



South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Calendar of Events
- Member's Spotlight
- Beadle Co. Report
- SDFRW Future Dates
- SDRW Cyberspace Report

SDFRW announces the Launch of our new Instagram Page!

Check out the video that **Apolonia Davalos** and **Brenda Wipf**, members of the SDFRW Social Networking Committee, made for our Legislative Day to announce the launch of our new Instagram Page! <https://youtu.be/p1tTooxlyWk>

...and be sure to follow our SDFRW Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/sodakfrw>

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SDFRW UPDATES

SB40: SDFRW Issued a Resolution and Press Release Opposing the Removal of All Constitutional Offices from Convention Nomination

**** Below are the language of our press release and resolution for your reference.**

PLEASE NOTE: SB40 was subsequently amended to match the proposal that SDFRW put forth in these documents – SB40 now only removes the Lt. Governor from the Convention Nomination process! **

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

For decades, South Dakota political parties have selected nominees for State Constitutional Office using a convention system, empowering Precinct Committeemen and women as well as the grassroots they represent to select nominees for Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, School & Public Lands Commissioner, and Public Utilities Commissioners.

Recently, the state legislature has questioned whether we should retain that system or whether we should shift to a primary system. The women of SDFRW see wisdom in removing Lt. Governor from the Convention Nomination System and letting the Governor choose his or her running mate. There's precedent for that on the federal level: candidates for President of the United States choose their Vice-President running mates. There's a special relationship between President and Vice-President, Governor and Lt. Governor. More than just the Governor's advisor, the Lt. Governor is the Governor's back-up. In the Governor's absence, the Lt. Governor steps in to lead. The level of trust required in such a partnership must be developed over years – not established in the weeks following an election. With this in mind, the women of SDFRW do support allowing the Governor to select his or her running mate.

Yet, Senate Bill 40 goes much further, moving the nomination of all State Constitutional Officers to a primary system. The drastic restructuring proposed by Senate Bill 40 would irrevocably change the South Dakota election system and the Party's role in it:

If we overhaul the process of nominating State Constitutional Officers, it changes the attributes necessary for a candidate to secure nomination. It would change successful candidates' campaign strategy, it would affect the budget needed to run, and it would alter where candidates spend their time and attention.

It would affect the role of the Precinct Committeemen and women and their involvement in nominating State Constitutional Officers. Consequently, it affects the impact of the grassroots voters who committeemen and women represent.

Candidate nominations are each Convention's grand finale. Removing this keystone event would dramatically reduce attendance. Yet, Convention is so much more than a tool for selecting nominees; it's a chance to build camaraderie within the Party and foster dialogues between constituents and their Constitutional Candidates. Those relationships are key to maintaining the "small-town" atmosphere we are privileged to enjoy in South Dakota.

On March 1, 2023, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women's executive committee passed a resolution voicing our opposition to Senate Bill 40.

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The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women Stands Opposed to Senate Bill 40

On March 1, 2023, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women (SDFRW) Executive Committee adopted a resolution expressing the Federation's opposition to Senate Bill 40 (SB40).

It reads:

WHEREAS, The Convention Nomination System has for decades been the mechanism by which the Republican Party selects nominees for the State Constitutional Officers; and,

WHEREAS, The Convention System gives Precinct Committeemen and women as well as the grassroots they represent a direct voice in that selection process; and,

WHEREAS, Allowing the Governor to select his or her running mate follows the example established by our federal system and would be an acceptable compromise in the eyes of the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women, but removing the entire Constitutional Officer selection process from Convention would severely undermine Republican Convention attendance, which is critical to building camaraderie within the Republican Party and establishing the Republican Party Platform; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Republican Party Executive Board and Central Committee stand opposed to Senate Bill 40 and have issued a resolution to that effect; and,

WHEREAS, on the morning of March 1, 2023, several incumbent Constitutional Officers as well South Dakota Republican Party Chairman John Wiik testified against Senate Bill 40;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women publicly declare their opposition to Senate Bill 40, which proposes to remove all State Constitutional Officers from a system of convention nomination and instead place them into statewide primaries.

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**SDFRW partners with the SDGOP and the
Leadership Institute for Women's Leadership Series
Trainings!**

The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women and the South Dakota Republican Party are delighted to invite Republican women to take part in a new training series offered by the renowned Leadership Institute (LI): the Women's Leadership Series!

