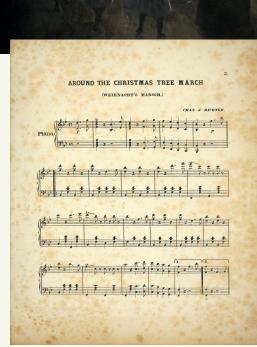
South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

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Christmas tree is a decorated tree, usually an evergreen conifer, such as a fir, spruce, or pine, or an artificial tree of similar appearance, associated with the celebration of Christmas, originating in Germany associated with Saint Boniface.

The custom was developed in medieval Livonia, and in early modern Germany where German Protestant Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. It acquired popularity beyond the Lutheran areas of Germany and the Baltic governorates during the second half of the 19th century, at first among the upper classes.

MINNEHAHA- LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN Women

Minnehaha Lincoln Republican Women in Sioux Falls have had a great year! Our membership has grown substantially, mainly due to the excellent presentations put forth by our two Club Ambassadors, Donna Dexter and Kathryn Stevens. Their great public relations efforts have encouraged many of our members to invite friends, and we are seeing positive results. There are so many patriots who are frustrated by what is happening to our Country and they want to be involved to "do something". We anticipate this trend to continue in 2022 as it being an election year will see many more like-minded patriots begin to step up.

- In Caring For America, our club members baked, donated and delivered cakes and cookies to all First Responders in the Sioux Falls area, which included 14 Firehouses, the Sioux Falls Police Department, and the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office.
- For the Mamie Eisenhower program we donated several dozen children's books to the church located in the heart of our ethnic community.
- We donated baby clothes and items to the Alpha Center, which is the pregnancy rescue center here in Sioux Falls.
- We also donated clothing to the Call To Freedom Center which is a rescue mission for women (and men!) who have been caught in and rescued from the sex trafficking trade.

Our speakers are always informative and well received. This year we heard from Mayor Paul TenHaken, Sheriff Mike Milstead, and new Chief of Police John Thum. We also heard from Leslee Unruh of the Alpha Center, and from the Call To Freedom program. Senator Jim Bolin gave us a very informative explanation of how the 10-year Redistricting of the State Legislative lines were drawn. Our programs for 2022 will be focused on upcoming primaries and elections. We intend to bring in a variety of candidates so our members can make well-informed decisions when they go to the polls.

As the year comes to an end, we wish blessings and all good things for everyone. God bless us all, and God bless the United States of America.

South Dakota Federation of Republican Women MEADE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MCRW has been alive and well. In September our speaker was Sara Frankenstein who spoke on Election Integrity. She presented some enlightening information. It was great to have her take the time to speak to our group. Our Lincoln Day Dinner was held in September as well. The theme was "Drain the Swamp." We had a great team of club members who helped with the decorating, baking, auctions, and the 50/50. We raised a nice amount from this fundraiser.

Four of our club members attended the NFRW convention in Orlando, Florida. They were Debbie Schnell, Beka Zerbst, Theresa Thompson, and Sandy Rhoden. MCRW was one of the clubs receiving the Diamond Achievement Awards. Our club assisted with some of their travel expenses.

In October, some of our members participated in the SDFRW Veterans Day activity by thanking a veteran in a video. We continue to give a "Pat on the Back" to various groups. Recently we have donated to the Piedmont Library, a family in need, and Piedmont Elementary Staff.

Speakers in November included Meade County School Board President, Joe Urbaniak and Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden. We've welcomed 3 new members in October and November. MCRW made a donation to Foster families to put on a Christmas party for Foster children happening in Sturgis. Our club plans to become more informed and supportive of the Second Lady's initiative involving "SD Kids Belong."

In place of our official December meeting, we're getting together for a Christmas party with food, fun, and games on Dec. 10th.

We are accepting membership dues of the early bird special price of \$20.00 through the end of 2021 and through January of 2022.

We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a blessed new year!





<u>BROWN COUNTY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN</u>

In July Brown County had Dale Bartscher from SD Right to Life come and speak. Dale emphasized the importance of education and legislation to help bring an end to abortions in SD.

Katherine Grismer the District 2 Representative for TARs shared some highlights from the past year.

For Caring for America cupcakes were taken to the rural fire department.

In August, we did not have a monthly meeting so that we can work at the Republican Booth at the Brown County Fair. We were pleased to see so many young people who love President Trump and Governor Kristi Noem and it was a great encouragement to see the interest that this age group has for strong leadership in our nation.

