

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

SDFRW Legislative Day

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What a fantastic Legislative Day & Board Meeting!

What an incredible Legislative Day we had!! Pictures with Gov. Kristi Noem and Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden.... Tours of the Governor's Mansion and Capitol Dome.... Walking through the secret tunnels under the Capitol Introductions in the House and Senate Chambers.... and fantastic speakers:

- * Governor's Communications Director Ian Fury
- * SD Supreme Court Chief Justice Steven Jensen
- * PUC Commissioner & Fmr. Secretary of State Chris Nelson
- * Cabinet Secretary of Tribal Relations Dave Flute
- * 3-time NFL Team Captain, Minnesota Vikings' Jack Brewer

Special thank you to South Dakota 2nd Lady & SDFRW Past President Sandy Rhoden for making this a truly special day for SDFRW!

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CENKOTA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

CenKota Republican Women have been busy and here are some of the highlights!

October:

-Several members worked to clean and maintain the 1st Ladies and 1st Gentleman Exhibit at the South Dakota State Capitol.

CenKota Members included: CenKota President & 1st Ladies and 1st Gentlemen Committee Chair-Claire Rydberg, Penny Sattgast, Penny Nelson, and Secretary of State Monae Johnson.

CenKota Associate Members included: State Auditor Rich Sattgast, School and Public Lands Commissioner Brock Greenfield, Attorney General Marty Jackley, and Ryan Bruner.

November:

-Our monthly meeting included having State Representative and Co-Chair of the Life Defense Fund, Jon Hansen speak.

December:

-CenKota Members Claire Rydberg and Penny Sattgast attended the SDFRW December Board of Directors Meeting.

- CenKota President & 1st Ladies and 1st Gentlemen Committee Chair-Claire Rydberg, along with CenKota VP and Committee member-Penny Sattgast worked with others to lead the 1st ever SDFRW 1st Ladies and 1st Gentlemen's Reception at the St. Charles Hotel in Pierre. Former 1st Lady Pat Miller, Former 1st Lady Linda Daugaard, and Michele Brich (representing former 1st Lady Jean Rounds) were all in attendance. In addition, former Governor Dennis Daugaard was present for the festivities!

- Associate Member Rich Sattgast helped once again to take down the SDFRW Christmas tree that was beautifully displayed during Christmas at the Capitol.

January:

-Our monthly meeting included having SD Secretary of State Monae Johnson speak.



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Happy President's Day!



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This month's Featured Article from NFRW

Together, We Can Make a Difference!

Week of February 12, 2024



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Capital Connection

Weekly news and information for our members

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Membership Connection



2024 is off to a strong start for **NFRW**, and it all starts with membership! Each month, the **Membership Committee** will be providing a **Membership Connection Action** in an effort to help local clubs promote and grow membership and help **NFRW** reach our membership goals. More voices elect more Republicans!

This month is **"Phoning February,"** and we encourage **every club** to make phone calls to members that have not renewed and invite them to renew or rejoin **before the March 1st** deadline. We have seen that the focus on

relationship building that happens with a simple phone call increases the rate of return of our former members. This is not surprising given that our 2023 membership survey revealed that the relationships made are among the top reasons that women join an organization like **NFRW**. We are driven by politics, but we are grounded in relationships.

We hope you will take the time to call **Republican women** in your club to invite them to be a part of what will certainly be an exciting year for our party. Keep an eye out each month for the **Membership Connection** to see what you can do to grow your membership. If you have any creative ideas to share with the committee, please send them to the **Membership Committee Chair, Ingrid Lake** at nfrwmembership@gmail.com.

Happy Calling!

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MEADE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Meade County Republican Women wrapped up 2023 by celebrating Christmas and the hard work accomplished. Special recognition was given to the officers.

Front row: Lana Speed-Anderson (Secretary) Sandy Rhoden (First Vice President) Maggie Hunt (Treasurer) Lorie Hausmann (Chaplin), center Teresa Thompson (President)



MCRW started out the new year on a "**Wing and a Prayer!**" In January, Lt. Governor, Larry Rhoden, Senator Dean Wink, Representative Gary Cammack (Majority Whip), and Representative Kirk Chaffee (Majority Whip) were invited to a gathering where they enjoyed hot **Wings** and were **Prayed** over to be sent off properly to the South Dakota 2024 Legislature. The delegation also gave us a summary of the work ahead of them. Many came out to brave the cold and we had guests from the Northern Hills Republican Women. The final photo is all the members and associates who attended and the delegation with Lt. Gov Larry Rhoden.



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It's time for our club Membership Drives!

We were incredibly proud to set an SDFRW membership record in 2023! Let's do it again this year!! Yes, it's fun when more people get involved -- as the saying goes, the more the merrier! But a strong membership is so much more than that: it's a larger pool of talent and energy from people who are determined to save our country. The more members we have, the more we'll accomplish. If we accomplish enough, we'll pry our country loose from the Democrats' grip. We made terrific progress in 2022 when we took back the U.S. House. Now it's time to fight for both the White House and the U.S. Senate. Help us get ready by growing your club to its strongest membership yet!

According to the Federation's bylaws, to remain a member in good standing, **NFRW must receive your dues no later than March 1st**. It takes time for your dues to go from you to your club Treasurer, who then sends a portion of your dues to our SDFRW Treasurer, who then sends a portion to NFRW. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so soon! And if you have friends who haven't yet joined, encourage them to!