Whether you're an elected official or other community leader, you're thinking about running for office, or you just want to improve your leadership skills, take advantage of this rare opportunity to study with the Leadership Institute!

The Leadership Institute has been training conservative leaders since 1979.

To learn more about LI: <https://www.leadershipinstitute.org/>



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cordially invite you to attend

Leadership Institute's South Dakota Women Leadership Series

Join us as we bring South Dakota women leaders together for a morning of learning and camaraderie. The Leadership Institute (LI) is known across the nation for providing conservative training in campaigns, fundraising, grassroots organization, and communications development. LI's new Women Leaders Series (WLS) is designed to identify, train, and mentor conservative women are any of the following:

- * Interested in improving their leadership skills *
- * Running, or considering running, for public office *
- * Elected officials and other community leaders *

Through a combination of Leadership Institute resources and the institutional knowledge of accomplished female faculty, WLS educates women in three primary subjects, though WLS will customize the training based on the audience:

- * How to Develop a Winning Message *
- * Keys to Effective Fundraising *
- * Expanding your Reach on Social Media *

Each participant will be presented with a certificate of completion. LI expert faculty Emily Lampkin will present two workshops in the Rushmore State

Nine o'clock to Noon
Drinks and Lite Fare will be Provided

\$10 Fee to Attend

March 17
Alex Johnson Hotel
Rapid City

March 18
Military Heritage Alliance
Sioux Falls

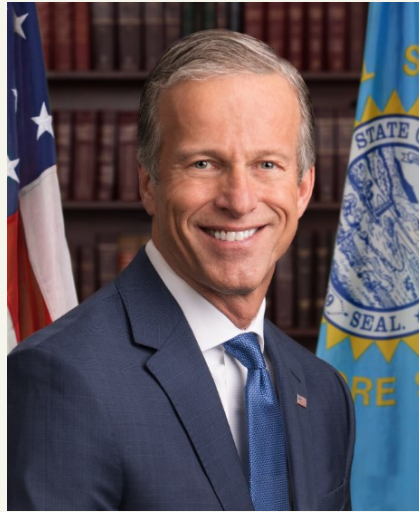


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CYBERSPACE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Hello!!!

Thank you for being a supporter of the SDRW CYBERSPACE club! We have members from one corner of the state to another, (and even beyond our borders) and we see a unique opportunity to be an asset to SDFRW in ways that we probably haven't even discovered yet! Whether you are in or outside of SD, as a fellow Republican we invite you to join our movement and our commitment to getting Republicans elected & doing so with the utmost integrity as a unified positive force! We value you and we can stand united & strengthened because of our abilities to lock arms...even across state borders! That is why this Virtual Club Coalition is shaping up to be one of the most exciting things that I have been a part of. That being said, we are excited to announce that our March speaker hails from South Dakota!!!!



John Thune is our speaker this month via our monthly Zoom call and you can consider this your official invite....

WHO: SENATOR JOHN THUNE & your SDRW - Cyberspace & Virtual Club Coalition!

WHAT: Monthly ZOOM call (*all members and associate members of SDRW Cyberspace are FREE, non-members are just \$5/call)

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/SDFRW/CyberspaceMembershipForm> <----- TO FILL OUT MEMBERSHIP FORM

***Active memberships are only \$40 and associate memberships are just \$10 - JOIN TODAY for exclusive access to all of our exciting upcoming speakers!!! Reply for more membership info.**

WHEN: March 13, 2023 at 11AM Mountain time and 12 Noon Central time

WHERE: Zoom link will be sent after your email RSVP (see instructions below for RSVP)

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SDRW Cyberspace Continued

WHY: To continue to support Republicans and elected Republican officials and hear from those who are on the front lines!

PLEASE SEND ANY QUESTIONS FOR SENATOR THUNE

TO SDRWCyberspace@gmail.com at least 3 days in advance of the Zoom call. The moderators simply cannot accommodate all questions that are left in the Zoom chat so please send questions in advance!!! Please note that for the sake of time, not all questions may be answered on the call.

TO RSVP: REPLY to this email & say, "count me in" to let me know that you would like to register for the ZOOM CALL on March 13th at NOON Central time and 11AM Mountain time!

