



# South Dakota Federation of Republican Women

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- SDFRW Future Dates
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Dear SDFRW members,

I hope your December is off to a great start! What an amazing honor and privilege it has been to serve as your SDFRW President for the past two years! Our organization has been “off and running” from Day 1, and I wanted to take this time to thank all of you for your work in making SDFRW what it is today! I especially want to thank the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for their hard work and commitment, and once again, congratulate Catherine Barranco, our new President-elect, who will take over as SDFRW President on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Catherine, and her new team will do an excellent job and I am looking forward to serving right alongside them in the capacity of Past-President!

I have truly enjoyed my time as your president and have had the honor to travel to clubs across the state to speak on behalf of our efforts and initiatives. It is such a joy to visit with old friends and meet new ones along the way! SDFRW has so many talented and passionate members, which makes us extra special! You will often catch me saying how “our local clubs are the heart and soul of our organization” and what we, as Republican women do, really does matter!

Together, we have worked to achieve back-to-back record memberships, strengthened our statewide committees, expanded our organizational infrastructure, engaged our youth, held a wonderful state convention in Pierre, honored our veterans and

active military, supported local causes through our Caring for America programs, maintained the South Dakota First Ladies and First Gentlemen Exhibit at the State Capitol, added a new club, increased our reach on social media, sent a large SD delegation to the NFRW convention, had a huge promotional presence at the SDGOP convention, held record fundraisers, significantly increased our Rushmore Regents membership, worked to place patriotic books in our libraries, provided our members with legislative updates, and supported our state, local, and US Republican candidates!

We have truly put ourselves “on the map” as not only a positive and fun organization that everyone is talking about and wants to be a part of, but also as the organization that knows how to get things done! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve and I am so excited for what is to come for SDFRW in the following years, as we continue to grow our organization! God bless each of you and may God continue to bless the great state of South Dakota!

*Kind Regards,  
Penny Sattgast-SDFRW President*

***“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free”. - Ronald Reagan***



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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

Secretary: Nancy Ziegeldorf

Treasurer: Connie Wagner

Member at Large: Sandy Rhoden

Member at Large: Jeni Boerger

Member at Large: Laci Sosa

Member at Large: Lauri Davis

Past President: Penny Sattgast



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## SDFRW UPDATES

SDFRW has the responsibility to help maintain and clean the South Dakota First Ladies and First Gentle Exhibit.

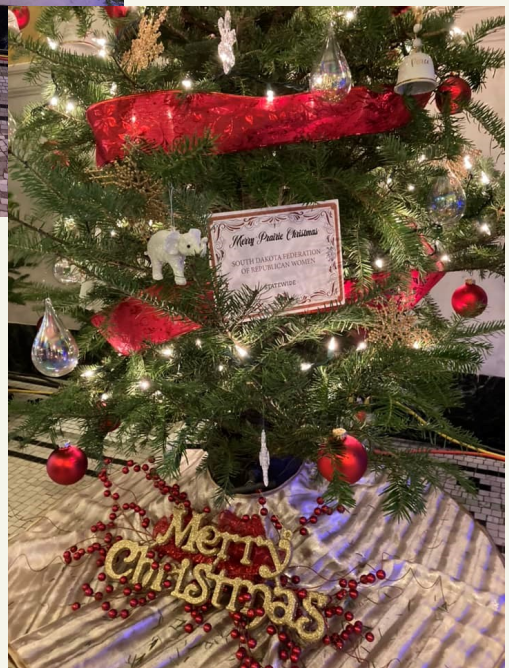
Committee Chairwoman Paula Van Sharrel and SDFRW President Penny Sattgast teamed up with PUC Commissioner Chris Nelson, State Auditor Rich Sattgast, and State Treasurer Josh Haeder to get the job done! Thank you to all of you for your help in maintaining this important piece of history at our State Capitol!



