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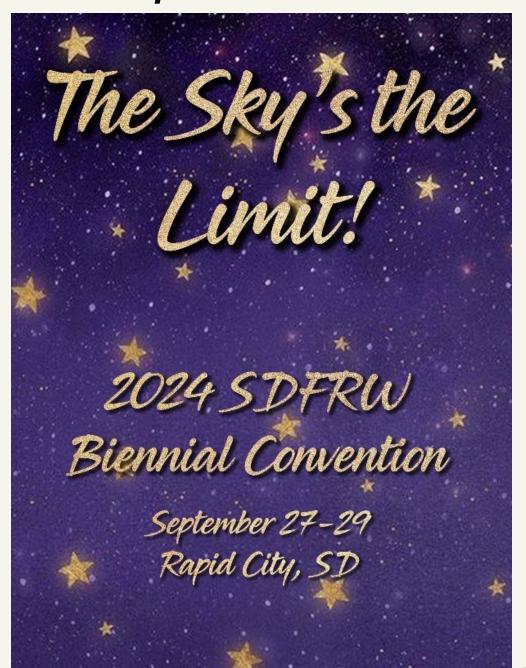
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Convention is around the Corner

Convention is just around the corner! Below is the Call to Convention that went out to our entire SDFRW membership along with other key documents for Convention.

If you didn't receive the email, contact President@SDFRW.org and Catherine will forward it to you!

Individual AWARDS

From now until September 10, nominate someone deserving for the SDFRW Hero Award, the Cec Nankivel Award, and the Maree Raschke Award! Links to the fillable forms can be found on the Convention page on our SDFRW website: https://sdfrw.org/2024-sdfrw-convention

Club AWARDS

Club Presidents can also use the link on that page to download the SDFRW Club Achievement Award Form. Please email those completed forms to the Awards Committee Chair Kerri Wagner at kwags47@gmail.com no later than **September 10**.

HOTEL – Marriott Courtyard

The SDFRW room block has expired. If you still need to reserve a room, call the Marriott Courtyard at (605) 791-0945 and tell them you're with SDFRW and need to book a room. They'll do the best they can for you! We have a terrific convention planned for you from start to finish, so be sure to reserve your room for **Thurs, Sept 26 - Sun, Sept 29** to take part in all the festivities!

REGISTRATION

We've kept the registration fee at \$125, as it's been for a decade. With that that fee, you get to attend all the meetings as well as the Friday Welcome Dinner at the Diamond Spur, the Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet Dinner, and Sunday breakfast at Carvers' Cafe overlooking Mt. Rushmore!

The deadline to register is **September 18**, but please register earlier if you can. It really helps when dealing with caterers and venues to have a good idea of how many people are likely to attend.

To register, use the link below. You can also find this link on the SDFRW Convention page listed above.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/984552772847?aff=oddtdtcreator

LETTER from the President re. the Slate

Within the Call to Convention, you'll find the Slate of Officers chosen by the Nominating Committee. The transition from President to Past President is automatic; since the delegation does not vote on it, Past President is not listed on the slate. So, I wanted to take this moment to explain that we're doing something unusual this year -- I, your current President, will not assume the Past President role when my term ends in December, and I wanted you all to understand why. When nominations opened earlier this summer, both Penny and Sandy expressed a willingness to run for Member-at-Large. If both were slated, then my filling the Past President slot would've created an unprecedented situation with three Past Presidents on the Executive Board. That would put our Nominating Committee in a difficult position: either present a slate that would seat three Past Presidents, limiting the Committee's ability to elevate new talent, or don't slate either Penny or Sandy, both of whom offer tremendous energy, wisdom, talent, connections, and institutional knowledge. I prayed for God's guidance, and when He spoke, I felt completely at peace: the solution was for me to decline the Past President position. That way, Penny will remain Past President, and the Nominating Committee can slate Sandy for a second term as Member-At-Large. With only two Past Presidents on the board, the Nominating Committee can add a new officer, helping her develop before she runs for President someday. I did not discuss this idea with Penny or Sandy because I know they wouldn't let me go through with it. I am truly blessed to call them both my friends -- I know they would've stepped aside in a heartbeat if I'd asked them to. Yet, I did not arrive at this decision lightly. I considered every pro and con, examining the decision from every angle. After weeks of prayer, I became convinced this solution isn't perfect, but it is God's plan. So, before the Nominating Committee began deliberations, I requested they let me give one more gift to the sisterhood I love.

I will finish out my term as President, but when the clock strikes midnight to ring in the New Year, I decline to accept the position of Past President. Penny was the President immediately before me, so the position will revert to her. As a consequence, Penny is not included on the slate that we will vote on during Convention. Instead, she will automatically resume her role as Past President by virtue of my declining it. Please know that this isn't coming from the Nominating Committee or from Penny or Sandy or anyone else. This was entirely my idea. It is my choice and mine alone.

