

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

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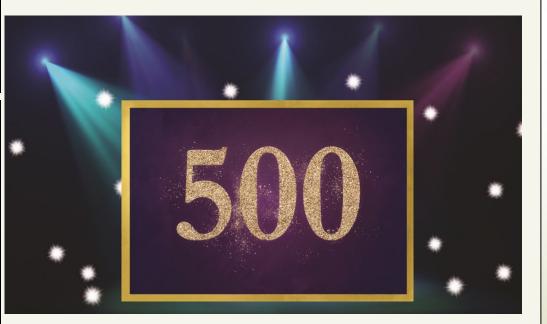
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# **SDFRW Membership**

## Milestone!

For the first time in over a decade, SDFRW membership reached and surpassed 500 members!!!





### Property Rights & Pipeline Debate – Tues, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

This is going to be an INCREDIBLE event – you definitely don't want to miss this!!



#### The Sioux River Republican Women with

The Dakota Scout and The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

Presents

#### Property Rights & CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Debate

Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00pm Doors Open - 5:30pm Dacotah Bank Event Center (formerly Swiftel Center) 824 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Brookings, SD

#### Featuring

Elizabeth Burns-Thompson Vice-President of Government & Public Affairs, Navigator CO<sub>2</sub>

Jon Hansen South Dakota House of Representatives, District 25

Sara Frankenstein, Moderator Partner at Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson & Ashmore, LLP, Rapid City SDFRW Public Relations Chair

#### Security onsite

Free admission and parking Seating available to the first 500 people Additional standing room in the back Only the moderator may ask questions. No open mic. Speakers do not know the questions in advance Disrespectful audience members will be asked to leave Complimentary water available. No concessions

Updates will be posted to the Sioux River Republican Women Facebook Page Please direct media requests to SiouxRiverRepublicanWomen@gmail.com



Special thank you to our debate co-host The Dakota Scout for their article letting people know about this terrific event! The article even features a quote from Sioux River Republican President Kerri Wager:

"We aim to offer an open and respectful exchange of ideas on one of the most pressing issues of our time, and our goal is to provide a platform for informed discussions that will help our community better understand the complexities of these critical matters. The goal of the debate is not to suggest which position is 'good' or 'better' – the goal is simply to allow both sides to speak directly to the public and explain their side's position."

#### DAK©TA SCOUT

#### STATE POLITICS

# Pipeline official, adversarial lawmaker agree to debate in Brookings

Jon Hansen and Elizabeth Burns-Thompson will participate in 'Property Rights & CO2 Pipeline Debate'







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A South Dakota lawmaker on the frontlines of ongoing calls for eminent domain reform will square off in a debate with the spokeswoman for one of two companies planning carbon pipeline projects here.

Rep. Jon Hansen, an attorney from Dell Rapids who has been among the most vocal opponents of carbon capture pipelines being eligible for eminent domain, will join Navigator's vice president of government and public affairs, Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, in a 60 minute debate at the Dacotah Bank Event Center in Brookings on Aug. 22.

Hosted by the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women and the Sioux River Republican Women, the debate will be moderated by Sara Frankenstein, public relations chair of SDFRW and a Rapid City attorney who served as

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

### SDFRW Issued a Resolution and Press Release calling on the U.S. Congress to Stand Against the Woke Left and Protect Mt. Rushmore

"I never expect a perfect work from an imperfect man." - Alexander Hamilton

Our Founding Fathers risked their lives to forge one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. They numbered among the most brilliant men of their time – yet, they were but men, and thus flawed.

Were the Founding Fathers perfect? No. But scrubbing them from history is foolhardy at best and dangerous at worst. As Cicero observed, "To remain ignorant of history is to remain forever a child." If we are to escape the doom of repeating our mistakes, liberals must cease acting as children who refuse to face our national history, both glorious and horrendous. Rather than suppressing facts, we should learn from them – the good and the bad.

South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem calls Mt. Rushmore: "the greatest symbol of our freedom and history of the United States." South Dakota's lone U.S. Representative Dusty Johnson stated, "There is a reason that Mt. Rushmore is called the shrine to Democracy. When you look at those four leaders, they symbolize the greatest strengths of America, about our unity, about our coming together, about our march toward a more perfect union."