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SDFRW Christmas Tree

Ladies from Codington County Republican Women (Anne Gabel, Lee Gabel, Lorene Wasland and Linsey Wasland), took time to drive to Pierre to decorate our SDFRW Christmas tree! Great job, ladies!

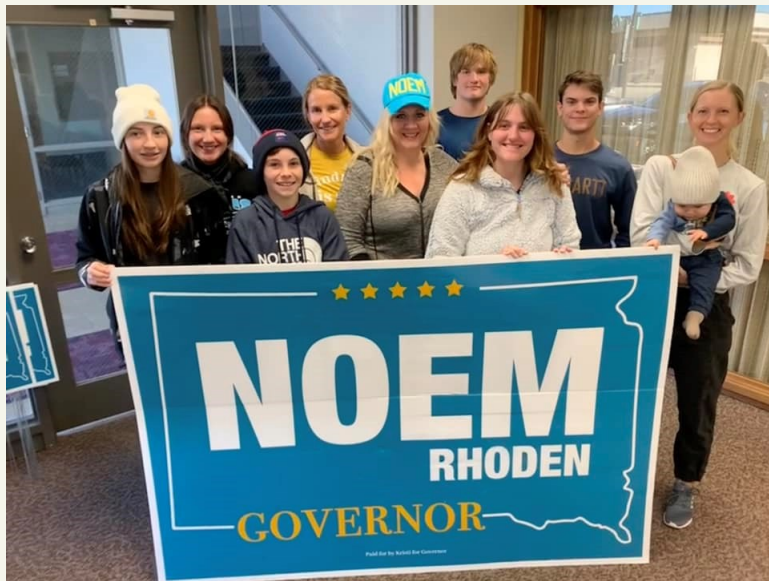
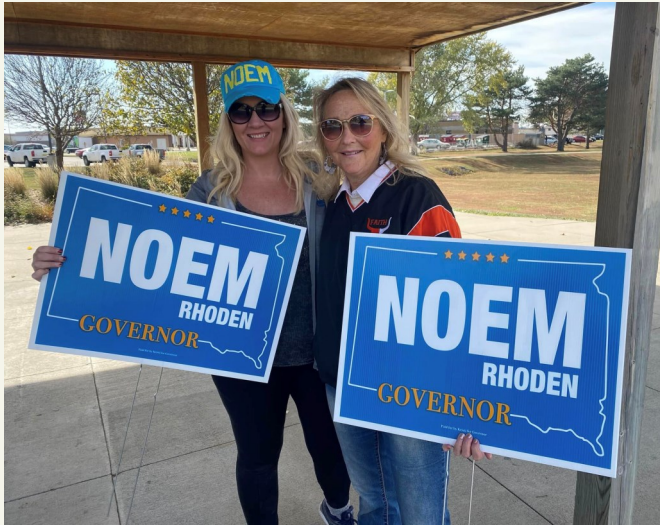


*CHRISTMAS TREE*

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## Helping Hands Election Photos

Many ladies helped with many of the elections this year. The photos below are of some of the ladies at work helping out.



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## Armed Services Project

SDFRW is so thankful for our military, and we are very excited to share a few pictures of our yearly Armed Services project that we rolled out in 2021!

Our signature project involves providing hand-written thank you cards to returning soldiers, along with a hat-pin, (featuring the unit's custom logo) during their welcome home ceremony!

The SD National Guard's 235th Military Police Company returned Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> following a 10-month deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where they provided detention operations support at the U.S. Joint Task Force facility there. The Commander, Captain Pat Moran, described it as it was a tough deployment as all 110 soldiers were tasked with guarding the worst of the worst prisoners that were terrorists.

The pins and cards provided by SDFRW were handed out by a National Guard soldier as they left the stage after roll call. The Commander was touched by the generosity that was shown by SDFRW.



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## November's SDFRW Member Spotlight

### *Lori Hausman*

Lorie Rhoden Hausmann was born in Sturgis South Dakota February 5th 1959. She joined four brothers; one being born 5 minutes before her. "I grew up on a ranch in western Meade County near Union Center. Our parents taught us the value of hard work. They also made sure we learned about Jesus at an early age. I loved growing up on the ranch and loved my family very much. My father and mother and one brother have passed away. I am close to my brothers and their families. I am married to a wonderful man Gary.