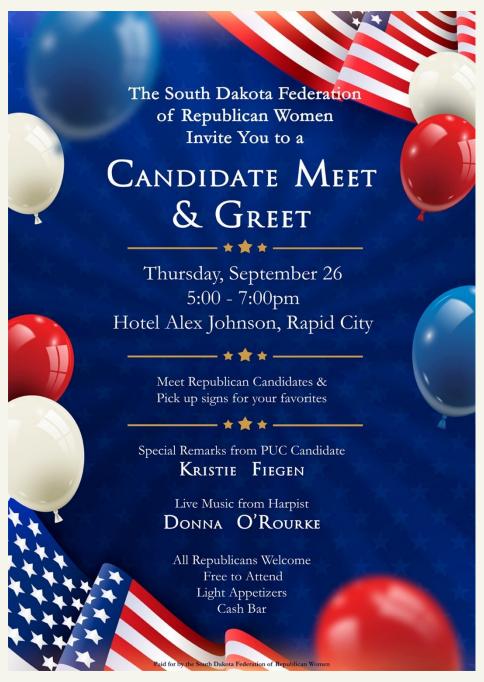
Rest assured -- even though I won't be on the Executive Board, I'll still be around! If you need me, I'm always just a phone call away. I look forward to seeing y'all at SDFRW events and am so excited to see the heights to which SDFRW will ascend under the new, fantastic officers!!

These last 18 months have been extraordinary! From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you've done for SDFRW and for me personally. \bullet

Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

You're Invited! Candidate Meet & Greet in Rapid City – Thursday, September 26

The night before Convention kicks off, we're hosting a Candidate Meet & Greet in Rapid City! All Republican candidates and constituents from across the state are invited. You don't have to live in the Black Hills to take part -- all Republicans are welcome! It's free to attend and will feature special remarks by PUC Commissioner Kristie Fiegen, live music by harpist Donna O'Rourke, light appetizers, and a cash bar.



The Sky's the Limit!

For SDFRW, the sky's the limit! With our talent, passion, and positivity, it's no surprise that SDFRW has become the star of the South Dakota Republican Party! Please join us September 27-29 in Rapid City to celebrate our many successes, enjoy the fellowship of your Republican sisters, and help launch the next phase of our SDFRW mission!

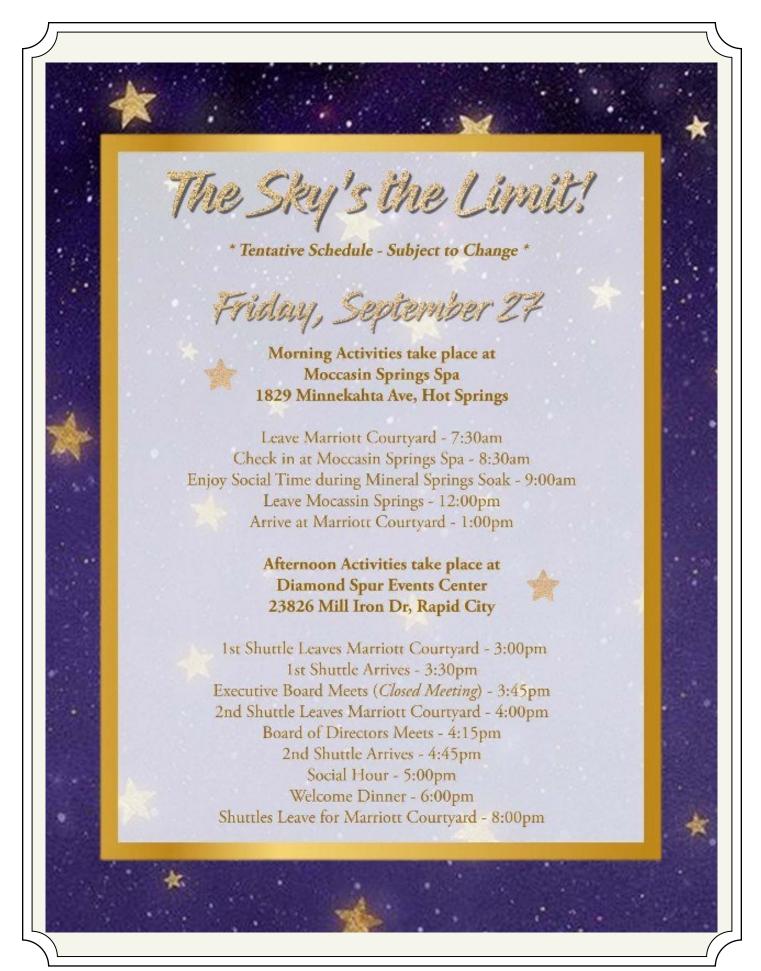
Your Convention Planning Committee has all sorts of fun in store... and a few surprises yet to be revealed. You do not want to miss it!

