg who presented information and answered questions. Several of our members will be working at the polls on November 5.



Ballot Debate
10/10/2024

Time: 7pm
Place: Stickney South Dakota
Community Center- Main Street




Come To The Debate.
Ask Questions.
Know What's On The
Ballot Before You Vote

Speakers
Senate Candidates:
Maykala Voita
Dan Anderson

You can find more information on
<https://dss.gov/elections-voting/approving-elections>

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BEADLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Our club has had some interesting meetings this quarter. We had the head of the Huron Public Library speak at our April meeting and tell us about all of the activities going on there. There are several book clubs, craft activities, and a wide assortment of children's activities going on every month. The library serves all of the Beadle County residents. Our speaker for May was Doug Ramsell, the Chairman of the Beadle County Commission. He brought some interesting facts about Beadle County - there are over 500 miles of roads to keep drivable, plow and grade. They have moved into the new highway shop which will house most of their equipment and are planning an open house later this fall. Beadle County has a fairly new website beadlesd.org where you can get information. Several years ago our club started recognizing five veterans from our area who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Some years we have given planters, or given money to the Black Hills Cabin, and this year we donated money to the DTOM Veterans Ranch in honor of the five veterans. The families appreciate all we have done to honor the veterans.

Nancy Ziegeldorf, President



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C O D I N G T O N C O U N T Y R E P U B L I C A N W O M E N

August: Hugh Bartels (Speaker of the House)
Byron Callies (District 5 House)
Fred Deutsch (District 4 House)
Lee Gabel (County Commissioner)
“Ballot Measures and Jail Issues”



September: “Ladies in Red” Fundraiser
Speaker: Melissa Magstadt
(SD Secretary of Health)
“Life of Mother and Baby”
“No On Amendment G”



October: Glen Vilhauer
(District 5 Senate Candidate)
Aaron Levisay (Historian)
“History of America”
“2024 Election”



Caring For America and Special Projects
1. TARS Camp (Watertown, August 9th)
Kayla Randall: President
Kaelyn Melville: Vice President

Speakers: Roger Papka (Veteran), Cindi Stein
(No on Amendment G), Haley Halvorson
(Dusty Johnson), Steve Brink (Gun Safety),
Ried Holien (Mayor Watertown)



2. SDFRW Biennial Convention (Rapid City)
(Sept 26-29th)
(MaryLee Plut, Barbara Guenette,
Mavis Brink, Martha Wiseman)

3. SD State Fair Republican Building
(Kaelyn Callies, Renae Rolle, MaryLee Plut)
(Cookies: Rhonda Laube)



4. Caring For America (August & October)
Goody Bags for Watertown Police
Goody Bags for Watertown Firefighters



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JAMES RIVER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

October 2024

Our club is working on a Caring for America project. We are acquiring donations of items from the communities of Redfield, Doland, Mellette & Tulare to be raffled off. The proceeds will go to the four schools in the area to help with lunch costs for families in need. We are also helping inform voters of the ballot issues and helping the Spink County Republicans with a ballot forum on the 21st of October. Just a reminder: Remind your college kids get into their auditor's office and vote while they are home visiting.

Jennifer Boerger, JRRW President



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NORTHERN HILLS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Northern Hills Republican Women 3rd Quarter Activity recap. April News:

Candidates were invited to speak at the NHRW General meeting and at the Lawrence County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner "Off To The Races". Attendees at both events heard about incumbent successes, goals and challengers outlined their vision. All were articulate and passionate about serving the community. We captured the impressive group of Federated Republican Women in attendance along with the Lawrence County GOP "Hauling Hay & Water to the Elephant" award presented to recipient Judy Jelbert by Mary Fitzgerald



NHRW May News:

Spearfish High School's members of "We The People" civics class, taught by Pat Gainey, shared about their participation in the National competition in Washington DC.



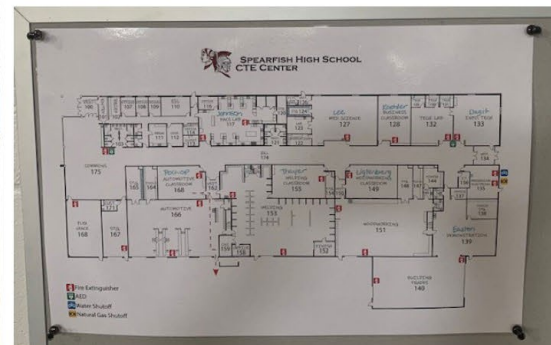
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In May we also supported local area "Candidate Meet & Greets" to give community members a chance to hear from their Lawrence County candidates introduced by Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden.



NHRW June News:

Due to NHRW membership growth we have moved our meeting location to VFW Post 5860 in Spearfish. We began our June get together by touring Spearfish High school's Career & Technology Education center.



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We then moved to the VFW and listened to a recap of the GOP convention activities. NHRW members join MCRW at SDGOP convention event featuring California State Committee Woman Harmeet Dhillon



NHRW July News:

We participated in the patriotic parades in Lawrence County. We began our line up in Spearfish witnessing the B1 Bomber flyover and continued onto Deadwood, Central City and Lead. Happy Birthday America!