I belong to Meade County Republican Women joining around 2005. We help with campaigns, informing voters, and various other activities.

I attended a country school with no indoor plumbing for my first eight grades. Then I attended Sunshine Bible Academy for high school. I attended SD School of Mines and Rapid City School of Nursing where I became a Registered Nurse.

I then worked 38 years as a neonatal intensive care nurse at Rapid City Regional Hospital

My greatest achievement was accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. It was not really an achievement, it was more making a decision which is the best thing I ever did."

*Tell about your most exciting moment in life.* Each day is a new adventure, and I am truly thankful. There are so many exciting things I like to do. Flying down Terry Peak on my skis has given me a few exciting moments.

*Why do you belong to SDFRW?* I started going because my sister-in-law Sandy Rhoden got me involved. I belong now because I enjoy my friendships with the women there and it is important to help in any way to keep our state and country free. My father was in WWII and liberated prisoners from concentration camps. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He did his part for our country; I want to do my part.

*What is our greatest challenge as Republicans?* The greatest challenge to me is to keep common sense and morality in our country.

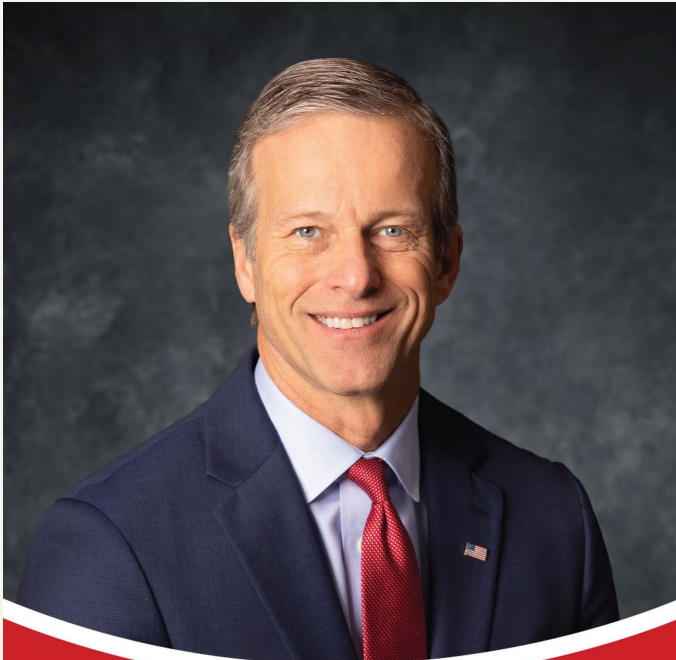
*Who is your favorite Republican and why?* My brothers Dan, John, and Larry Rhoden are my favorite Republicans. All three were in the service for our country. Dan fought in Viet Nam and made the Army his career. John is a deputy sheriff. Larry is a Lieutenant Governor. They do not just talk the talk; they walk the walk. They all have worked to keep our country one nation under God.

*Favorite quote or Bible verse:* I have a few favorites, but the scripture most comforting to me is Romans 8 where it says nothing will ever separate me from the love of God. I also really appreciate in Ephesians where it says that grace we are saved not of works. I find these passages so reassuring. I am not perfect nor ever have been, but Jesus loves me just as I am.

*Any further comments:* I have been so thankful for South Dakota Republican women. The friendships are so valuable to me. I am so blessed to be associated with women whom I respect and admire.