In September, we had Representative Carl Perry speak on the legalization of medical marijuana. Carl always does a great job when he speaks to the BCARW and he is also a great support to our organization. Caring for America we took treats to the Aberdeen Downtown Fire Station.

In October, we had a spot in the Gypsy Day parade. We had banners donated to us and we are very grateful for this and enjoyed having them on our vehicle representing BCARW. October was also a special month as we held our Community Speaker Luncheon with Peter Zodenka and his life story about, he and his young family escaping from communistic Czechoslovakia. Peter has a riveting story that needs to be heard by many. BCARW took Tuttle Twins book sets to Frederick Area School System and also Aberdeen Christian School.

For Caring for America the BCARW also made trucker care packages for our truck drivers that have kept America going and our groceries delivered to our grocery stores.

In November, we had Brian Gosch, State Representative for the NRA speak at our monthly club meeting. Brian spoke on our gun rights and with the Kyle Rittenhouse verdict expected back the same week he explained about self defense and how different states have different laws on the books defining self-defense and what is rightfully self-defense. We can be very thankful for the verdict that did come back the next day. For Caring for America, we took donuts and cookies to the West Side Fire Station in Aberdeen.

In December, we will present books to the Hitchcock-Tulare School District at our December meeting.

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Experience Matters...



Calendar of Events

December:

- 16th Beadle County Republican Women 12pm CST, Ryan's Hanger, Huron, SD
- 16th Brown County Area Republican Women 11:30am CST, The Plains, Aberdeen, SD
- 16th Pennington County Republican Women 12:45 pm MST, Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD
- 17th Codington County Republican Women 11:30am CST, Pizza Ranch, Watertown, SD

23rd - Minnehaha-Lincoln County Republican Women No Meeting this month.

January:

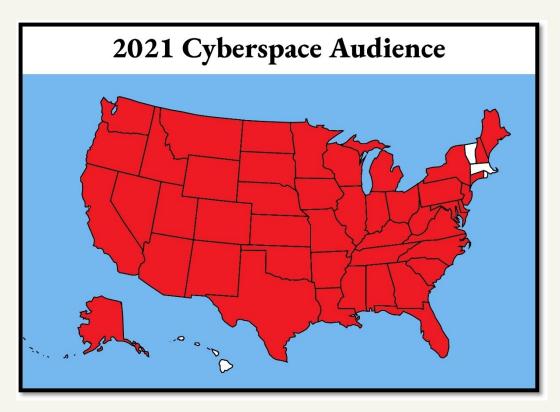
- 7th Meade County Republican Women 11:30am MST, Pizza Ranch, Sturgis, SD
- 20th Beadle County Republican Women 11:30am, Ryan's Hanger, Huron, SD
- 20th Brown County Area Republican Women 11:30am CST, The Flame, Aberdeen, SD
- 20th Pennington County Republican Women 12:45pm MST, Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD
- 27th Minnehaha- Lincoln County Republican Women 11:30am CST, SD Military Heritage Alliance, Sioux Falls, SD

February:

- 4th Meade County Republican Women 11:30am MST, Pizza Ranch, Sturgis, SD
- 17th Beadle County Republican Women 12pm CST, Ryan's Hanger, Huron, SD
- 17th Brown County Are Republican Women 11:30am CST, The Flame, Aberdeen, SD
- 17th Pennington County Republican Women 12:45pm MST, Alex Johnson, Rapid City, SD

<u>Cyberspace Republican Women</u> We had a blast this year in Cyberspace!

This year, our SDFRW reach extended farther than ever before! People from across the country as well as Puerto Rico, England, the Virgin Islands, and Germany tuned in to watch our Zoom calls...



Our speakers included Governors and Lt. Governors, US Senators and Representatives, Army and Air Force Generals, media personalities, gifted musicians, industry experts, prayer warriors, and grass roots activists.

Although my term has concluded, I'm excited for what lies ahead. We have terrific new officers who will lead us to even higher heights! Meanwhile, we're gearing up for crucial midterm elections. I have every confidence that if we unite in the common goal to save our country, we can get this wonderful, blessed nation back on course. It's truly been an honor to lead Cyberspace through its inaugural year.

Mørry Christmas!

Catherine Barranco 2021 Cyberspace President

Cyberspace Republican Women cont.