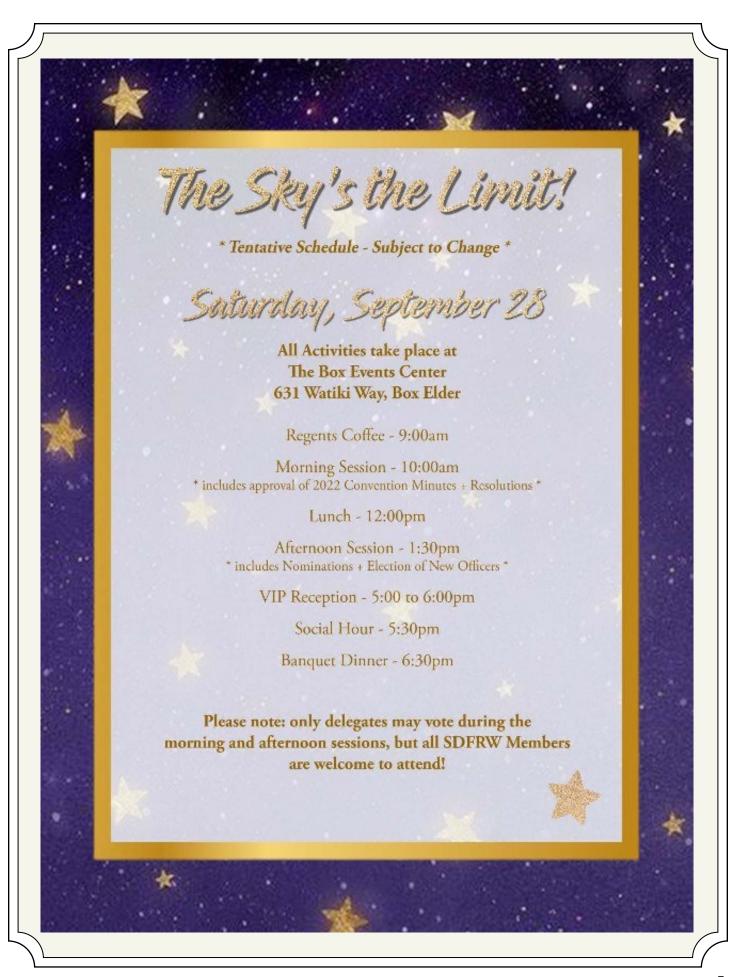
All Federation members are welcome. To add excitement, we'll announce convention speakers one by one. So, watch for upcoming announcements!

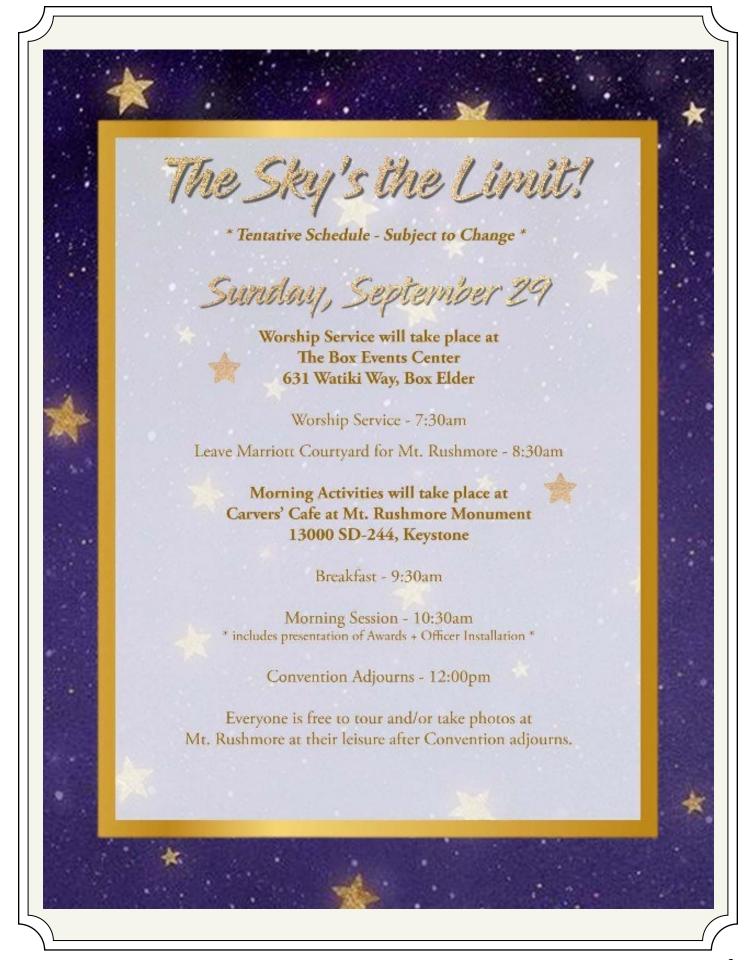
The Convention page on our website has the most current information. Bookmark the link below and check back often for the latest news!