Decorations provided & installed by members Karen Brandt, Lori Deibert, Mary Fitzgerald, Breanne Gaytan, Lynn Gaytan, Ellen Gross, Jane Hallberg, Judy Jelbert & Paulette Washenberger. Along with supporters Dan Gaytan and Tom Johnson.



Fire Truck owned & driven by supporter Dan Gaytan. Float trailer driven by Associate member Perry Washenberger

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July continued:



Dusty Johnson



Ron Brandt Associate member & assistant float builder



Senator Randy Daibert, Assoc. mem & Lori Daibert, member. "Abe" aka Mark Skogarboe; Associate member



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July continued:



View of Main Street, Deadwood



Two of our candy "tossers" Breaune Gaytan and Ellen Gross



Rainy day supporters and member Deb Tridle



Ellen, Mary, Karen & Kristie Fiegen



Love the shirts kids! Enjoy the candy.

See you next year! 🇺🇸

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SOUTH CENTRAL REPUBLICAN WOMEN

South Central Republican Women hosted Call to Freedom community education at the Lyric Theatre. Monica Rilling from CTF presented on Prevention of Human Trafficking, it's history, stats, facts on trafficking and how we can be involved. Sayna Thomas, senior at Platte High School, presented her senior project of fundraising for Marissa's House. She raised more than \$2000 to help with occupational therapy supplies. We also had a food drive for Marissa's House, bringing in several boxes of food items.

We presented seventeen seniors with college sendoff bags that included copies of constitutions, small bible, tool kit, thermal water bottle, pen, notebook, "Remember and defend" copy, and patriotic wristband. All in a patriotic school bag. This project was inspired by SDFRW sendoff bags. The National Guard unit from Wagner had fifty soldiers deployed to the Texas border. We sent thank you cards to thank them for their service.

Norman Woods from Family Voice was guest speaker at the August meeting. His presentation was "reaching the Next Generation...Communicating with Generation Z." He was met with much enthusiasm as his mother grew up in our community.

Our community enjoyed a "Trump Boat Parade" on the beautiful waters of Lake Francis Case August 18. The National Anthem started activities as boats were leisurely led out of Platte Creek Bay and headed towards Snake Creek Recreation Area. More than 150 watercraft participated and hundreds gathered on the shore.

We voted unanimously to support Mykala Voita and Kristi Fiegen with campaign contributions. Our club will partner with Charles Mix GOP and Aurora Douglas GOP to run air and print ads for ballot initiative voting recommendations. Also, sponsored a ballot initiative community education at the Dutch Oven Bakery. The ads will run for four weeks prior to election day.

Several members have been actively helping with voter registration, absentee ballots, and volunteering for election day poll working.

Make America strong again, make America wealthy again, make America proud again; make America safe again, make American great again. MAGA!

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Connie J Wagner
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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Philippines 4:8-9. Finally brethren whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lori Hausmann SDFRW Chaplin



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Congratulations to the Slate of Officers elected unanimously at the 2024 SDFRW Biennial Convention!

President - Beka Zerbst

1st Vice-President - Jeni Boerger

2nd Vice-President - Debbie Schnell

3rd Vice-President - MaryLee Plut

4th Vice-President - Karen Brandt

Secretary - Nancy Ziegeldorf

Treasurer - Kari Shanard-Koenders

Member-at-Large - Maryann Bierman

Member-at-Large - Lauri Davis

Member-at-Large - Val Higgins

Member-at-Large - Sandy Rhoden

Please note: President Catherine Barranco will not be assuming the position of Past President at the end of the year. Instead, Penny Sattgast will continue to serve as Past President.



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This month's Featured Article from NFRW



SOUTH DAKOTA FEDERATION SENDS OUT STATEWIDE MAILER TO GREAT ACCLAIM

When the South Dakota Republican Party announced it would not be sending out candidate slate mailers this year, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women (SDFRW) sprang into action. Thanks to record-setting fundraising throughout the year, we decided -- for the first time ever -- to send a mailer ourselves.

We couldn't tell the candidates about it because it would then become a coordinated communication, which triggers different campaign finance laws, so we just surprised everyone. We tracked down photos of all the candidates and designed a mailer tailored to each of South Dakota's 35 districts. We pulled together a mailing list using data analysis to optimize the impact our mailer would make, and we worked with the printer to get the mailer on its way to voters just as quickly as possible. Special shout-out to Campaigns Chair Val Higgins and Campaigns Committee member Kari Shanard-Koenders who took on the monumental task of finding candidate photos, as well as proofreaders Penny Sattgast, Lauri Davis, and Laci Sosa.

When the mailers started hitting mailboxes, the response was overwhelming. Here are just some of the comments we have received.

