

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

Save the Date

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- SDFRW Resolution
- Codington Co. Report
- Cyberspace Zoom Meeting
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- Northern Hills Report

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SDFRW Legislative Day + Board Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2024
Pierre, SD

~ Schedule of Events ~

- 8:00 Legislative Committee Meetings - on your own
- 9:15 Dome Tour* - meet on 4th floor near elevator closest to Senate Chamber Door
- 9:15 Capitol Tour* - meet at 1st Ladies' Doll Case on 1st floor
* You can only go on one tour -- pick your favorite! *
* The dome tour has lots of very steep stairs. *
- 9:50 Supreme Court Room (2nd Floor) to hear from:
* Governor's Communications Director Ian Fury
* Supreme Court Chief Justice Steven Jensen
- 10:45 Walk to Visitor's Center
- 11:00 SDFRW Board of Directors Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:20 ParliPro Training with PUC Commissioner and Fmr. Secretary of State Chris Nelson
- 1:00 Guest Speaker: Jack Brewer - 3x NFL Team Captain, Minnesota Vikings
- 1:35 Walk to Capitol through the tunnels
- 1:45 SDFRW Group Photo on the Marble Staircase
- 2:00 Introduction in the House Chamber
- 2:20 Introduction in the Senate Chamber
- 2:45 Head to Governor's Mansion
- 3:05 Tour of the Governor's Mansion

Place your reservation on
Eventbrite at:
Link located on the
SDFRW Website
Calendar

Please RSVP no later than
January 31th.
Your \$30 registration fee
includes a catered hot
lunch as well as all the
fantastic Legislative Day
events!



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SDFRW passed a Resolution re: the Removal of Donald J. Trump from Primary Ballots

On January 11, 2024, the Executive Committee of The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women passed a resolution commending the United States Supreme Court for exercising jurisdiction and reviewing state-level decisions removing Donald J. Trump from 2024 primary ballots.

In America, we honor the presumption of innocence: citizens cannot be punished until proven guilty. Each American has the right to due process of law and the right to defend him or herself if accused of crimes. We teach children that America is the land of the free. Refusing to suffer the rule of tyrants and despots, we choose leaders via free and fair democratic elections. Donald Trump has not been convicted of insurrection – removing his name from primary ballots contravenes fundamental rights. For Trump is entitled to the same protections as all Americans. He deserves due process. Removal from the ballot punishes him for a crime for which he has not been convicted. But, perhaps more importantly, his removal punishes millions of innocent Americans, abnegating their basic right to vote for the candidate of their choice.

Even Trump’s primary opponents decry the injustice and dangerous precedent this sets. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said, “The idea that one bureaucrat in an executive position can unilaterally disqualify someone from office turns on its head every notion of constitutional due process this country has abided by for over 200 years. It opens up Pandora’s box...” Unless the Court rectifies this injustice, businessman Vivek Ramaswamy pledged to withdraw from the Colorado and Maine primaries, warning “This is what an actual threat to democracy looks like. The system is hell bent on taking this man out, the Constitution be damned.” Secretary Nikki Haley’s campaign issued a statement saying: “It should be up to voters to decide who gets elected.” A spokesperson for Governor Chris Christie said Trump should “remain on the ballot until convicted of insurrection following a trial that featured evidence that’s accepted by a jury.” It’s telling that those who have the most to gain from Trump’s removal are united in decrying the decision to remove him.

This is about far more than partisan politics. This is about America and whether she remains the land of the free. Multiple state courts have considered Trump’s removal and reached inconsistent results. In such cases, the United States Supreme Court should intervene before things spiral out of control. And we’ve reached that dire threshold. Maine’s Secretary of State declared herself judge, jury, and executioner of Trump’s campaign.

Hence, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women commends our nation’s Highest Court for granting certiorari and ruling on the merits, ensuring each state follows the Constitution and that no state denies an American citizen’s fundamental rights.

The Supreme Court must defend American voters’ right to choose their President.

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The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women Commends the United States Supreme Court for Reviewing State-level Decisions Removing Donald J. Trump from 2024 Primary Ballots

On January 11, 2024, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women (SDFRW) Executive Committee adopted a resolution commending the United States Supreme Court for exercising jurisdiction and reviewing state-level decisions removing Donald J. Trump from 2024 primary ballots.

It reads:

WHEREAS, Maine and Colorado declared Republican candidate for President of the United States Donald J. Trump ineligible to appear on the primary ballots of their Republican parties; and,

WHEREAS, California, Michigan, Arizona, and other states have declared Republican candidate for President of the United States Donald J. Trump eligible to appear on the primary ballots of their Republican parties, in contradiction with Maine and Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, Both Maine and Colorado, justifying their decision, cited the so-called "Insurrection Clause" in Section 3 of the 14th Amendment, which states: "No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President or Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof..." and,

WHEREAS, Insurrection and/or rebellion are defined as crimes by 18 U.S. Code §2383, which states: "Whoever incites, sets on foot, assists, or engages in any rebellion or insurrection against the authority of the United States or the laws thereof, or gives aid or comfort thereto, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and shall be incapable of holding any office under the United States;" and,

