

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

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- Rushmore Regents

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**Local Elections
Matter.**

**Early Voting
March 25**

Get Out and Vote!

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From the President's Desk

As we watch our neighbor to the east sink deeper and deeper into trouble, we wonder how the Land of 10,000 Lakes – a stunningly beautiful Midwestern state – could have sunk so low so fast. The answer: Liberals captured Minneapolis. Once the state's largest city turned blue, Minnesota's downfall was inevitable.

South Dakota risks following in Minnesota's footsteps. Today, Republicans hold a 6-2 majority on Sioux Falls' City Council. That will change April 9th. Best case scenario, the Council will be a 5-3 split in which Republicans have a slight advantage. Worst case scenario, the Council will be tied: 4-4. Whether Republicans retain their majority will be determined by one race, wherein a registered Republican faces two socialists. Simply put, this contest is a must win – not just for Sioux Falls, but for the entire state.

It'll be a tough fight. The "At Large" District covers the whole city, roughly 10x the voters in a typical legislative district. Since municipal ballots don't indicate party affiliation, voters may not know which candidate is the Republican. We have less than a month to get the word out.

Making matters worse, observers project a record low turnout. As *The Argus Leader's* Trevor Mitchell explained Tuesday:

*In April 2016, the next most recent non-mayoral election, voter turnout hit a dismal 11.33%. That was in an election with four contested council races and several amendments to the city's charter. With only two council races on the ballot this year, it doesn't seem impossible that the April 9 election could see turnout drop even lower than that, perhaps into **SINGLE DIGITS**.*

And as the election also includes two school board seats, left-leaning public-school employees will vote en masse. Luckily, it's still a Red State. If Republicans show up to vote, we'll win!

With so much on the line, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women is turning out in force to clench the Sioux Falls City Council's deciding seat! Our Get Out The Vote message is already blasting on digital billboards across Sioux Falls, garnering over 60,000 views a week!! We're hosting a training for Campaign Sidekick, the GOP's workbook app. We'll knock on doors and wave signs. Together, we'll convince Republicans of the urgency to get out and vote, and with each vote they cast, we'll move one step closer to victory!

The Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women are on the front lines, but we're asking members statewide for assistance. **Contact Campaign Activities Chair Val Higgins at ValorieHiggins526@gmail.com to volunteer!**

As Thomas Jefferson said:

*We do not have government by the majority.
We have government by the majority who participate.*

To keep South Dakota from going the way of Minnesota, help us keep Sioux Falls from going the way of Minneapolis!!

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Join SDFRW for a Zoom Call on
Friday, March 22 at 6pm CT / 5pm MT
to hear **SDGOP Executive Director Reggie Rhoden** discuss

~ Petition Signature Verification ~
How to determine whether petition signatures are valid

SDFRW Sidekick Training



Interested in learning how to use the
Campaign Sidekick Door Knocking app?
Join us for a free training!

★ **Thursday, March 28** ★

5:00 - 6:00pm
Ronning Library
3100 E 49th St, Sioux Falls

Email info@SDFRW.org
for more information

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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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CYBERSPACE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Tune in for the Cyberspace Call on the Border Crisis

Register for the Cyberspace call to get an unfiltered look at our southern border with Lt. Olivarez. He and his family live on the border. He works tirelessly to protect Texas and the USA. REGISTER HERE AND SHARE IT'S FREE TO JOIN US (men are always welcome)-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7020kumrrDMvEtd2pldgEN39GChQh...>

He will be taking questions, so let us know if there's something you want to ask him!

BORDER CRISIS
WITH
Texas Department of Public Safety
LIEUTENANT OLIVAREZ

MONDAY
MARCH 25
7:30PM CST

FREE ZOOM MEETING!

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BEADLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN



For as much good weather that we have had this winter, seems that in December, January, and February we had snow and blowing for all of the meeting days. But, we had meetings!

In December we actually had a Christmas lunch and along with a little gift exchange we brought gifts to

give the Berakhah House in Sioux Falls. The Berakhah House is for homeless Veterans who are housed for a time and transitioned back into the community. Most of the Veterans are starting from scratch with household supplies. I delivered those gifts to Sioux Falls in January.