We're holding our **5th annual SDFRW Membership Competition** this year – more details to come! Club membership increases will be measured relative to their 2023 membership levels. This year's competition will again include four categories:

- Largest Active Membership Increase
- Largest % Active Membership Increase
- Largest Associate Membership Increase
- Largest % Associate Membership Increase

If you know of any potential new members you think we should contact, please reach out to Catherine Barranco at president@SDFRW.org or Membership Chair Lauri Davis at ldavis6632@gmail.com



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Republican Parents' Playdate is March 24th

Bring your kiddos to play with other Republican kids while you relax with complimentary refreshments in the company of other Republican Parents! Everyone gets a free game of laser tag – parents included!

If you know of Republican parents you think would be interested – whether they're SDFRW members or not! – please contact Megan Assman-Kool (Youth Liaison Chair) at meganmassman@gmail.com

REPUBLICAN *Parent's* **PLAYDATE**

**Join us on Sunday,
March 24th
from 3:30-4:30 pm
Thunder Road
201 N Kiwanis Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD**

**Everyone who attends will
get a FREE pizza & pop
buffet along with one free
game of Laser Tag
generously donated by
Al Novstrup and Thunder
Road**

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What is a Rushmore Regent?

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 on South Dakota through monetary contributions to woman candidates running for office.

A Rushmore Regent plays an influential role at the local and state levels and invests in the future of Republican women.

A Rushmore Regent's membership is \$100...merely the price of a tank of gas, a dress from Dillards, a pair of designer jeans.

Rushmore Regents have lifetime honorary memberships for South Dakota First Ladies, Governors and Lt Governors. There is honorary membership for the current women serving as Republican United States Senators or Representatives.

Honorary membership is also be extended to the current SDFRW President during her term in office.

We invite any, and all SDFRW members to become a Regent.

I would like to offer a prayer.

Precious Father in heaven. Thank you for these beautiful ladies who have influenced the success of our South Dakota woman candidates. Thank you for their unselfish desire to support and encourage strong SDFRW women to run for public office. Bless our Rushmore Regents. Bless you Father God. Amen

Contact **Rushmore Regents Chair Connie J Wagner** at cjwagner1952@gmail.com with questions!



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Presenting the new Republican Event Calendar!

SDFRW's Republican Events Calendar is already a massive hit with Republicans across South Dakota!! We've released a 2-minute video demonstrating the many helpful features of our calendar -- please share with your clubs, GOPs, and Republicans everywhere!

<https://youtu.be/ePeLcMwSfwU?si=SmZgll10EuYkHGWe>

Now we need your help!

1. To submit events, complete the fillable form below the calendar on the website. Alternatively, send them to SDFRW Website Chair Jen Boerger at SDFRWweb@gmail.com or email me at president@SDFRW.org. From time to time, computers act up and messages may not go through. I'm blessed with a capable and responsive team – **if you submit an event and don't see it posted within 48 hours, call or text me personally at 605-323-8849.** My team and I will make sure we get it done!
2. We can only post what people send us. If you're hosting an event, let us know! if there's an update, send the new information and we'll make the change. If you're planning to attend an event, always confirm with its organizers *before* you go.
3. This calendar is a tool – it's only helpful if people use it. Please spread the word to all Republicans: if you want to know about Party events, check out
<https://SDFRW.org/calendar>

With your help, we'll connect Republicans from across South Dakota!



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- ✓ 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!

Sun, Mar 3 – SDFRW Zoom Call: Election Workers, Poll Watchers, and Notary Publics

Sun, Mar 24 – Republican Parents' Playdate in Sioux Falls

Thurs, Apr 4 – An Evening with Friends: SDFRW Fundraiser in Watertown

Sat, Apr 27 – Board Meeting in Oacoma

Thurs, Sept 26 thru Sun, Sept 29 – SDFRW Biennial Convention in Rapid City

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

Calendar of Events

Feb:

- 15 - Beadle County Republican Women
12pm Ryan's Hanger Huron, SD
- 15 - Brown Co. Area Republican Women
11am Allevity Aberdeen, SD
- 15 - Pennington County Republican Women
11:30am Holiday Inn Downtown
Rapid City, SD
- 16 - Codington County Republican Women
11:30am Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 20 - James River Republican Women
5pm Leo's Good Food Redfield, SD
- 25 - Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance
Sioux Falls, SD

Mar:

- 01- Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- 05- Northern Hills Republican Women
5:30pm Guadalajara's Mexican Restaurant,
Spearfish SD
- 15 - Codington County Republican Women
11:30am Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 19 - James River Republican Women
5pm Leo's Good Food Redfield, SD
- 19 - Aurora-Douglas Republican Women
7pm Aurora Reformed Church,
Aurora Center SD
- 21 - Beadle County Republican Women
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Order your SDFRW Magnetic Name Badge!

Name badges are not just for officers – every SDFRW member is welcome to order one! If you'd like an SDFRW name badge, please email **Catherine Barranco** at president@SDFRW.org with your name exactly as you'd like it to appear on your badge and send a check for **\$10 made out to SDFRW to Connie Wagner, 27072 SD Hwy 45, Platte, SD 57369**. **If you could write "Name Badge" in the memo line, that would be a huge help.** We don't want it to get mixed up with the membership checks!

If you hold a position within SDFRW or one of the clubs, please include that as well. There's only room for one title, so if you serve in more than one position, please pick your favorite to be listed on your name badge. **Remember – we'll send the vendor your name exactly as you email it to Catherine, so please double check that everything is spelled correctly!**

Pin backs are also available if you prefer a pin to a magnet – just indicate that preference in your email. **If you have a medical device that can be disrupted by magnets, such as a pacemaker, be sure to request a pin back!**



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

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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