https://sdfrw.org/2024-sdfrw-convention

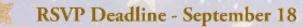








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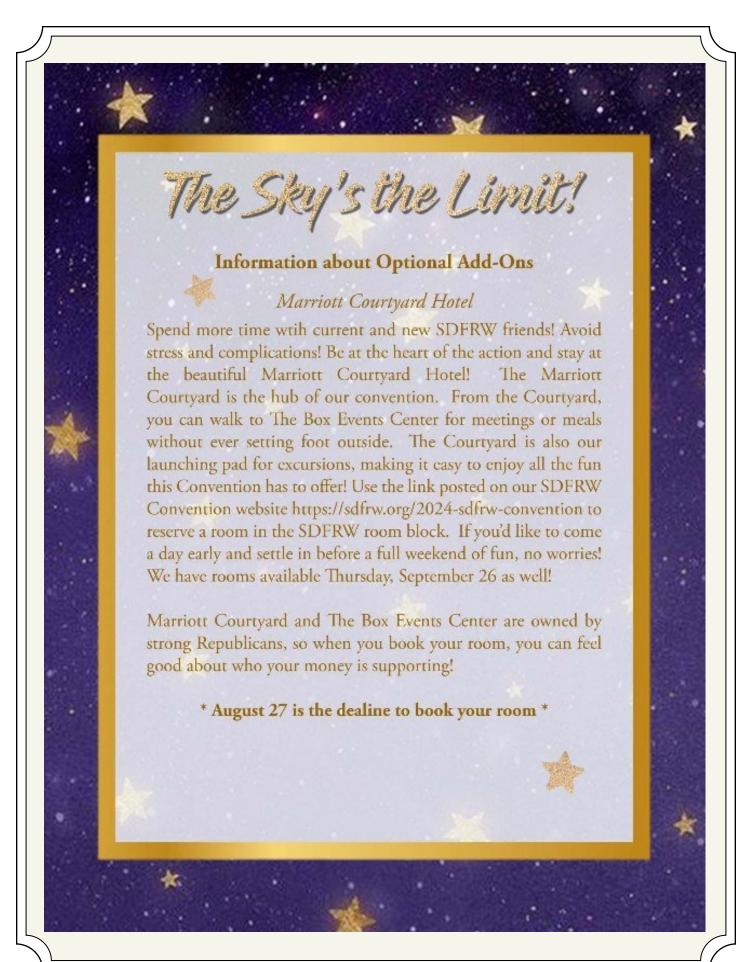
To register for convention or to purshase optional ad-ons, please go to https://sdfrw.org/2024-sdfrw-convention and click on the Eventbrite Registration link. If you wish to pay by check, email Lauri Davis at SDFRWConvention@gmail.com for instructions.

\$125 Registration Fee Includes

- * One ticket to the "Denim & Diamonds" Friday night BBQ dinner at the Diamond Spur Event Center on the outskirts of Hill City (western attire encouraged)
- * Saturday Delegation Lunch at The Box Events Center
- * Saturday Banquet Dinner at The Box Events Center
- * Sunday Breakfast at Carver's Cafe, overlooking Mt. Rushmore
- * Regents Coffee for Rushmore Regents (Note: Non-Regents may purchase guest tickets if they'd like to attend.)

Optional Ad-Ons

- * Hotel Room at Marriott Courtyard
- * Moccasin Springs Spa Soak (bring a swimsuit)
- * Roundtrip Shuttle between Marriott Courtyard and Diamond Spur Events Center
- * Guest Tickets to Welcome Dinner, Regents Coffee, Saturday Lunch, and Saturday Banquet Dinner





