

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

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Welcome to our newest Club: Winner's Circle of Republican Women!

Please welcome our newest club to the Federation, Winner's Circle of Republican Women! WCRW is focused on the area around Winner: Tripp and the surrounding counties. Welcome to the Federation, ladies!!

Special thank you to SDFRW Membership Chair **Lauri Davis** – this is the fourth club she's helped form in 18 months! Great job, Lauri!!

Pictured L to R: SDFRW President Catherine Barranco, WCRW Vice-President Cody Littau with future WCRW member Roz, WCRW President Erin Tobin, WCRW Treasurer Coni Halverson, SDFRW Membership Chair Lauri Davis



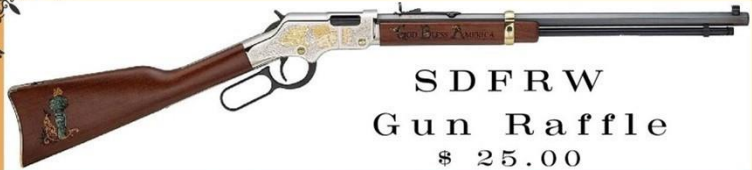
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Our Gun Raffle was an absolute triumph!!

SDFRW's first-ever statewide gun raffle was a massive success! Everyone at the SDGOP convention loved hearing the winners announced for our gun and other fabulous prizes, and best of all -- we sold all our tickets!! It's quite a feat to sell out the first time you have a raffle! Thank you to all our Club Presidents and Members who sold tickets, and a big special thank you goes to Fundraising Chair **Jeni Boerger** and Gun Raffle Specialist on the Fundraising Committee **Karen Brandt**! Both Jeni and Karen worked tirelessly on the backend to ensure everything came together beautifully. Then they went out and sold tickets like wildfire!! If it weren't for their ideas, organizational skills, and salesmanship, the raffle wouldn't have been anywhere close to the triumph that it was!

	<p>SDFRW Gun Raffle \$ 25.00</p>	<p>_____ Name</p> <p>_____ Phone</p> <p>_____ Email</p>
<p>First Prize: 'God Bless America' Edition Henry Golden Boy .22 cal with Wooden Display Case</p> <p>Drawing June 8th at the SD GOP Convention</p>		

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Congratulations to the James River Republican Women!

The JRRW Officers have officially been installed! Congratulations, ladies!

Pictured L to R: Secretary Julia Ratushny, Treasurer Robin Harty, Vice-President Maryann Bierman, President Jen Boerger



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SDGOP Convention a huge success for SDFRW!

The ladies of SDFRW had so much fun at the SDGOP convention! We hosted a fabulous hospitality suite with the theme “All Under One Tent.” To build camaraderie, we sponsored our beloved “Break-the-Ice” bingo— free to play with fantastic prizes, including gift cards to DQ and Scheels, gourmet beef jerky, and many more! We hosted an information booth, which enabled us to reach out to convention goers, educate them about the Federation, and invite them to join us! Special thank you to SDGOP Chair John Wiik for giving us the opportunity to address the entire delegation, tell them about SDFRW, and announce our bingo and gun raffle winners!

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to all the ladies that made this convention such a huge success for SDFRW! 🎉



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SDFRW Convention Updates

The Convention Planning Committee has been working hard to ensure we have a fantastic convention this year!! Our SDFRW Candidate Meet & Greet + Sign Distribution event will be on **Thursday, September 26**, the day before convention begins at the Hotel Alex Johnson in Rapid City. (There's more information on that event to come.) Convention will run from **Friday, September 27 to Sunday, September 29** in **Rapid City**. There will be much more information in the coming months – be the first to know with our SDFRW Convention Webpage on the SDFRW Website! Be sure to save the link and check back often! <https://sdfwrw.org/2024-sdfwrw-convention>

There's already information on the convention webpage, including a link to the Convention Hotel Room Block at the Marriott Courtyard. **We negotiated a fantastic rate, so we do expect the room block to sell out. Use that link to reserve your room now!**

This year, the Nominating Committee asked that all nominations be submitted through their online fillable form. Not only does that avoid the game of phone tag with committee members, the online form keeps all the nominations together, ensuring nothing slips through the cracks. Two weeks before the submission deadline, we emailed our entire list the link to the online form; you can also find it at any time until the deadline on our convention webpage. **The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, June 28.** There's no need to submit nominations for multiple positions for the same person – the nominating committee will take all the nominated ladies into consideration for positions that need to be filled. Any Active Member in good standing can nominate any other Active Member in good standing. **Please note that, from one term to the next, nobody is automatically nominated, and nobody is automatically included on the slate.** Every term, every elected officer must be nominated and selected by the Nominating Committee in order to gain a spot on the slate.

If you're thinking you might like to serve as a delegate or alternate at convention, please communicate your interest to your Club President!

The parameters for delegates at convention are laid out in Article IX, Section 3 – if you qualify as a delegate under B(2) below, then you should not run as a Club Delegate. No matter how many hats someone wears, she can only vote once.

A. Each club must as a minimum send one delegate or pay the total registration fee for one delegate.

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Convention Updates Continued:

B. The voting body of the Convention shall be:

1. Three (3) delegates-at-large from each club and one (1) additional delegate-at-large for each twenty (20) members or major fraction of twenty.