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court established a presumption of innocence in criminal cases, *Coffin v. United States* (1895): "a presumption of innocence in favor of the accused is the undoubted law, axiomatic and elementary, and its enforcement lies at the foundation of the administration of our criminal law;" and,

WHEREAS, Article 11 of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in 1948, states: "Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defense;" and,

WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump has never been convicted of insurrection, inciting rebellion, or any form of treason; and,

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. said, "Whatever disagreement there may be as to the scope of the phrase 'due process of law' there can be no doubt that it embraces the fundamental conception of a fair trial, with opportunity to be heard;" and,

WHEREAS, President John Adams said, "It is more important that innocence be protected than guilt be punished, for guilt and crimes are so frequent in this world that they cannot all be punished. But if innocence itself is brought to the bar and condemned, perhaps to die, then the citizen will say, 'whether I do good or whether I do evil is immaterial, for innocence itself is no protection,' and if such an idea as that were to take hold in the mind of the citizen that would be the end of security;" and,

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis said, "Our government teaches the whole people by its example. If the government becomes the lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for law;" and,

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan said, "The right to vote is the crown jewel of American liberties;" and,

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court is charged to resolve constitutional disputes among lower courts so that elected officials, citizens, and states can act with legal certainty;

RESOLVED, The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women commends the United States Supreme Court for exercising jurisdiction and reviewing state-level decisions removing Donald J. Trump from 2024 primary ballots. The Supreme Court must defend American voters' right to choose their President.

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CYBERSPACE REPUBLICAN WOMEN



The poster features a blue background on the left with the text "US AFFAIRS" in large yellow letters, followed by "with Arkansas United States Senator TOM COTTON" in white and yellow. Below this, it lists his committee assignments: "Armed Services Committee", "Joint Economic Committee", "Judiciary Committee", and "Intelligence Committee". To the right is a portrait of Tom Cotton in a suit and tie, with an American flag behind him. At the bottom left is the "VIRTUAL CLUB COALITION" logo featuring a red elephant and the text "UNITED WE ARE STRONGER!". At the bottom right is a red box with the text "MONDAY JANUARY 29 7:30PM CST" in yellow and white.

Hello everyone! I'm so excited to be the new Cyberspace President. We will be having our first zoom call and meeting of the year next **Monday, January 29th at 7:30pm CST**. Our speaker will be US Senator Tom Cotton from Arkansas who serves on the Armed Services, Joint Economic, Judiciary, and Intelligence Committees. He has a lot of insight and knowledge to share so you'll want to make sure you set the time aside!

Reminder: associate memberships are on special for \$5 for the year and the active memberships are \$35 for the year. If you wish to renew now during our early bird special, please click this link <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SDFRW/CyberspaceMembershipForm> and fill out.

Once again, I'm really looking forward to this year with you all! My hope and prayer is that we can continue to grow the club and reach more people. Have a wonderful evening and see you next Monday!

KASSIDY PETERS - SDRW Cyberspace President

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This month's Featured Article from NFRW

Gearing Up for Victory in 2024



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN Capital Connection

Weekly news and information for our members

WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2024

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Gearing Up for Victory in 2024

Dear Members and Friends,

As we step into the New Year, 2024 holds immense promise and excitement for the National Federation of Republican Women. It marks a critical time when we can come together and work for the good of our Party and country. Just like the tradition of making New Year's resolutions, this is the perfect opportunity to ignite our passions, to set ambitious goals, and to propel ourselves forward towards tremendous success in the new year.



Let us embrace this fresh start and be motivated by the power of our convictions to work tirelessly towards achieving our goals in winning back the White House and the Senate and gaining a larger majority in the House.

I am honored to be your president and wish to acknowledge the executive committee who will be working together with me over the course of this term. We will be highlighting each one of them in the coming weeks. I am privileged to be working with a talented, dedicated Board of Directors - new and returning officers, who I am certain will apply the greatest passion to successfully fulfill our organization's mission!

This is a special term during the most vital time in our nation's history, one that will need every one of us to continue our commitment at the highest level to NFRW and to our country. I will be announcing our priority issues soon, and I am looking forward to achieving success together as a team.

I already have begun meeting one on one with our nation's leaders to discuss the most salient issues. With our wealth of experience, unwavering passion, strong work ethic, and overall grit, Republican women stand as a force geared up for victory in 2024. Your involvement is paramount to Republican success.

Happy New Year – the best is yet to come!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Harris".

NFRW President

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CODINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

October Speaker: Byron Callies spoke on his National Guard 40-year career. We packed “Goody Bags” and wrote thank you notes for our SD National Guard members.

November Speakers: Hamlin County Sheriff Chad Schlotterbeck answered questions on projects they are involved with. District 25 Representative, Jon Hansen, spoke on the Life Defense Fund. We packed “Goody Bags” and thank you notes for the Hamlin Sheriff’s Department, Bryant Fire Department, Hazel Fire Department, and the Lake Norden 1st Responders.