Information about Optional Add-Ons

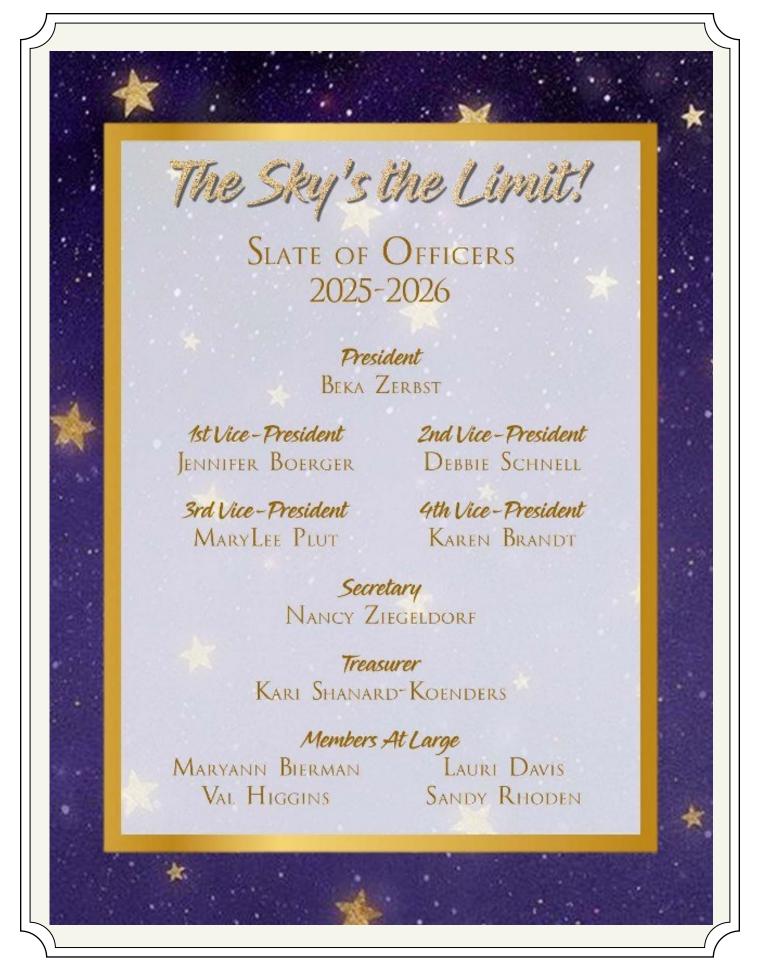
Moccasin Springs Spa

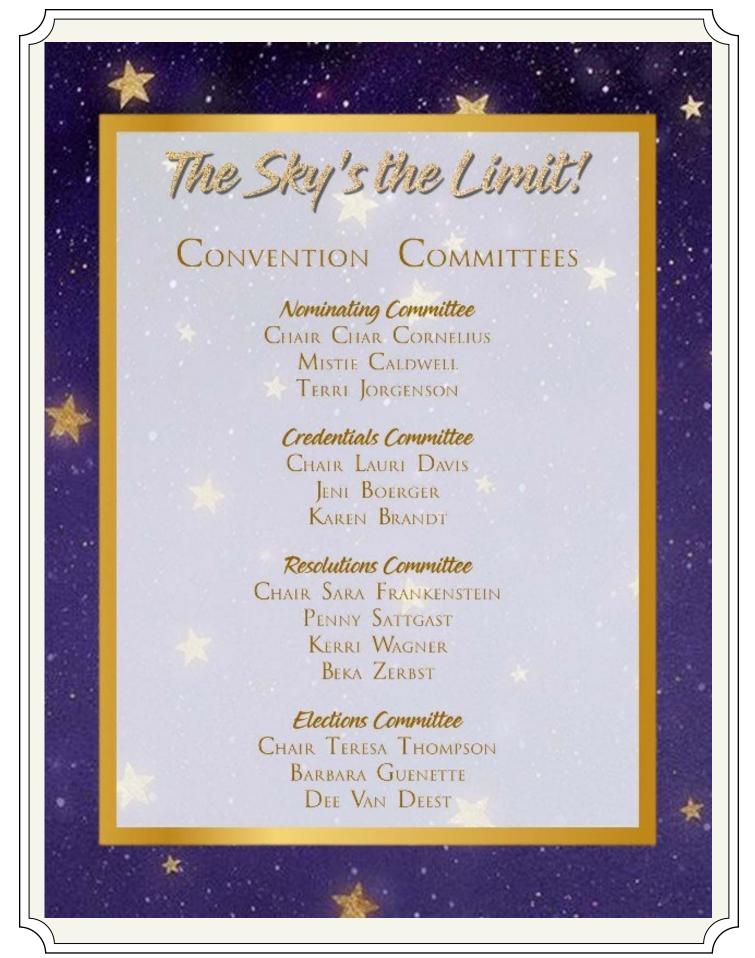
As Mary Beaumont writes in *Midwest Living Magazine*, "'Magic' doesn't appear on the periodic table. But a potent blend of sodium, magnesium, potassium and other minerals infuses the pools at Moccasin Springs Natural Mineral Spa in Hot Springs with an otherworldly essence—or so it feels, anyway."

