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Governor Kristi Noem “Unveils” Back to Normal Plan

On April 28, 2020, Governor Kristi Noem unveiled a plan to start getting back to normal. There is no way that we will get back to the “old normal” to much has changed for many of us. An example of that is, many that we have lost due to this Covid-19 virus pandemic or from pre-existing ailments that the covid virus made worse.

I take the plan as something we are slowly working towards not that we are going to start our everyday activities again, immediately. This virus is still around and we still need to take great care with the people 65 and up, the people with compromised immune systems & pre-existing conditions.

If you haven't kept up with the news updates please go to www.sdfwr.org and go to the Covid-19 page for the latest updates.

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Everyone wants to see American History taught to our children in a correct manner, having them understand the way our government works, why the government works the way that it does and the history of the conception of our government. I have been reading many of the historical documents of our government on this website and it has given me a new understanding of our nation. I hope that you will look at this website and have useable information to inform friends, family and young people now days of how we evolved to the country that we have now.

BROWN COUNTY AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Brown County Republican Women meet in February for our meeting on the 20th. This was our one-year anniversary meeting! BCARW has been blessed with many wonderful members and each one brings a special part to this organization. Thank you to all our members!!

Since the COVID shut down, BCARW has been able to meet twice via Zoom. One meeting was with Congressman Dusty Johnson and our 2nd meeting was with District 3 Legislators. Both meeting were well attended and we received great information.



New York Fashion of 1915

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Dr. Kate Waller Barrett (1857 – 1925), wearing her Medal of Freedom and her American Legion pin. c. 1919.



Dr. Kate Waller Barrett (Right: Front Row) at the Women's Party Booth, 1915

Born near Fredricksburg, Virginia on her father's 1,000-acre property, also known as "Clifton." She was the eldest of eight girls and for two years attended the prestigious Arlington Institute for Girls in Alexandria. In 1876, she married Rev. Robert South Barrett and moved to the rough Butchertown section of Richmond, Virginia where she saw for the first time a "seamier" side of life. After four years, the couple moved to Henderson, Kentucky where she persuaded her husband to open a small mission for "friendless and outcast girls." In 1889, they moved to Georgia where, encouraged by her husband, she completed an M.D. program at the Women's Medical College of Atlanta. It was in Atlanta that she founded her first home for unwed mothers after turning to Charles N. Crittenton, a wealthy New York businessman/philanthropist who answered her appeal with a \$5,000 donation. Later, Barrett would often be seen on the Clifton IV IAKOTA campus, accompanied by one or two of her six children.

Dr. Kate Waller Barrett built a legacy of contributions to suffrage in Virginia and the country on her belief in the power of motherhood. A widow with six children, she gave her intelligence, time and compassion to an enormous number of international humanitarian causes, serving as president of the American Legion Auxiliary; state president of the Daughters of the American Revolution; president of the National Council of Women; vice president of the Conference of Charities and Corrections of Virginia; special representative of the U.S. Government in 1914 to investigate conditions in Europe surrounding alien women after the end of World War I; chairman of the Committee on National Defense; delegate to the National Peace Conference at Zurich in 1919; and member of the Board of Visitors of William & Mary College and the university's Phi-Beta-Kappa chapter.

In 1909, Barrett helped found the Virginia Equal Suffrage League, which grew to over 30,000 members by 1919. She also ran the National Florence Crittenton Mission from her long-time home in Alexandria, Virginia, which also served as the NFCM headquarters. Among her followers and admirers were the residents of IVAKOTA, an NFCM home in Clifton, Virginia for unwed mothers that had some 97 sister facilities around the country during its tenure. Barrett's teachings were based on "Beauty, Bread & Brotherhood," encouraging collegiality with others in a well-ordered world and the opportunities for woman to learn a craft/vocation to provide self-care for both herself and her child.

Barrett was active in the National and State's Suffrage Association at a time when more than 93 women were jailed at the nearby Occoquan Workhouse for demonstrating in Washington to gain the right to vote. She was a charter member of the League of Women Voters and received a standing ovation for her speech at the 1924 Democratic National Convention in New York. In a final tribute, she was asked to run for Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. On her death in 1925, both state and national flags were flown at half-staff – an honor bestowed to no other woman before her.

By Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commissioner, 2019 - Photos Courtesy of the Barrett famil.)