To learn more about Senator Thune ahead of our March 13 call, please visit <https://www.thune.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/biography> [thune.senate.gov]! A couple quick exciting facts about Senator Thune: He serves as the Senate Republican whip, the number two position in Senate Republican leadership, and has previously served as chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee from 2009-2011 and chairman of the Senate Republican Conference from 2012-2018.

TEASER ANNOUNCEMENT.....



THE SDRW Cyberspace club and Virtual Club Coalition have secured a **NATIONALLY RENOWNED REPUBLICAN** for one of our Cyberspace calls this summer! This guest is not only a bass guitar player and grandfather to 7, but a FOX news contributor, former Governor, television host...and the dad to a pretty awesome Republican woman, as well!!!!

To gain access, join SDRW- Cyberspace now for this and the rest of our calls all year long for the cost of membership only! Calls for Cyberspace members are free...non-members are \$5 per call. (**<https://www.cognitofirms.com/SDFRW/CyberspaceMembershipForm>** [cognitofirms.com]) <----link for membership form

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Finally, I'd like to extend a warm invitation to the **Leadership Institute's training in Rapid City and Sioux Falls on March 17th and 18th** respectively.

The Women Leaders Series (WLS) is a forum designed to identify, train, mentor, and connect conservative women who are: already community leaders; want to learn leadership skills; or running for public office; or considering running for public office. In this one evening, you will learn real skills applicable to any leadership position and spend time with other women like you sharing experiences and best practices. You are sure to enjoy yourself. Again, we are going to do this in one morning.

We will learn from experts:

- 1. How to develop a Winning Message**
- 2. Keys to effective Fundraising**
- 3. Expanding your reach on Social Media**

Bring a Friend. Bring your Daughter. Space is Limited so reserve your seat today. Lite fare and drinks will be provided.

For more information and for sign up info for the Rapid City event visit <https://www.leadershipinstitute.org/Training/school.cfm?schoolID=60803> [[leadershipinstitute.org](https://www.leadershipinstitute.org)]
For more information and for sign up info for the Sioux Falls event visit <https://www.leadershipinstitute.org/Training/school.cfm?schoolID=60806> [[leadershipinstitute.org](https://www.leadershipinstitute.org)]

Please direct any questions to me, Laci Sosa, your Cyberspace President! Call me at 605-690-9005 or email me here at SDRWCyberspace@gmail.com.

Kind Regards,
Laci Sosa
President SDRW Cyberspace



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IMPORTANT DATES

Please save these important dates in your calendar! For this year:

Thursday, March 9th Zoom Call w/ NFRW 1st Vice President Vanessa LaFranco
Discussing the History, Structure, and Purpose of NFRW

Monday, March 20th - An Afternoon with Friend's
Sioux Falls, SD (Contact Jen or Catherine for details)

Friday & Saturday March 17th & 18th - Leadership Institute's Training
Please Register online
Friday in Rapid City & Saturday in Sioux Falls

Sat, Apr 29 – Summer Quarterly Meeting at the
Arrowwood Cedar Shores Resort in **Oacoma**

Sept 22-24 – SDFRW's Online Auction

Sept 28-Oct 1 – NFRW Convention in **Oklahoma City**

Sat, Oct 7 – Fall Quarterly Meeting at the
Arrowwood Cedar Shores Resort in **Oacoma**

Sat, Dec 2 – Christmas at the Capitol + Winter Quarterly Meeting at the
Visitor's Center in **Pierre**

Please also make a note of the date for our SDFRW Convention the following year:

Sept 26-29, 2024 – SDFRW Biennial Convention in **Rapid City**

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Keep Driving Membership!

We were incredibly proud to set an SDFRW membership record in 2021.... and then another one in 2022! In 2023, let's go for a 3-peat!! 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 we're putting pieces in place for 2024 when we saddle up 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!

If you haven't renewed your membership, now's the time! And if you have friends who haven't yet joined, encourage them to!