"I understand you SDFRW Rockstars pulled together the slate mailers across the state given the void of state party action. THANK YOU!!! You have demonstrated true leadership in a time of need. I am beyond impressed. I've long said the SDFRW members are the secret to our success as a party. This effort proves it!" - Chris Nelson, PUC Commissioner

"I ABSOLUTELY MUST comment on this elite professional political mailer we received yesterday! Two weeks ago, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women learned that the SD Republican Party was not doing their normal election slate cards. [SDFRW] did an amazing last-minute job donating an abundance of their time pulling these mailers together across the state! As they've never done mailers, this included setting up meetings to ensure they had adequate funding, working with different teams to identify all of the statewide candidates and the legislators from all 35 districts, designing the graphics, finding photos of all of the candidates, editing the photos to fit the mailer, checking all the facts for correct names/spelling and districts, the positions the candidates are running for, and getting them mailed --- all before the election!! Thank you ladies; well done; well done indeed!!!" - Betty Otten, Lincoln County GOP Chair and Republican Nominee for Lincoln County Commissioner

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"Received mine yesterday and I agree very well done! Stood out in the pack of postcards I received and that's not easy to do." - Lucas Peterson, Professional Political Consultant + Son of D13 Representative Sue Peterson

"I agree. The one received here in District 31 was well done also. Thank you for all your hard work!" - Scott Odenbach, Representative from District 31

"Great job!! Very much appreciated!!" - Jessica Bahmuller, Representative from District 19

"Well done and thank you! It was a nice surprise to receive it this week!"

- Tony Venhuizen, Representative from District 13

"You ladies Rock, so classy too." - Leslee Unruh, Chair of No on G Ballot Measure Committee

"We got ours in today's mail. They look great! Thank you for your hard work and dedication South Dakota Federation of Republican Women."

- Jim Mehlhaff, Senator from District 24

"Arch and I appreciate it immensely" - Pam Sharping, Wife of D12 Senator Arch Beal

"They turned out great! Thank you South Dakota Federation of Republican Women!"

- Sydney Davis, Senator from District 17

"Thanks, ladies!" - Brad Lindwurm, Candidate for District 15 House

NOTE: The SDGOP (and therefore SDFRW) took a stance on two ballot measures: "No" on Constitutional Amendments G and H. G would legalize abortion up through the day of birth; H would eliminate party primaries and move South Dakota to a jungle primary system. We created a mnemonic to help people remember how to vote: "H is Horrid and G is Ghastly! Vote No on G & H!"

The back of the mailer also includes a link and QR code to the special election page we set up on the SDFRW website that brings together a number of hard-to-find election resources. Thanks to the convenience offered by [our one-stop-shopping elections webpage](#), the traffic of our SDFRW website has seen a huge surge in activity.



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- ✓ Voted 65+ Times to Secure the Border

EFFECTIVE.

- ✓ A+ NRA Rating
- ✓ 100% National Right to Life Score

CONSERVATIVE.

- ✓ "Taxpayer Superhero" from the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste

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Important SDFRW Dates

Please save these important dates in your calendar!
Keep checking SDFRW Website Calendar for more events!

Sat, Dec 7 – Christmas at the Capitol + Winter Board Meeting including a special Pearl Harbor and WWII Remembrance Program in Pierre

Calendar

November:

- 15 - Codington County Republican Women
11:30am Pizza Ranch, Watertown, SD
- 18 - Sioux River Republican Women
6pm 1921 Building, Brookings, SD
- 19 - Northern Hills Republican Women
5:30pm VFW Post 5860, Spearfish, SD
- 19 - James River Republican Women
5pm Leo's Good Food Redfield, SD
- 21 - Beadle County Republican Women
11:30am Ryan's Hanger Huron, SD
- 21 - Brown Co. Area Republican Women
11:30am Allevery Aberdeen, SD
- 21 - Pennington County Republican Women
11:30am Holiday Inn Downtown Rapid City, SD
- 28 - Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.
Sioux Falls, SD

December:

- 06 - Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 07 - Northern Hills Republican Women
4:45pm VFW Post 5860, Spearfish, SD
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Requested - Wanted

For newsletters:

Pictures of fairs and other events through out the state.

Let's show members and the viewers:

How SDFRW represents and helps to educate the republicans here in our great republican state!

Would you like SDFRW to text you?

Would you like to receive texts about upcoming SDFRW events and announcements? FCC laws are prickly when it comes to texts, so in order for you to take part in the texting program, you must formally request to opt in. So, **if you'd like to receive texted reminders and notices, email Catherine Barranco at president@SDFRW.org with your name and the cell number where you'd like to receive texts.**



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2024 Newsletter Monthly Schedule

January, April, July, & October:

**Cenkota, Codington, James River, Northern Hills &
Pennington**

February, May, August & November:

**Aurora-Douglas, Brown, Minnehaha -Lincoln, Meade &
Winners Circle**

March, June, September & December:

**Cyberspace, Beadle, Fall River, Sioux River
& South Central**

**Please find your Club and Write down the months that you
are in the Newsletter.**

The reports are due the **27th of the prior to the month
featured.**

Clubs may submit at anytime with club updates, photos.

Send any questions, reports &/or pictures to:

sdfrwnews@gmail.com

Newsletter Chair: Jen Boerger

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