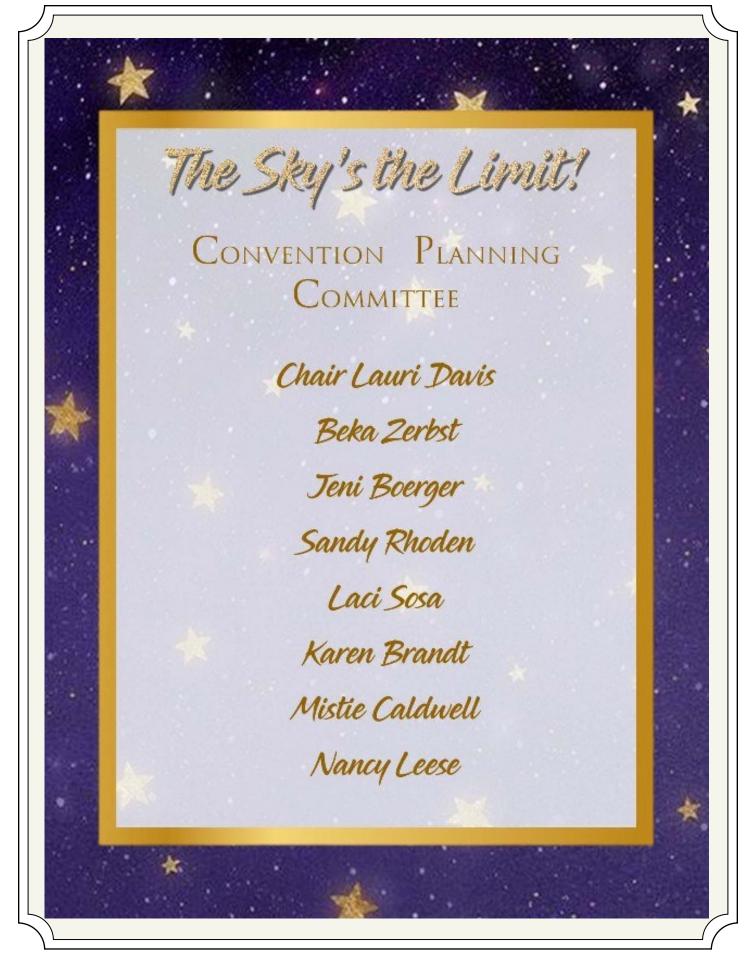
Soaks are only \$15 -- a 50% discount off the normal rate! -- so you can enjoy the company of your SDFRW sisters in the serene waters of South Dakota's most historic spa. If you've ever wanted to try the spa USA Today ranks as one of 2024's top ten Hot Springs in the America, now's your chance! Space is limited, reserve your ticket now!

Shuttle Service to Diamond Spur

Wouldn't it be great to not have to stress about figuring out where to go or where to park? Would you like to not have to worry about the drive home at dusk with curvy roads and deer on the move? Want to enjoy a glass of wine or smoked whiskey over dinner without worry? Then get a ticket on our Shuttle Service! They're just \$10 and have two convenient departure times: 3:00pm for those who want to attend the board meeting and 4:00pm for those who just want to enjoy the evening. Space is limited, reserve your ticket now!







This month's Featured Article from NFRW



To see the forms, login to the NFRW website. In the menu bar across the top of the page, hover over "Members" and then select "General Resources and Forms." Then click on "Awards Forms."

Be sure to read NFRW's Capitol Connection newsletter every Friday for upcoming events and announcements from NFRW's committees.



The Campaigns Committee also partnered with our Website Committee to launch a new page on our website that has all sorts of resources, including a document with information on the various ballot measures that we'll vote on this November.

Check it out!

https://sdfrw.org/election



2024 Voting in South Dakota: What You Need to Know

Key dates for Elections 2024:

- * Sept. 20: Absentee voting begins
- * Oct. 21: Voter registration deadline
- * Nov. 5: General election (polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time)

To register to vote in South Dakota, you must:

- * Be a United States citizen
- * Reside in South Dakota
- * Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- * Not be currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction
- * Not be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law

How to register to vote:

https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/register-to-vote/default.aspx

How to find your voter registration, district, polling location, and sample ballot:

https://vip.sdsos.gov/VIPLogin.aspx

- * First Name, Last Name, and either Zip Code or Birthday are required fields
- * Sample ballots will be posted on or before Sept. 20.