We're holding our **4th annual SDFRW Membership Competition** this year – the competition closes on June 25th! Club membership increases will be measured relative to their 2022 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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Calendar of Events

March

- 2 - Meade County Republican Women
2pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- 16 - Brown County Area Republican Women
11:30am The Flame Aberdeen, SD
- 16 - Beadle County Republican Women
12pm Ryan's Hanger Huron, SD
- 16 - Pennington County Republican Women
12:45pm Alex Johnson Hotel Rapid City, SD
- 17 - Codington County Republican Women
11:30am Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
- 20 - SDFRW Fundraiser
Sioux Falls, SD (Contact Jeni or Catherine)
- 21 - Aurora- Douglas Republican Women
7pm Travel Plaza, Corsica, SD
- 26- Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance
Sioux Falls, SD

26 - Newsletter Reports Due

April:

- 07- Meade County Republican Women
2pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- 20 - Beadle County Republican Women
12pm Ryan's Hanger Huron, SD
- 20 - Brown County Area Republican Women
11:30am The Flame Aberdeen, SD
- 20 - Pennington County Republican Women
12:45pm Alex Johnson Hotel Rapid City, SD
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- 27 - Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance
Sioux Falls, SD

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SDFRW Member Spotlight

Gate Brock

I have been a member of SDFRW for almost 50 years. My initiation into Republican Women began when I was asked by Virginia Lardinois to be president of the Beadle County Republican Women. I was a member but had not attended very many meetings, if any. However, as I quickly learned, Virginia did not know what the word 'no' meant.



I have loved being a part of my local club and SDFRW. I have served in every office both at the club level and in SDFRW. In fact, I have served as SDFRW President twice, not consecutive terms.

One of the things I appreciated in my first years of involvement in SDFRW was the opportunity to learn and grow through the training offered on the state and national level. I was privileged to attend several NFRW conventions and I loved them. Each convention I attended had wonderful speakers and outstanding training workshops. The bonus, of course, was meeting women from all over the United States and networking with them. Arlene Wessel and I attended the NFRW convention in Phoenix, AZ. President George Bush was to be the speaker and we had to go through security. As we progressed through the line, the security tipped my purse upside down and dumped everything out and then said, "My God, do you have a filing system for this mess!"

Bud and I served as precinct committeeman and committeewoman for many years. We attended several SD GOP conventions and always enjoyed those. We gave up those positions a few years ago. It is time for others to have a chance. I had to chuckle and many of you may not like this comment but all of the hoopla over this last convention reminded us that at each convention we attended, there were controversy and spirited elections.

I was honored to serve as co chair of the SD Farmers and Ranchers Committee for Ronald Reagan. Our local paper did an article when I was appointed. I had a church meeting the evening the paper came out. One of our dear members stopped by my table and pounded her fist on the table and said, "Nice article, wrong party!" Once the Farm Bill passed during President Reagan's administration, I was invited to the White House to witness the signing of the bill. When I received the call, I thought it was a crank call. However, there was no way we could afford me attending that event.

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SDFRW Member Spotlight Continued

I have admired and respected many Republicans over the years. I love Abraham Lincoln and have many books about him. I loved Jim Abdnor, he was a true 'statesman' -I think in South Dakota we are so blessed to be able to know our elected officials and call them friends.

Over the years, I have been blessed with opportunities to tour our Nation's Capitol and the Washington DC area. I hope each of you have the same privilege. It is awesome. As I walked the halls of the Capitol (we used to be able to do that), visited the memorials, Ford Theater, Mt Vernon and other sights, I was overwhelmed with such an appreciation of the price that has been paid by so many to preserve this great nation.

After I was married and Bud and I went to register to vote, I registered Republican because he registered Republican. My parents were registered Democrats, although you couldn't find anyone more conservative than my parents. Over the years, I have not regretted registering Republican. I don't always agree with the Party leadership nor with all Republican elected officials. However, the platform of the State and National GOP reflect my beliefs and values.

Governor George Mickelson said on many occasions, "this country is run by those who show up". We must show up, at our polling places to vote; and we must show up at local and state meetings to become informed on what is going on.

My concern today is for our party, the Republican Party. Each person must take time to reflect on our nation's history and our party's history. Remember 'any kingdom at war with itself is doomed. A city or home divided against itself is doomed'. (Matthew 12:25) We must listen to each other, discuss ideas and share opinions in a respectful way. Each of one of us must take time each day to pray for our country. We may not all agree, but remember we are ONE NATION UNDER GOD. We have to put God first, then family, then country. We must do this for the sake of our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all future generations. I believe the Republican Party can be the Party that will lead to a UNITED country once again.