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By Liz Almlie, a member of the South Dakota League of Women Voters, and Historic Preservation Specialist with the State Historic Preservation Office.



Miss Rose Bower, Rapid City, Corresponding Secretary.

Rose Bower

Rose Bower was born on May 16, 1873 in Vermillion, Dakota Territory to a family that was among the earliest settlers, arriving in 1870. The granddaughter of abolitionists and a childhood member of the popular Bower Family Band, Rose and her family moved to the Black Hills in 1885. In early adulthood, she worked as a teacher and librarian in Rapid City. One of her sisters was Alice Bower Gossage, a Rapid City newspaper editor and fellow suffragist.

In, 1907, she attended a state suffrage central committee meeting at Highmore and served as secretary of the South Dakota Equal Suffrage Association under President Alice M.A. Pickler. At the same time, Bower wrote a column in the *Hot Springs Weekly Star* for the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) in which she also advocated for suffrage. In 1908, she served as state superintendent of the WCTU franchise department and president of the Black Hills District WCTU.

Her statewide participation in the campaign was ignited in January 1909, when she attended the state legislature as a suffrage advocate with Edith Medbery Fitch and Nina Pettigrew. In the 1910 census, she was listed with the occupation of a "woman suffrage lecturer." She wrote press letters to newspapers, spoke on suffrage across the state, and played her cornet. In their account of Bower's work, the state organization wrote: "she stops one day in a town, stirs them up, wins votes, whistles for money and passes on. Her reports are cheerful and cheering," and they reported at the national convention that Bower, as "an experienced worker, is devoting her entire time to the cause and is accomplishing good results."

Bower was again in the field during the 1914 state suffrage movement, campaigning through sparsely-populated counties in south-central and northwest South Dakota. At one location in Harding County, Bower's party spoke on the Fourth of July "on the top of Lodge Pole Butte at a picnic many miles from a shade tree ... with a flock of two thousand sheep grazing around us."

Her suffrage campaign work also extended beyond South Dakota. In 1912, she dedicated her musical abilities to the campaign in Chicago and made speeches in Ohio. In 1915, Carrie Chapman Catt recruited Bower to use "her cornet and her whistling ability to catch the crowds" for the state campaign in New York, which included playing for a special event at the Votes for Women Restaurant at 70 Wall Street in Manhattan in September 1915.

In the 1916 campaign, she accompanied a group of out-of-state campaign speakers called the "suffrage flying squadron" on their tour around the state. In January 1917, she was again at the state legislature, lobbying for what became the suffrage amendment that finally succeeded at the polls.

In October 1917, after her father's death, she took over care of her mother and the family ranch in Custer County. In 1927, after her mother's death, she returned to Rapid City, where she continued local club work, managed her family estate, and took an interest in local music life—playing with the civic orchestra and singing with the civic choral club. Rose Bower was 92 when she died on July 26, 1965.

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Lorena King Fairbank, who was a member of the ACA and AAUW for more than 60 years, graduated from the University of Chicago in 1899. She was a member of the delegation led by ACA founder Marion Talbot to the annual meeting in St. Louis in 1904. Fairbank joined ACA at that event. She became involved in the suffrage movement when the Dakota Territory became two states and the new constitution denied women the right to vote. She established the South Dakota Division of AAUW and also several branches in the state. She moved to the nation's capital in 1944 and continued her membership in the Washington, D.C., branch.



Events Calendar:

**3rd Quarterly Meeting*

July 11, 2020

**SDFRW Convention, Sioux Falls SD*

September 25, 26, & 27 2020

To list Events in the newsletter or Website contact Jen at
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Just For Fun



1915 Women's Fashions
Top Left - Fashion Hats
Top Right - McCall Patterns
Lower Left - 1915 Spring Dresses

Let's Remember

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Upcoming Reports Due

For the June Newsletter ~

Reports are Due the 27th of May!

Charles Mix Republican Women
Beadle County Republican Women
Fall River Republican Woman

Next Quarterly Meeting:

July 11, 2020

The Community Center,

Sturgis, SD



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If you'd be interested in donating an item for our 2020 auction, please respond to this message and let us know!

If you have any questions or if you're interested in becoming a member of SDFRW, please contact Sandy Rhoden, Penny Sattgast, or Catherine Barranco at: SDFRWemail@gmail.com

Thank you again for your support!
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