December Speakers: Anne and Lee Gabel shared with us how they have assisted our Ukrainian refugees. Lee Gabel spoke about projects he has been working on as a County Commissioner. We brought canned goods for our Watertown Salvation Army. Some of our members helped with decorating the SDFRW Christmas tree at the Capitol and some members of our group attended the SDFRW Christmas at the Capitol and the First Ladies and Gentlemen’s Reception.



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N O R T H E R N H I L L S R E P U B L I C A N W O M E N

The Northern Hills Republican Women were very busy wrapping up 2023!

Our Reagan Day Celebration in October honored Margaret A. Sager with the Nancy Reagan award for exceptional service. The event also provided all attendees with a special night of information, socializing and fun, including a VERY successful Rifle Raffle that brought in needed funds to build our treasury for 2024 activities. Keynote speaker South Dakota State Auditor, Rich Sattgast reiterated our theme "A Time For Choosing".

Fall college send off Gift Bags were given to graduating High School seniors on their way to secondary education in support the Youth Advocacy committee to combat the liberal agenda being saturated on school campuses.

Honoring Veterans in November included recognition of the fact "Freedom Isn't Free" eloquently detailed by veteran guests & members Jane and Otto Halberg. "Each one of us must be willing to step up and do what we can to ensure that our nation remains free; we must be willing to lead by example and do what is right instead of what is easy".

December brought an end to an exciting and productive inaugural year for the Northern Hills Republican Women! We attended The annual Christmas at the Capitol event. The decorations, the smell of the trees, and the atmosphere are unlike anything else.

Our Christmas party not only raised "fun" with an energetic 'White Elephant' gift exchange, we collected 42 pounds of food for the Spearfish Food Pantry and much needed warm coats in support of the local dry cleaner's annual coat drive.

We look forward to an even more active 2024 as we faithfully represent the Republican Platform and the fundamental principals of the Constitution of South Dakota and the United States of America. "Under God the People Rule.



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AURORA-DOUGLAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

For Veterans Day we delivered coloring pages to the area schools for the students to color and then give to the Veterans during their Veterans Day program.

6 of our members and 2 visitors attended the quarterly board meeting and Christmas at the Capitol.

We also had a Christmas Tree on display at the Aurora County Courthouse.

At our November meeting we elected our officers for the 2024-2026 term.

Our January 16 meeting was postponed to January 30 because of the weather.

Our campaign committee is working on voter registrations.

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New for this year: Weekly Legislative Reports!

During Legislative Session, Cassidy Vanden Hoek has graciously agreed to write a weekly report for us highlighting bills coming up for a vote and other noteworthy things happening in the legislature.

We've already sent out three reports -- if you're not getting them but would like to, please contact info@SDFRW.org so we can forward it to you and make sure that your email address is correct in our contact list going forward!



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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Presenting the new Republican Event Calendar!

Election season has begun! It's no exaggeration to say this election may be the most important in our nation's history. Besides choosing the leaders who will represent us, voters must consider a slew of Independent Measures and Constitutional Amendments, any of which could significantly impact our way of life. With so much at stake, GOP cooperation and communication are crucial. So, it is with great pleasure that the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women (SDFRW) announces our newest initiative: the Republican Event Calendar!

Surpassing its previous iteration, our new online calendar shows not only state and county GOP events but also events from all four GOP auxiliaries: SDFRW, Teenage Republicans (TARs), College Republicans (CRs), and Young Republicans (YRs)! There's a filter feature if you're interested in seeing specific types of events. Because we list so many events, we've color-coded entries:

* GOP events are shades of blue. SDGOP events are dark blue. Lincoln Day Dinners are of special significance, so LDDs are their own shade of medium blue. County GOP events other than Lincoln Day Dinners are light blue.

* SDFRW and our clubs are highlighted in hues of pink. State-level Federation events are dark pink; club events are light pink.

* TARs are green

* CRs are purple

* YRs are yellow

* Election-related dates are orange

We'll update the calendar in real time. Just refresh your browser to see the newest events.

We're grateful to Chairman Wiik for allowing us to keep the official GOP calendar. 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. We'll unite to hold the House, win the Senate, and kick the Democrats off Pennsylvania Avenue! Here's to a fantastic election year for the South Dakota Republican Party!



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- ✓ 100% National Right to Life Score

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Important SDFRW Dates

Please save these important dates in your calendar!

Mon, Feb 5 – Legislative Day + Board Meeting in Pierre

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

Jan:

- 19 - Codington County Republican Women
11:30am Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 25 - Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance
Sioux Falls, SD

Feb:

- 02- Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- 05 - **SDFRW Legislative Day + Board Meeting**
- 15 - Beadle County Republican Women
12pm Ryan’s Hanger Huron, SD
- 15 - Brown Co. Area Republican Women
11am Alleivity 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
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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 a magnetic 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!**

Here's a picture of an example badge so you can get an idea of how they'll look. Please place your order by **January 31!**



Facebook Followers crack 2,000!

Over the holidays, we passed an incredibly important milestone -- our Facebook followers surpassed 2,000!! That means our number of followers increased 47% during 2023!

If you haven't followed our SDFRW Facebook page, start following it now! It's a great way to make sure you're always up to date on SDFRW news and upcoming events!



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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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