Yet, Mt. Rushmore is under attack. Calls from agitators continue to mount, demanding our National Monument be demolished or destroyed. To ensure Mt. Rushmore endures as an embodiment of our nation's history, Rep. Dusty Johnson introduced the Protect Mt. Rushmore Act, barring the use of federal funds to alter, change, and/or destroy Mt. Rushmore's name or likeness.

The National Park Service (NPS) offers this graceful description of the monument: "Majestic figures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln, surrounded by the beauty of the Black Hills of South Dakota, tell the story of the birth, growth, development and preservation of this country."

Yet, Biden's NPS objects to the Protect Mt. Rushmore Act, calling it "unnecessary." It seems the Biden Administration doth protest too much! In recent years, Thomas Jefferson was ripped from the New York City Hall; Abraham Lincoln was torn from Boston's Park Square. Protestors toppled statues of George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt in Portland. Given the relentless ideological campaign to abolish any trace of these Founding Fathers, protecting Mt. Rushmore isn't merely necessary, it's imperative!

Accordingly, on July 24, 2023, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women's executive committee implored Congress to pass the Protect Mt. Rushmore Act.

Not only did SDFRW's resolution get special coverage on the South Dakota War College, we also were featured in NFRW's website and Captiol Connection Newletter!! Each newsletter only features three stories from around the country, so it's a terrific honor for SDFRW to be featured!



### The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women Implores Congress to Protect Mt. Rushmore

On July 24, 2023, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women (SDFRW) Executive Committee adopted a resolution supporting the Mt. Rushmore Protection Act.

It reads:

**WHEREAS,** the National Park Service describes the monument as, "Majestic figures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln, surrounded by the beauty of the Black Hills of South Dakota, tell the story of the birth, growth, development and preservation of this country;" and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem calls Mt. Rushmore "the greatest symbol of our freedom and history of the United States. We can learn from the men on that mountain;" and,

**WHEREAS,** South Dakota's lone U.S. Representative Dusty Johnson says, "There is a reason that Mt. Rushmore is called the shrine to Democracy. When you look at those four leaders, they symbolize the greatest strengths of America, about our unity, about our coming together, about our march toward a more perfect union. ... We're not perfect, but erasing our past won't make us better.;" and,

**WHEREAS,** Mt. Rushmore has been the target of political attacks demanding the monument's demolition or destruction to further cancel culture and erase our national history; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Mt. Rushmore Protection Act would bar the use of federal funds to alter, change, and/or destroy the name or likeness of Mt. Rushmore;

**RESOLVED,** that the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women implores Congress to pass the Protect Mt. Rushmore Act sponsored by Congressman Dusty Johnson.



### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN Capital Connection

Weekly news and information for our members

WEEK OF JULY 31, 2023

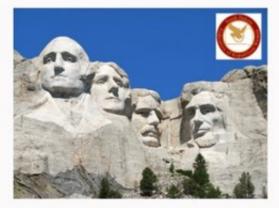
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#### Around the Federation

The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women has responded to attacks on Mt. Rushmore from agitators demanding the national monument be demolished or destroyed. On July 21, the executive committee adopted a resolution imploring Congress to pass the Protect Mt. Rushmore Act introduced by Congressman Dusty Johnson (R-SD). Read more here.



Crystal Coast Republican Women's Club (NC) hosted its fourth blood drive and collected more than 25 pints of blood - donations that have the potential of saving up to 75 lives.



South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

<u>Aurora-Douglas County</u> <u>Republican Women</u>

Aurora/Douglas Republican Women

Six of our members attended the May SDFRW meeting in Oacoma.

Our district State Representative, Marty Overweg, spoke at our May meeting with a question-and-answer session at the end of the meeting. At our June meeting Jon Hansen spoke on the Decline to Sign petition that is seeking to change the abortion laws.

Several members worked at a booth in Corsica at Wing Ding Days and in Stickney at Donnie Days. Our District Senator Erin Tobin had help walking in the Gregory 4th of July Parade.

Our Caring for American committee met with a representative from Call to Freedom. We collected Bibles for their shelter, Marissa's house. Our goal is to restock posters in businesses before the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and hand out Call to Freedoms' flyers when the movie, Sound of Freedom, is shown in our area.



<u>BROWN COUNTY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN</u>

Greetings from the BCARW.