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**SDFRW QUARTERLY MEETING DATES**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, PIERRE, SD

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 OACOMA, SD

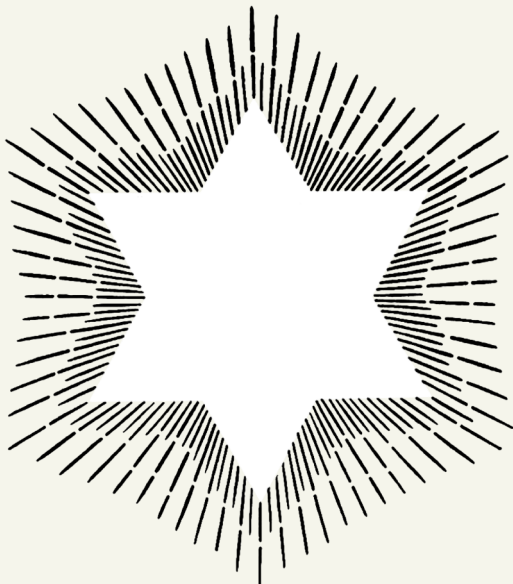
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 OACOMA, SD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, PIERRE, SD

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

ONLINE AUCTION SEPT. 22 - 24

NFRW CONVENTION SEPT. 28 - 1







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### AURORA-DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Aurora/Douglas Republican Women brought coloring pages to the area schools in observance of Veteran's Day. The students colored them and then handed them out at their Veteran's Day programs. Here is a picture of a Veteran receiving the coloring page from a student at Dakota Christian School.




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## Calendar of Events

### January

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

### February:

- 3 - Meade County Republican Women  
2pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- 13 - **SDFRW BOD Meeting**  
**(TBA) Capitol Visitor Center Pierre, SD**
- 16 - Beadle County Republican Women  
12pm Ryan's Hanger Huron, SD
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## December's SDFRW Member Spotlight

### *Callie Houdeschell*

Dr. Callie B. Houdeshell was born and raised in Platte, SD.

"I grew up on a ranch along the Missouri River. I learned the value of hard work, perseverance, and faith. This upbringing brought me back to my roots following my education and allowed me the opportunity to serve the wonderful people of our farming community and raise our children in the same environment. My husband, Adam, and I have four children, Beckham (11), Liv (9), Elle (7), and Grey (4). We currently reside west of Platte.

I am a member of South Central Republican Women and have been for over two years.

We promote conservative values through membership meetings, local events, and education. We implemented a Memorial Day flower baskets opportunity for our veterans' gravesites this year and a "Caring for the Flag" program in our local elementary school this year, among others.

I have a Doctorate in Chiropractic from Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bachelors in Biology and Associate's in Chemistry from Presentation College.

Professional Career includes becoming a Doctor/Owner of Houdeshell Chiropractic in Platte, SD. My husband and I also run the Platte Creek Store located on the Missouri River southwest of Platte.

My greatest achievement is our four beautiful children.

The most exciting moment in my life was opening my own chiropractic clinic in my hometown. It enabled me to find the balance of career, family, and faith in a place that is very important to me and has been a dream come true for me.

I hold the values of our small-town way of life near and dear to my heart and I know that if we do not continue those traditions through our children and our small community, they will be lost. SDFRW allows us the opportunity to help educate our children in these values, recognize those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, and support political candidates with similar belief systems.

I believe our greatest challenge as Republicans is keeping our faith at the forefront and standing up for our beliefs in all facets of our lives. We need to unify and stop being passive about the values and beliefs that this country was founded on and fought hard to preserve.

Candace Owens is my favorite Republican because she is bold, smart, articulate, and fights for what matters.

My favorite Bible verse is: Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



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**Newsletter Monthly Club Report Schedule**

**January, April, July, & October:**

**Codington, Cenkota & Pennington**

**February, May, August & November:**

**Aurora-Douglas, Brown, Minnehaha -Lincoln, & Meade**

**March, June, September & December:**

**Cyberspace, Beadle, Fall River & South Central**

The reports are due the 27th of the month

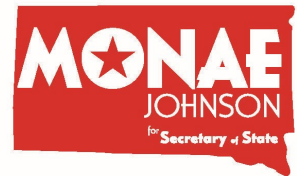
For newsletters to come out the 1st week of the month.

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