



South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

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Save the Date!

SDFRW Biennial Convention 2022

*"Blinging" in the
Red Wave!*

9/30/2022 – 10/02/2022
Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center
Pierre, SD

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SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

South Central Republican Women met May 11 at Sincerely Grace Boutique in Platte. Owner and member Stacey Boettcher provided a red white and blue style show, hors d'ouvres, and a 25% discount for purchases in the store. Thirty members attended and two new members were welcomed. Left picture SCRW member Pat Tutsch wears a denim sports outfit. In right picture, SCRW member Rachel Brondsema models a summer coordinated outfit



South Central Republican Women sold red, white, and blue flower pots for Memorial Day and delivered to the cemetery as requested. More than 115 pots were sold in a partnership with Ymker Greenhouses. Profits from the sale will be used to support the Republican platform and candidates.



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AURORA-DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

At our April 6 meeting we had one of our students talk to us about TARS.

Four of our members attended the State Quarterly Board meeting in Huron on May 7.

At our June 1st meeting we had a question-and-answer session with the 3 candidates running for sheriff in Douglas County. We had a table at the Corsica celebration on Saturday, June 11.

We had two members attend the GOP Convention in Watertown.

We helped sponsor the debate between our state senator candidates Erin Tobin and Dan Anderson.

At our August 10 meeting we chose our delegates to the state convention. We also had our state Representative, Erin Tobin, attend and speak.

August 13, some of our members walked in the Geddes Fur Traders' Day Parade.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 25, at 7:00 PM at the Travel Plaza in Corsica, SD



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MINNEHAHA-LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

A MESSAGE FROM MLRW CHAPLAIN LOU JOHNSON

August 5, 2022

Greetings to all members and associates:

In light of this pre-season of mid-term elections, it is important to see where we are as Republicans. If you were to observe the party platform you would notice the word “we” in all proposed objectives. **Unity** is a primary ingredient to accomplish those objectives.

Throughout this season there has been much discussion related to personal opinions, as well as individual choices, regarding candidate selections (or the lack thereof). Thomas Jefferson said, **“to learn, you have to listen. To improve, you have to try.”** Sometimes, in the course of events, we forget to listen with respect to opposing views.

The Apostle Paul had to write to the church in Corinth regarding the divisions in the church as some were following Paul, others Apollos; and it was affecting the dynamics of the church-at-large.

Likewise, as a body of Republicans, we may have preferences, but our goal must be the same:

Unity - to glorify God and exemplify behavior worthy of Him. In James 3:16-18 we are reminded **“where there is envy and strife, there is confusion and every evil work.** Mark 3:25 states: **“A house divided against itself cannot stand.”**

Even as believers, we have one Lord, one faith and one baptism. Let us all remember we are brothers and sisters in Christ, and everything is a heart issue. Let us come together for the good of the party and affect change.

United we stand, divided we fall. May God truly bless the work of our hands.

Sincerely,

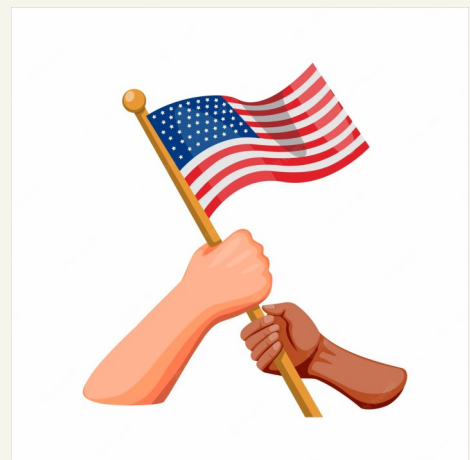
Lou Johnson, Chaplain MLRW

and the MLRW Executive Board:

Juanita Schmunk -President

Dee Van Deest -Secretary

Cynthia Srstka-Treasurer



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SDFRW Membership Update

Presidents! 😊 I definitely expressed that we met our goal due to the amazing efforts of all of you across the state!

Please see the copy and paste message that I received this morning from NFRW Member at Large and Region 3 Director, Karen Newton! We knew we exceeded our membership numbers, but it is nice for our organization to be recognized for our efforts, as President Eileen was copied on the email too, along with all other Region 3 State

Good Morning, hope you all are well and enjoying the rest of your summer. Congrats to Penny who is at 112% of membership based on last year's numbers! Way to go Penny and all the hard working ladies in SD!! Penny did a great job working membership at her state convention this summer.

Please check your submissions to make sure they have all been turned into the NFRW office and there is no lag time or disconnect. If you have any questions about the numbers please call me.

*MN: 90% 39 more submissions to hit 100%
WY: 87%. 57 more submissions to hit 100%
CO: 87% 150 more submissions to hit 100%
NE: 74% 65 more submissions to hit 100%*

I have the Executive Committee, the Club Presidents, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of Membership on this, as this is ALL because of your collective efforts and passion for the organization! I am truly blessed to work with all of you and appreciate you all so much! Congratulations and have a blessed day!



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Convention Information

Ramkota Hotel Room Block are
\$94/night per room.

If you want to come the day before, there are a limited number of rooms available on Thursday, Sept.29 at the same price. Please get your reservation in before Aug. 30. After that any unreserved rooms will become available to the public and you will have to pay market rate.....if they're not sold out.

To reserve a room, contact the Ramkota at (605) 224-6877 and Let them know you're with the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

-Please note: Since breakfast is included with your Ramkota room, we'll enjoy the complimentary breakfasts rather than having separate SDFRW breakfasts.