What to take with you when you vote:

All voters must show proof of identification or sign a personal identification affidavit at their polling place. Approved forms of photo identification include:

- * South Dakota driver's license or nondriver ID card
- * U.S. government photo ID such as a passport
- * U.S. Armed Forces ID
- * Current student photo identification card from a South Dakota high school or South Dakota accredited institution of higher education
- * Tribal photo ID

For detailed information on the 2024 Ballot Initiatives and other election resources, including a link to look up candidates, or to learn about the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women, go to: https://sdfrw.org/election

Paid for by the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

The SDFRW Youth Advocacy Committee has been busy! As is our annual tradition this time of year, the Committee is pushing to help recently graduated students register to vote. Their letter is included below.

Special thank you to SDGOP Chair John Wiik and SDGOP Executive Director Reggie Rhoden for sending our 2024 Elections Handout and Youth Voter Registration Drive letter to the SDGOP contact list.



Dear South Dakota Republicans,

We as Republicans want to ensure that our youth are engaged and active at an early age and voter registration is at the "top of the list". There is a strong possibility that we all know someone who graduated from High School in 2024. While some graduates will join the workforce or have honorably chosen to serve our country in the military, others will be packing up and leaving for college or vocational school in August. Therefore, now would be the perfect time for us to encourage these individuals (if they have not already), to not only register to vote, but to register Republican!!!

For convenience, the voter registration application is attached to this email, or see the link below for the Secretary of State's Website for more information:

 $\underline{https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/register-to-vote/default.aspx}$

How to register:

Print the Voter Registration Form, fill-out the form, sign it and then submit it to your County Auditor. Your Voter Registration form with an original signature must be received by the auditor 15 days before any election if you wish to vote in that election. South Dakota law does not allow you to submit your voter registration form via fax or email.

To register to vote in South Dakota, you must:

- \checkmark Be a United States citizen (South Dakota Constitution, Article VII, Section 2)
- ✓ Reside in South Dakota (residency defined)
- ✓ Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- Not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction. (See additional felony information)
- ✓ Not be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law

You may also register to vote at the following locations:

County auditor's office, Driver's license station (when you are renewing or applying for a driver's license you may also register to vote on the driver's license application), City Finance Office, Public assistance agencies providing food stamps, TANF or WIC, Department of Human Services offices which provide assistance to the disabled, Military recruitment offices

Through youth engagement efforts, we as Republicans can ensure South Dakota remains a strong conservative voice for America!

Sincerely,

Penny Sattgast & Juanita Schmunk: (2024 Youth Advocacy Committee Chair & Vice-Chair)

Val Higgins & Lois Van Dusseldorp: (2024 Campaign Committee Chair & Vice-Chair)



South Dakota State Fair

August 28 - Sept. 2, 2024





SDFRW Represented on the Mayor's Ride during 84th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally



SDFRW Executive members Beka Zerbst (Meade County) & Jen Boerger (James River) with Mayor AJ Wilkerson and her beautiful motorcycle partner a black German Shepard named Aniol.

The final stop we had the joy of seeing Dana, a retired bilateral amputee paratrooper present a 50' American Flag after jumping from a plane and landing at Stone House Saloon in Belle Fourche, SD. Spectators assisted by holding the flag off the ground and helped fold it.

The flag never touched the ground thanks to our patriots on steel horses!





Pictures by Beka Zerbst

CODINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

May: School Board Candidates:
Zach Thompson, John Iverson,
Kari Lohr, Brock Manzie
Auditor: Brenda Hanten

June: Norman Woods: (Family Voice Director) Cindi Stein (Right to Life)

July: Melissa Magstadt (South Dakota Health Secretary) Allison Kauffman (Haven Pregnancy Center Director)

Codington County Special Events and Caring for America Projects:

 Brave Books delivered to Christian School (Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project)
 GOP Convention - SDFRW Table -Veteran's Basket
 July 4th Parade Float (Decorators/Riders)





South Dakota Federation of Republican Women AURORA-DOUGLAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Aurora Douglas Republican Women held a debate in May between the three candidates: Marty Overweg, Jim Halverson, and Lee Qualm, who ran for the district 21 State Representative Contest in the Primary Election. Caleb Fink was the moderator. The debate was well attended, and the audience provided excellent questions.

The ADRW Campaign Committee has worked hard with new voters and those who wanted to vote with an absentee ballot. They also convinced several voters to change their voter registration to the Republican Party so they could vote in the primary.

Douglas County voters turned out about double the percentage of state registered voters on June 4. Statewide turnout was 17.09 percent while the Douglas County turnout was 31.53 percent.

In June, two of our members worked at the election polls. We are planning on how to help our Republican candidates this fall and will keep working on registering those who need to register in our district by contacting young people who are turning 18 and anyone who has changed their address since the last election and other new voters.