Bud and I have been married almost 65 years, we have 3 sons and 3 daughters in law, 6 grandchildren, two in law grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

We have farmed since the day we married and live on the farm my grandfather had. Our oldest son and his daughter and son in law have taken over the operation but we still live on the farm. Craig and Kara are the 4th and 5th generations on this farm.

In my previous life I worked for pay for the Redfield Livestock Auction, South Dakota Farm Bureau, and the South Dakota Association of Towns and Townships. Like many others, I volunteered many hours in my church, Farm Bureau, American Cancer Society, Republican Party and campaigns, Republican Women, and have always been an outspoken advocate for the agricultural industry.

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2023 Newsletter Monthly Report Schedule

**January, April, July, & October:
Cenkota, Codington, Northern Hills & Pennington**

**February, May, August & November:
Aurora-Douglas, Brown, Minnehaha -Lincoln, & Meade**

**March, June, September & December:
Cyberspace, Beadle, Fall River & South Central**

Please find your Club and Write down the months that you are in the Newsletter.

The reports are due the 1st of the month.

Clubs may submit at anytime with club updates, photos.

Remember you may purchase an ad for a month for Birthday, Anniversary, Events.

Send the reports to: sdfrwnews@gmail.com

Newsletter Chair: Claire Rydberg

Newsletter Vice Chair: Jen Boerger

KNOW ANY RECENTLY ARRIVED REPUBLICANS?

**Recently
Arrived
Republicans**



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FUN FOR REPUBLICAN MOMS!

Republican Moms' Play Date

We had so much fun at our first-ever SDFRW Republican Moms' Playdate!! Republican moms and their kids had a fantastic time at trampoline parks in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. A few jumpers didn't make it into the photos -- just too busy having fun! 🥰🎉



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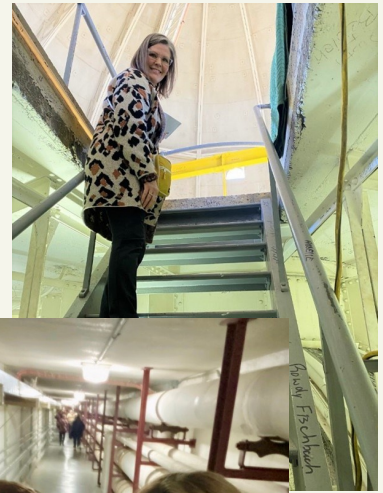
Legislative Day

What a fantastic Legislative Day!! We were honored to be joined by Governor Kristi Noem, Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden, Secretary of State Monae Johnson, and Public Utilities Commissioner Kristie Fiegen in addition to SDFRW members and leaders from across the state!

Special thanks go out to Sandy Rhoden and Beka Zerbst along with the rest of the SDFRW Hostess Committee for all your hard work bringing together this incredible day!



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BEADLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Beadle County Republican Women are working on renewing memberships and growing our club. In January we had our Christmas meeting because we were snowed out in December. As the new president of our club, I gave an update of the December Quarterly Meeting and the information from our January Zoom meetings (Executive Committee and President's meeting.) We collected cash and sheets and pillows for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. In February we invited the new Lieutenants from the Salvation Army and they told us about the programs that they have in Huron. They have been most impressed with the Salvation Army Christmas Program in Huron. No other Salvation Army has anything like it and it generates thousands of dollars every year. We collected food items for their pantry. It was a very informative meeting. In March we will have District 22 Legislators to discuss the 2023 Session highlights. We will also be deciding what programs we are interested in working on this year.

Nancy Ziegeldorf,
BCRW President



REMEMBER DAYLIGHTS SAVING
MARCH 12

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South Dakota Federation of Republican Women 2023-2024 Executive Board



Top Left to Right: Connie Wagner, Penny Sattgast, Nancy Ziegeldorf, Laci Sosa, Jeni Boerger, Lauri Davis & Sandy Rhoden
Front Left to Right: Marylee Plut, Debbie Schnell, Catherine Barranco, Beka Zerbst & Heidi Engelhart

President: Catherine Barranco

1st Vice President: Beka Zerbst

2nd Vice President: Heidi Engelhart

3rd Vice President: Debbie Schnell

4th Vice President: Marylee Plut

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