Our own Heidi Englehart was our guest speaker in January and told us how she came to be a Republican. She also talked about her run for State Committeewoman.

Leslie Farnen joined us in February. She gave us an overview of programs offered by Long Term Services and Supports and Older Americans Act grants. Her job oversees the management of grants funded through the Administration for Community Living at the Department of Health and Human Services. It was a very interesting presentation on services offered in South Dakota and how to find them.

Nancy Ziegeldorf, President
March 11, 2024



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SOUTH CENTRAL REPUBLICAN WOMEN

2023 ended with a holiday style show held at Sincerely Grace, a boutique owned by member Stacey Boettscher. December business meeting first held with election of officers for 2024-25: President Connie J Wagner, VP Patricia Tutsch, Secretary Karla Sybesma, and Treasurer Trudy Qualm.

President Connie utilized survey monkey for assessing membership desires regarding meeting times, speakers, and projects. Areas we will focus on are Americanism, Caring for America, Youth Advocacy, and Election/Campaign.

SoCen member Haley Olson partnered with American Legion for an American Flag Etiquette presentation given to third, fourth, and fifth graders at the public school. The vets demonstrated acceptable folding techniques. Each student was presented with a hand flag and told the importance of flag respect.

The club is in process of selling Memorial Day 12' flower pots specifically constructed for cemetery decoration. The buyers have choice of red/white/blue arrangement or a mixed colors arrangement. Each pot will have a flag also. We will place the pots on the graves if requested for convenience of out of town buyers.

Lincoln Day Dinner is planned for April 12 at the Calvary Baptist Church. Charles Mix Republican Central Committee and SoCen Republican Women are partnering to host it.

Enhanced Handgun training is planned for March 9 at God's Country meeting room.

Call to Freedom has grabbed out attention and we are in the process of background checks and establishing programs to benefit the trafficked and help prevent further trafficking.

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

"This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for Him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness."— Elisabeth Elliot



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SDFRW is #1



NFRW AWARD WINNERS

Political & Campaign—1st. Period

TOP CLUB VOLUNTEER CALLS

- Camden County NJ Republican Women, NJ 1-15 Members
- Republican Women of Greater KC, MO 16-24 Members
- Gloucester County Republican Women, NJ 25-39 Members
- Starlight Republican Women, KS 40-64 Members
- El Paso County Republican Women, CO 65-89 Members
- Ocean County Federation of Republican Women, NJ 90+ Members

TOP CLUB VOLUNTEER HOURS

- Camden County New Jersey Republican Women, NJ 1-15 Members
- Republican Women of Greater Kansas City, MO 16-24 Members
- Wyoming Republican Women Riding for the Brand, WY 25-39 Members
- Monroe Council of Republican Women, PA 40-64 Members
- El Paso County Republican Women, CO 65-89 Members
- Golden Triangle Republican Women, TX 90+ Members

TOP STATE CALLS

- Delaware 1-16 Clubs
- New Jersey 17-26 Clubs
- South Carolina 27-34 Clubs
- Missouri 35-44 Clubs
- North Carolina 45-87 Clubs
- Texas 88+ Clubs

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- South Dakota 1-16 Clubs
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TOP MEMBER VOLUNTEER

- CALLS:** Jaime Gottlieb, West Mobile Republican Women AL
- HOURS:** Christine Card, Onslow County Republican Women, NC

NATIONWIDE TOTALS

2,085,755 HOURS 325,529 CALLS
\$66,327,009 VOLUNTEER DOLLARS

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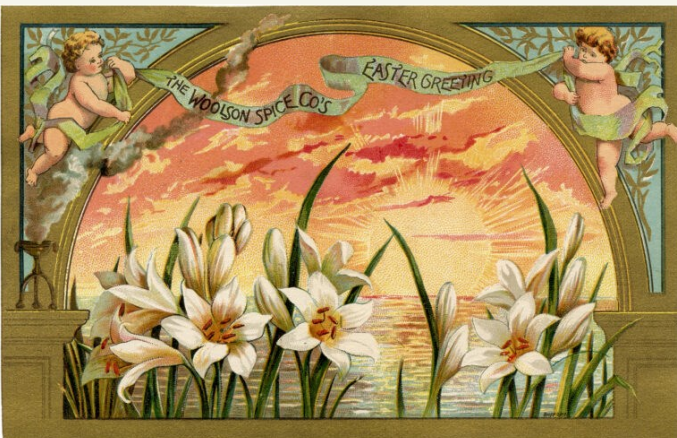
It's time for our club Membership Drives!