In May Commissioner of School and Public Lands Brock Greenfield was our speaker.

In June Representative Fred Deutsch spoke on important bills that were passed during the last legislative session. We served dessert at the Brown County Lincoln Day BBQ on June 22 as a fundraiser.

In July Minnesota State Representative Bobbie Harder spoke on the 2023 legislative session in Minnesota, we called the meeting Don't Minnesota Our South Dakota.

The scent of August Bright sunlit skies Nature's warm colors The smell of seasons about to change The hint of new beginnings Knowing something wonderful is around the bend Women Working.com



### **SDFRW Members serve as TARs Camp Counselors**

So awesome! SDFRW's own Hayley Halverson (CyberSpace) and Claire Rydberg (Cen-Kota), as both served as counselors for the SD Teenage Republican Leadership Camp. Great Job, Ladies!



### This month's Featured article from NFRW's Capital Connection



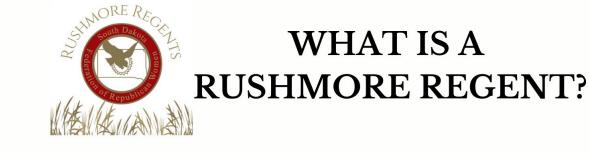


### Help us get items for our Biannual Online Auction!

We don't have a lot of time to raise money during election years – we're too busy getting Republicans elected!! So, we do the bulk of our fundraising in non-election years. Our signature fundraiser – the SDFRW Biannual Online Auction – is coming up and we need your help! We auction a wide variety of things at a variety of price points, from hunts to hotels, gift cards to physical gifts. Homemade.... storebought..... new..... vintage.... big.... small.... just about anything!

### Questions? Contact your club president or SDFRW Fundraising Chair Jen Boerger at sdfrwweb@gmail.com

Please submit your items by September 7<sup>th</sup>. **Remember: your club** gets to keep a portion of the proceeds from any items you procure!



A Rushmore Regent is a member of SDFRW, dedicated to strengthening the Republican Party.

A Regent has a vision of strong, God loving, conservative women leading this state and this nation.

A Rushmore Regent has an emphasis on philanthropy and strives to make a positive political impact through monetary contributions. Regents provide funding to make remarkable things happen!

A Rushmore Regent has enthusiasm, energy and creative ideas on how to influence the governance of our state.

A generous donation of \$100 per year ensures the means to further our mission to elect more Republican women at the state and national levels.





## **RUSHMORE REGENTS 2023**

LIFETIME HONORARY LINDA DAUGAARD KRISTI NOEM HONORARY CATHERINE BARRANCO

MARYANN BIERMAN **KAREN BRANDT GAIL BROCK BARB STEELE** SHERRI BLASEG **BECKY DRURY** HEIDI ENGELHART **BARBARA GUENETTE** VAL HIGGINS MARILYN HOYT **MONAE JOHNSON GINGER MOEDING** TINA MULLALY **TRUSH MURPHY ARLENE HAM TRUDY QUALM** PENNY SATTGAST **KARI SHANARD-KOENDERS** PATRICIA TUTSCH **DEE VAN DEEST CONNIE WAGNER** 

**KELLI BRACK** ANNETTE BRANT **JENI BOERGER BEKA ZERBST DAWN DONKER CONNIE WAGNER KRISTIE FIEGEN ROSIE HARRINGTON BECKY SCOTT KAELYN CALLIES DONNA LUDENS** LINDA MONTGOMERY LAURI DAVIS MARY LEE PLUT DEBBIE SCHNELL NANCY ROWLEY **BRANDEI SCHAEFBAUER** LAURIE SOLEM LOIS VAN DUSSELDOP PAUL.A VANSCHARREL **JACQUELINE SLY** 

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

### SDFRW Member Spotlight

Cassidy Tanden Hoek

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Mitchell, SD, and raised in the country with a family business and a farming operation in Corsica, SD.

Describe your family.

My parents are Keith and Val Vanden Hoek, the owners and operators of Southside Farm Services. I have 2 older brothers, Clayton and Cody, and one younger sister Carly, who is going into her junior year of high school. Clayton (Ashley) have 2 children, Luna and Oliver, and Cody



(Faith) also have 2 children, Huntlee and Henry. I enjoy spending time with all of them and just having a good time which normally consist of playing cards or trap shooting.