MINNEHAHA-LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Minnehaha Lincoln Republican Women offer prayers of Praise to Our Lord God Almighty for His protection over the life of President Donald J. Trump. The frightening events of July 13, 2024, created a new appreciation of these United States of America and the importance of our involvement in the political process. It is imperative that we are involved and knowledgeable of the political candidates who choose to step up to guide our Nation.

MLRW continues with enthusiasm. Each month we see new faces coming to join our club, thanks to the outreach of our members as they share with their friends. We have just launched a new program called "First Fridays" whereby interested members gather for lunch and fellowship at a local restaurant on the first Friday of each month.

Prior to the June primary elections, we held a Meet & Greet with potential candidates who each took a spot around the meeting room. Our members then mingled and visited with various individuals to learn more about their platforms. It was a great learning experience for those who were unsure of their District Number and who their representatives actually were.

Our June picnic was postponed due to the heavy rains and flooding in Sioux Falls, but we were able to successfully hold it in mid-July.

Upcoming programs will include learning more about Church On The Street and The Furniture Mission, two local charities to which we donated blankets last Fall. Our Chief of Police will again visit us in August. In September, we hope to have our Minnehaha County Auditor demonstrate her process for hand-counting electoral ballots. In October we will discuss all the issues that will be on our November ballot. And as the year comes to a close, it will be time to consider bringing on new board members as the 'torch is passed' to the next leadership.



MEADE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Meade Country Republican Women were very busy before the Primary, hosting three candidate forums in Piedmont, Faith and Sturgis.





Then we were on to co-host the Lincoln day Dinner with Meade Country Republicans. Lorie Hausmann presented long time MCRW Member, Henrietta McNenny with a gift of appreciation for her work over the years making our LDD's look gorgeous. Sandy and Teresa helped to MC

the event.





Meade County Continued:

SDFRW members were well represented at the SD GOP Convention in Pierre and a few ladies

were able to get a photo together.



We were excited to see MCRW members, Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden, with his beautiful wife Sandy by his side at the RNC announcing Donald J. Trump as the delegates choice.



Finally, MCRW had its annual summer picnic. All the newly elected SD Legislators were invited and had great conversations were had.





SDFRW Strike Force: Door Knocking in Montana

It's important that we fight for the White House— but it's just as critical that we fight to take back the majority in the Senate so that we can advance good bills and block bad ones! To that end, the Senate race in Montana is one of the most important in the country!! There, we have an incumbent Democrat (Tester) who supports an open border and votes with the Biden Administration 95% of the time vs. a Republican challenger (Sheehy) who is a former Navy Seal and earned the Bronze Star with Valor for heroism in combat.

"Montana is likely the best opportunity for Republicans and the biggest risk for Democrats."

JustTheNews.com; August 16, 2024

If you'd like to volunteer for campaigns like this, be sure to let your Club President know you'd like her to send your name to SDFRW Campaigns Chair Val Higgins!

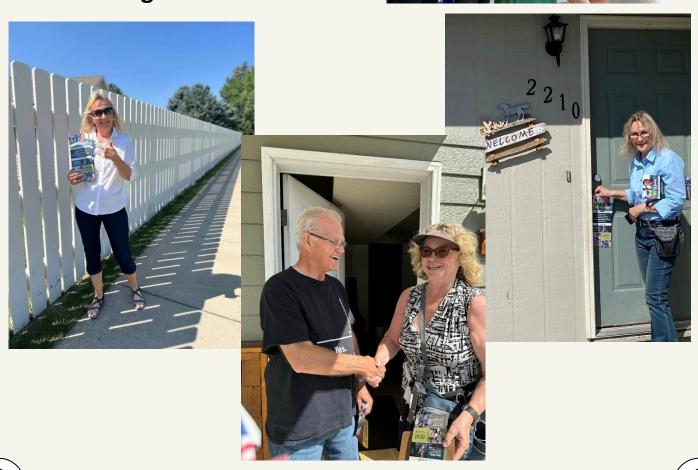


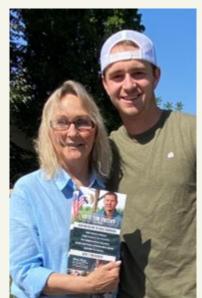


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Reaching Montana Voters

















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EFFECTIVE.

⊘ A+ NRA Rating

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DustyJohnson.com

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Important SDFRW Dates

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

Thurs, **Sept 26** – Candidate Meet & Greet + Sign Distribution Event in Rapid City

Fri, Sept 27 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

September:

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

October:

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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.



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:

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Newsletter Chair: Jen Boerger

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