This has enabled us to keep the convention registration fee at \$125.00 as it's been for the last ten years.

*Note-Registration will secure your place at everything during the convention there's no additional fee for you to participate or to enjoy our meals.

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Convention RSVP's

Print this (or send same information) to send along with your check:

\$125 Convention tickets: ____ (how many?)

Name (s): _____

\$50 Saturday ~ Guest Banquet tickets: ____ (how many?)

Name (s): _____

Total \$ sent: _____ **Check #:** _____

Email address, if have one: _____

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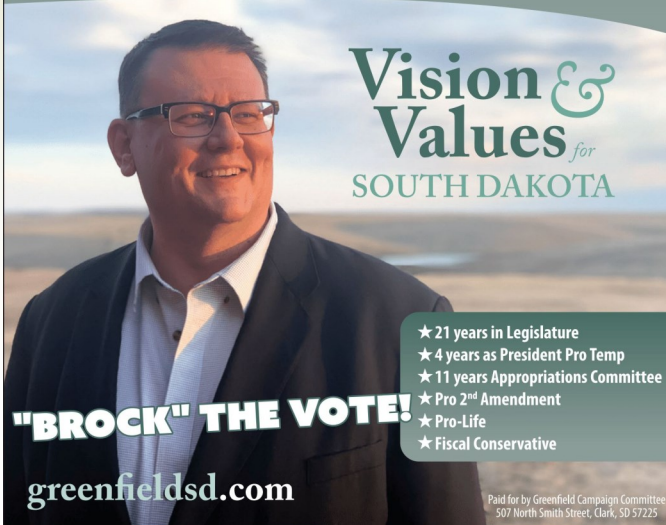


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Calendar of Events

Sept:

- 2nd - Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm MST, Pizza Ranch, Sturgis, SD
- 15th - Beadle County Republican Women
12pm CST, Ryan's Hanger, Huron, SD
- 15th - Brown Co. Area Republican Woman
11:30am CST, The Flame, Aberdeen, SD
- 15th - Pennington County Republican Women
11:45pm MST, Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, SD
- 16th - Codington County Republican Women
11:30am CST, Pizza Ranch, Watertown, SD
- 22nd - Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am CST, SD Military Alliance, Inc.,
Sioux Falls, SD

October:

- 7th - Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm MST, Pizza Ranch, Sturgis, SD
- 20th - Beadle County Republican Women
12pm CST, Ryan's Hanger, Huron, SD
- 20th - Brown Co. Area Republican Woman
11:30am CST, The Flame, Aberdeen, SD
- 16th - Pennington County Republican Women
11:45pm MST, Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, SD
- 20th - Codington County Republican Women
11:30am CST, Pizza Ranch, Watertown, SD
- 25th - Aurora-Douglas Republican Women
7pm CST, Travel Plaza, Corsica, SD
- 27th - Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am CST, SD Military Alliance, Inc.,
Sioux Falls, SD

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SDFRW Member Spotlight

Donna Dexter

Name: Donna M. Dexter

Hometown: Floodwood, Minnesota

Local SDFRW Club: Minnehaha/Lincoln Republican Women

Where were you born? Duluth, Minnesota

Education: Lake Superior College, Anoka Ramsey

My greatest education came from growing up in a family where my parents were involved, loving, generous, Christian and present.

Professional Career:

Originally my education prepared me for a career as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, (COTA). I continued my education in this field and worked in hospital and mental health systems. At the age of 41, I followed my passion and began a career in the fashion industry. I worked for American Designers based out of New York. I retired in 2020.

Why do you belong to SDFRW?

I believe there is power in numbers. Our voice is stronger when we back it up with more people involved. The growth of MLRW has been important to me and as we grow, we are more of a force to be listened to.

Who is your favorite Republican and why?

It is hard to pick just one! I greatly admire Jim Jordan from Ohio. I believe Jim to be the real deal: a Patriot, A Conservative, A Fighter, Fair, Intelligent and a Representative who fulfills his pledge to his constituents.

Favorite quote or Bible verse:

Another hard one! As a practicing Catholic I love the Beatitudes. These are from Matthews Gospel 5-7. The sermon has come to be known as “The Sermon on the Mount”. They are the nine promises Jesus made and each begins with, “Blessed are.....”



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The South Dakota State Fair is just around the corner. It is September 1-Labor Day, September 5. The Republican building hours are 8am - 8pm. With that, we have a couple of opportunities to support the Republican Party and get our name out there.

Our vertical banner that is so eye appealing will be next to a table against the wall of the building. Our SDFRW brochures will be on the table. It would be helpful if we have one of our members passing them out and promoting our organization to potential members. If you are available, give me a call 605-354-2830. If you don't know your schedule, you could stop in and see if you could help.

Also, people attending the fair come to the building to meet candidates, pick up brochures, and just take a break on one of the chairs and tables in the back. We serve coffee, ice water, and cookies so volunteers are needed for that. Paulette White is organizing that so you could give her a call at 605-350-5128 if you could take a shift. The times are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 1-4:30 p.m., and 4:30-8 p.m. There is a need for cookies or bars to serve or a cash donation helps as well.

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Help Wanted

*Newsletter Vice-Chair

*Website Vice-Chair

If interested in of these positions please contact:

info@sdfrw.org or sdfrwweb@gmail.com

Newsletter Monthly
Club Report Schedule

The reports are due
the 27th of the month

For newsletters to come out the 1st
week of the month.

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Questions? Please email Jeni



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