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!

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



Easter Blessings
from
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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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The mission of the SDFRW Rushmore Regents is to provide a separate source of funding for Republican women, who are members of SDFRW, with their general election efforts. Rushmore Regents is a self-sufficient program under the direction of SDFRW. Membership is open to any SDFRW member who is in good standing with the federation.

For more information, contact Connie Wagner @ cjwagner1952@gmail.com; or Kelly Brack @ kbrack@bex.net, chairwomen of the Regents Committee.

New logo:



2024 Regents TO DATE:

Bierman	Vandusseldorp	Harrington	Sly
Brandt	Donker	Koenders	Brack
Engelhart	Brandt	Zerbst	Davis
Barranco	Fiegen	Guenette	Scott
Daugard	Ziegeldorf	Fullerton	Hockenbary
Noem	VanScharrel	Hoyt	Miller
Brock	Moeding	Wagner	Blaseg
Solem			

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RUSHMORE REGENTS APPLICATION

SOUTH DAKOTA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING A GREATER ROLE AT THE STATE LEVEL
AND HELPING INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN, YOU ARE INVITED
TO BECOME A MEMBER OF SDFRW RUSHMORE REGENTS.

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ ARE YOU A CLUB MEMBER? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, NAME OF CLUB: _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL _____ NEW MEMBER _____

ANNUAL DUES FOR REGENTS ARE \$100.00.

PRINT THIS APPLICATION, COMPLETE, AND MAIL (OR EMAIL) WITH A CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT TO:

CONNIE J WAGNER, SDFRW TREASURER, 27072 SD HIGHWAY 45, PLATTE, SD 57369.

cjwagner1952@gmail.com

OR PAY BY CREDIT CARD WHICH WILL INCLUDE A 3.4% CONVENIENCE FEE.

_____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS _____ DISCOVER

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION: _____

SECURITY CODE: _____ AMOUNT \$100.00 _____ CONTRIBUTION \$ _____

NAME ON CARD: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Contributions or gifts to SDFRW are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.
SDFRW does not accept contributions earmarked for any candidate or other committee. Contributions are
used to fund programs for development of woman candidates.

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Thank you for tuning in!

We need Republican volunteers to help make sure our elections are run properly, efficiently, and with integrity. Thank you for tuning in to the Zoom Call SDFRW hosted on March 3rd with Secretary of State Monae Johnson to learn about Election Workers, Poll Watchers, and Notary Publics: what they do, why we need your help, and how to get involved!



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PRINCIPLED.

- ✓ Voted 65+ Times to Secure the Border

EFFECTIVE.

- ✓ A+ NRA Rating
- ✓ 100% National Right to Life Score

CONSERVATIVE.

- ✓ “Taxpayer Superhero” from the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste

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!

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

Mar:

- 15 - Codington County Republican Women
11:30am Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 18 - Sioux River Republican Women
6pm 1921 Building, Brookings, 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
11:30am Ryan’s Hanger Huron, SD
- 21 - Brown Co. Area Republican Women
11am Allevity Aberdeen, SD
- 21 - Pennington County Republican Women
11:30am Holiday Inn Downtown
Rapid City, SD

April:

- 02- Northern Hills Republican Women
5:30pm Guadalajara’s Mexican Restaurant,
Spearfish SD
- 05- Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- 15 - Sioux River Republican Women
6pm 1921 Building-2nd Floor,
Brookings, SD
- 16- James River Republican Women
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Spread the word about our Republican Events 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](https://youtu.be/ePeLcMwsFwU?si=SmZgll10EuYkHGWe)

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!



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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America Home of the Free & the Brave!