Members of the Board of Directors consisting of:

- a. All State Officers.
- b. Presidents of the clubs or the 1st Vice Presidents.
- c. Chairmen of Standing Committees or, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice - Chairman as her alternate.

C. A club of the State Federation is entitled to an alternate for each elected delegate. There shall be no alternate for State Officers.

We'll be communicating with the Club Presidents when we get closer as to the number of delegates they get to send based on their specific circumstances. It's a good idea, though, to go ahead and make your Club President aware of your interest!

Our fabulous Convention Chair **Lauri Davis** and her Convention Planning Committee are working hard to make sure we have a fantastic time at convention! You do not want to miss it!!



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SIoux RIVER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Sioux River Republican Women are excited to share the success of our recent Candidate Forums for state and local offices. These events provided a valuable opportunity for candidates and voters to engage directly and discuss important issues.

March Highlights:

Our first forum in March saw an impressive turnout. Primary candidates introduced themselves and answered a range of questions from the attendees, covering topics from local policies to state-level initiatives. The event concluded with a delightful serving of SDSU ice cream, allowing candidates and voters to have one-on-one conversations in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

April Highlights:

Building on the success of our March event, we hosted our second candidate forum in April. Once again, candidates presented their platforms and addressed questions from the audience. The post-event ice cream social garnered further discussions between candidates and voters, fostering a sense of community and open dialogue.

Looking Ahead:

We are gearing up to assist our Republican candidates in District 7 with their contested general elections, where candidates for Senate and House will face all Democratic challengers. 2024 is a critical election year. Our engagement as a club will be crucial to helping our Republican candidates get elected so we can keep Brookings Red.

We are grateful to everyone from the community and our club who attended and participated in our events over the past quarter. Your participation and thoughtful questions made these forums meaningful and impactful. Special thanks to the candidates for giving us their time and attention, so we can continue our mission, *"To Inform, Not Influence."*

Stay tuned for more details on our Fall *"Republican Chili Cook-off"*. Candidates should begin perfecting their chili recipes now so they can take home the traveling trophy.

Kerri Wagner
President Sioux River Republican Women



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SOUTH CENTRAL REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Enhanced Handgun training was held March 9 at God's Country meeting room.

Lincoln Day Dinner was held on April 12 at the Calvary Baptist Church with more than 170 guests. Charles Mix Republican Central Committee and South Central Republican Women partnered to host it. Several candidates spoke along with Lt Gov Larry Rhoden. Jon Hanson from Dell Rapids was keynote speaker describing the Life Defense Fund ballot question committee which he co-chairs.

April club meeting held at 44 Pizza enjoyed three speakers: Jason Gant, Charles Mix Co Auditor, explain election process encouraged member to become involved with elections.

Marty Overweg, District 21 Representative, gave an overview of the last session. Mykala Voita, the new member, described herself and the values she holds dear. She reiterated the importance of remaining true to the conservative Republican platform.

We sponsored the District 21 Republican Candidate Forum on May 11 at the Colome American Legion Hall. Caleb Finck moderated questions from the audience. House and Senate candidates participated with more than one hundred in attendance.

South Central Republican Women placed 70 Memorial Day 12-inch flowerpots in the city cemeteries. There was a choice of red/white/blue or a mixed pot and each had an American flag placed in it.

Call to Freedom will present education to membership at the June meeting and a public educational session is planned for July. We participate in their monthly prayer time, send groceries to Marissa's House, and hang pull tab posters in public restrooms.

I end with a new favorite quote as we are all volunteering our time and services for the glory of God.

"Volunteering is not a choice, it's a responsibility."— Ashley E. Hyder



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Special \$5 Discount on Membership Dues – now through July 14!

Calling all Republican Women! If you know of a Republican Women who is not currently a member of SDFRW but might be interested in joining, there's no better time than right now!!

From now until July 14, we're offering a special \$5 discount on an Active Membership to the club of her choice!



It's time for our club Membership Drives!

We were incredibly proud to set an SDFRW membership record in 2023! Now, this year, we set a new record – and won NFRW's national membership competition in the process!! 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!

We're holding our **5th annual SDFRW Membership Competition** this year! This year's winners will be determined based on their club membership as of **August 15**. Club membership increases will be measured relative to their 2023 end of year 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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This month's Featured Article from NFRW

To purchase tickets, go to <https://secure.anedot.com/national-federation-of-republican-women/nfrw-rnc-luncheon>



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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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

June:

- 27 - Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.
Sioux Falls, SD

July:

- 02 - Northern Hills Republican Women
4:45pm Perkins Restaurant, Spearfish, SD
- 05 - Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 15 - Sioux River Republican Women
6pm 1921 Building, Brookings, SD
- 16 - James River Republican Women
5pm Leo's Good Food Redfield, SD
- 18 - Beadle County Republican Women
11:30am Ryan's Hanger Huron, SD
- 18 - 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
- 25 - Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.
Sioux Falls, SD

August:

- 02 - Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 06 - Northern Hills - No Meeting!
- 18 - Beadle County Republican Women
11:30am Ryan's Hanger, Huron, SD
- 18 - Brown County Area Republican Women - No Meeting!

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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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