Local SDFRW Club: Aurora Douglas Federation of Republican Women

How long a member? 1 year

What are the club's activities?

We are a small new group, so we are still trying to figure everything out. We had a "Bring a Friend Night" with root beer floats and State Representative Marty Overweg gave us an overview of the past legislative session. This summer we are looking forward to participating in parades and booths at craft fairs.

Education: Dakota Christian High School and currently attending Black Hills State University for bachelor's degree in accounting with a minor in pollical science.

Professional Career:

Eventually hoping to be an accountant for a state department but currently I am serving as an Accounting Intern with Department of Labor and Regulation in the Fiscal Division in Pierre.

What is your greatest achievement?

Not giving up when life got hard and just fighting through all the different battles that came my way, and I didn't do it alone. Today, I continue to push myself to be my best.

### SDFRW Member Spotlight cont.

Tell about your most exciting moment in life.

I have had a lot of exciting moment in life so far but one that stands out to me is my drive home from college for this past thanksgiving. It was exciting because I received the email that I was accepted to be a Legislative Intern. I just remember reading that email and then having to reread it because I didn't believe it the first time and then screaming from the excitement and shock in my car. My brain ended up going blank because there was to much running through my head at once. Looking back at that moment, that email has changed my life and opened so many doors.



Why do you belong to SDFRW:

To be supported as a young Republican woman and grow my

friendships with the amazing women I have meet through SDFRW.

What is our greatest challenge as Republicans?

Seeing the low number of active college republicans but we are working on it.

Who is your favorite Republican and why?

Former President Trump because he stands for what he and many republicans believe. Favorite quote or Bible verse:

"It is what it is" -Unknown

This just reminds me to continue when life isn't going as I planned but it is what it is, and you must continue.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Any further comments:

I am currently the youngest member of Aurora Douglas Federation of Republican Women. Over this past legislative session, I worked for the South Dakota House of Representatives as a republican intern. I am also a proud member of my local Right to Life group, Tri-County Right to Life.



쯵) RNC CHAIRWOMAN RONNA MCDANIEL

#### Fellow Republicans.

We are only a couple weeks out from the Republican presidential primary kicking into full gear! The first debate is set to take place in Milwaukee on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and I could not be more excited. Every one of our candidates taking the stage will present a far better vision for America than what Joe Biden and the Democrats are offering.

Americans stand ready to turn the page and with your help, that's exactly what we're going to do in 2024! That's why the RNC recently launched "Bank Your Vote", a nationwide campaign focused on maximizing pre-Election Day voting. With your help, our supercharged efforts to encourage, educate, and activate Republican voters on how to bank their votes as early as possible will ensure that we beat Joe Biden and the Democrats next year.

As RNC Chair, I have been travelling all over this great country and I can tell you, Republican enthusiasm is extremely high. Now, as primary season officially gets underway, it's time to turn that energy into action! Join us by gathering with fellow Republicans in your neighborhoods and communities to hold watch parties for the first official debate. Let's take advantage of the opportunity in fornt of us and begin to build the groundswell that will power us from now until November next year.

Thank you for all that you are doing for our party and for our country!

Thank You,

RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel

#### Note from Grassroots Advisory Chair, Toni Anne Dashiell



Thank you all for the incredible work you are doing! Your dedication and efforts are the driving force behind the positive changes we will make for our country. I am also grateful for your support and engagement in our mission to effectively communicate with the grassroots across the country. The response has been remarkable, and we are excited to translate this momentum into meaningful action. By uniting our various grassroots We are excited to translate this momentum into meaningful action. By uniting our various grassroots organizations, we have the opportunity to make a powerful impact on the upcoming elections, both locally and nationally, ensuring the success of Republican candidates up and down the ballot ballot.

As we approach the first Republican presidential primary debate, we thought this would be the perfect time to turn our energy into action! We urge you to mobilize your organizations and host debate watch parties in your communities! These events will serve as a valuable opportunity to bring fellow Republicans together to hear from our candidates that all will be presenting a better vision for America than Joe Biden and the Democrats.

As always, your input is extremely valuable to us. We welcome your thoughts on what you'd like to see more of in future newsletters. Additionally, we encourage you to share your watch parties with us and on social media. Your stories of community engagement and its impact are the driving force behind our collective efforts.