2021 Speakers

ZOOM MEETINGS

Governor Kristi Noem – South Dakota Lt. Governor Adam Gregg - Iowa US Senator Marsha Blackburn - Tennessee US Senator Martha McSally – Arizona US Senatorial Candidate John James – Michigan US Representative Lauren Boebert – Colorado US Representative Michael McCaul – Texas US Representative Dan Bishop – North Carolina General Mark Welsh (Ret. Member of the Joint Chiefs) – Texas Charlie Kirk – Arizona NFRW President Ann Schockett – New York Senator Dawn Buckingham – Texas Camille & Haley Music Concerts – Oklahoma Jacki Deason, Host of the Jacki Deason Show – Texas

MORNING COFFEES

Lt. General Tex Brown (Ret), US Air Force – Texas Maj. General Simeon Trombitas (Ret), US Army Special Forces – Texas Dennis McGuinness, Her Majesty's Estates – London, England Paul Perez, National Border Patrol Council – Texas Nina Akin, Her Vote Her Voice – South Dakota Max Primorac, Fmr. Presidential Appointee – Virginia Jacqueline Sargent, Austin Energy General Manager – Texas Craig Shirley, Reagan Biographer - Virginia

NATIONAL GUEST APPEARANCES

NFRW President-Elect Eileen Sobjack – Washington NFRW 2nd Vice-President Julie Harris – Arkansas NFRW Member at Large Beverly Owensby – South Carolina GOP Vice-Chair Miriam Chu – North Carolina GOP Chair Jane Brady – Delaware GOP Chair Stephen Stepanek – New Hampshire GOP Executive Committee Member Kris Coons – Texas Candy Carson – Virginia William Graham – North Carolina

Cyberspace Republican Women Cont.

SOUTH DAKOTA GUEST APPEARANCES

Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden – South Dakota 2nd Lady Sandy Rhoden – South Dakota SDFRW President Penny Sattgast – South Dakota State Auditor Rich Sattgast – South Dakota College Republicans President Maddie Bollweg – South Dakota Young Republicans National Committeeman Spencer Wrightsman – South Dakota





Cyberspace Republican Women Cont.

Congratulations again to our 2022 Cyberspace officers! 🎽

President - Scyller Borglum Vice-President - Laci Sosa Treasurer - Kari Shanard-Koenders Secretary - Natasha Waters

With such a fantastic set of new officers, we're going to have a terrific year next year!! If you've enjoyed our Zoom Calls and have been thinking about joining, now's the time! Cyberspace is running an Early Bird Discount for those who join either as Active or Associate Members for 2022: **\$5 off your dues if you join or renew your membership by Valentine's Day!**

Sign up here: https://www.cognitoforms.com/SDFRW/ SDFRWMembershipForm







SDFRW Spotlight Member

Codington County Republican Women



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SDFRW Spotlight ~ Carol Johnson

Carol Johnson is from Watertown, South Dakota and has been instrumental in the success and longevity of the Codington County Republican Women serving as Treasurer, Secretary, and President of the club. She served in all three offices at once for several months last year as the club reorganized and elected new officers.

She was born and raised in Watertown and served as a Codington County Commissioner for 20 years. She is a retired farm wife and serves on the board of directors of Dakota Farm Mutual Insurance Company.

Carol is a member of Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Watertown.

She has three children: Connie, Carter, and David. And she loves spending time with her six great grandchildren and eight grandchildren.

When asked why she belongs to SDFRW, she answered, "to encourage people to be an active Republican citizen." She has participated with Caring for America and delivered May Baskets to an area Care Center.

Carol loves to read historical books, Christian based books, and is a member of Red Hatama's, an independent group of ten that develops friendships and has new projects each month.

One thing about Carol that most people don't know is that she had polio when 4 years old and has one leg shorter than the other as a side effect.

Her favorite Republican is Donald Trump as he loves God and the United States of America. He attempted to clean up the swamp, but the Democrats stopped him at every turn.

Her favorite Bible verse is "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thine own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all thy ways and He will direct thy path." Proverbs 3: 5-6.

Newsletter Monthly Club Report Schedule

<u>The reports are due the 1st of the month.</u> Send the Reports to sdfrwweb@gmail.com

If you have anything that you would like to share with the state please send it in.

It can be photos, an article or report.

Thank you to everyone who has placed a report, pictures, gave me an update on your club. You make my job easier and fun to do.

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