#### God Bless

**Toni Anne Dashiell** 

#### Message from the Grassroots Co-Chair, Pam Pollard

#### TEAMWORK



The excitement of the Presidential race is in full swing! For the Grassroots Advisory Committee, that excitement starts with getting our grassroots involved! Leadership and teamwork go hand-in-hand to produce winning results and there is no better way to build a team of volunteers than bringing them together for an event like the RNC Presidential Debate. No matter who our nominee is, we must work conjunctively to support our candidates and defeat the Democrats in November! Thank you for your leadership and together, we will build a WINNING TEAM FOR 2024!

Pam Pollard, Co-Chair Grassroots Advisory Committee

National Committeewoman-Oklahoma

Former OK GOP State Party Chair 2015-2019

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Please save these important dates in your calendar! (Not to worry -more detailed information to come on the convention-related deadlines.)

Fri, Aug 25 – Deadline for each Club to submit Delegate and Alternate for NFRW Convention

**Fri, Sept 1 – Deadline** to submit auctions items to SDFRW Fundraising Chair Jen Boerger (sdfrwweb@gmail.com)

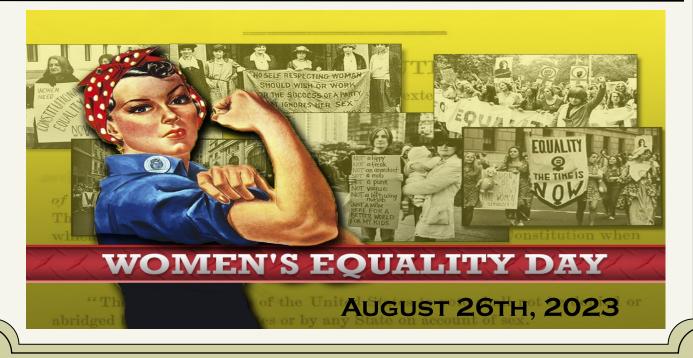
Thurs, Sept 21 to Sun, Sept 24 – SDFRW Online Auction

Thurs, Sept 28 to Sun, Oct 1 – NFRW Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, OK

Sat, Oct 7 - Fall Quarterly Meeting at Arrowwood Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma

Sat, Dec 2 – Christmas at the Capitol + Winter Quarterly Meeting in Pierre

Mon, Feb 5 - Legislative Day + Spring Quarterly Meeting in Pierre









Calendar

#### August:

- 04- Meade County Republican Women 5:30pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- TBA Aurora- Douglas Republican Women 7pm Travel Plaza, Corsica, SD
- 17 Beadle County Republican Women 12pm Ryan's Hanger Huron, SD
  - Brown County Area Republican Women No Meeting
- 17 Pennington County Republican Women12:45pm Alex Johnson Hotel Rapid City, SD
- 18 Codington County Republican Women11:30am Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 24 Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women 11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance Sioux Falls, SD

#### September:

- 01- Meade County Republican Women 5:30pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- TBA Aurora- Douglas Republican Women 7pm Travel Plaza, Corsica, SD
- 15 Codington County Republican Women 11:30am Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 21 Beadle County Republican Women 12pm Ryan's Hanger Huron, SD
- 21- Brown County Area Republican Women 11am City Lights, Aberdeen, SD
- 21 Pennington County Republican Women 12:45pm Alex Johnson Hotel Rapid City, SD
- 22 Codington County Republican Women 11:30am Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 24 Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women 11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance

2023 Newsletter Monthly Report Schedule January, April, July, & October: Cenkota, Codington, Northern Hills & Pennington February, May, August & November: Aurora-Douglas, Brown, Minnehaha -Lincoln, & Meade March, June, September & December: Cyberspace, Beadle, Fall River, South Central & Sioux River

<u>Please find your Club and Write down the months that you</u> <u>are in the Newsletter</u>.

The reports are due the 27th of the <u>prior</u> to the month featured.

Clubs may submit at <u>anytime</u> with club updates, photos. Remember clubs or individual members may purchase an ad for a month for Birthday, Anniversary, Events.

> Send any questions, reports &/or pictures to: sdfrwnews@gmail.com

> > Newsletter Chair: Jen Boerger

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women 2023-2024 Executive Board



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