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NFRW Biennial Convention a Triumph for SDFRW!

NFRW's Biennial Convention was an absolute triumph for SDFRW! Not only did we have a delegation that rivaled states three times our size, we earned honors we've never earned before!!



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**** State-Level Awards ****

Betty Heitman Award for State Excellence
Caring for America, 2nd Place
Public Relations, 3rd Place
1 of 8 States Honored for Strong Membership Increase
SDFRW President Catherine Barranco served as NFRW Supervisor of Elections

**** Club-Level Awards ****

Aurora-Douglas RW
Bronze Achievement Award

Beadle RW
Winner, Caring for America – Small Club Division
Diamond Achievement Award

Brown RW
Diamond Achievement Award

CenKota RW
Silver Achievement Award

Codington RW
Finalist, Caring for America – Large Club Division
Diamond Achievement Award

Meade RW
Diamond Achievement Award

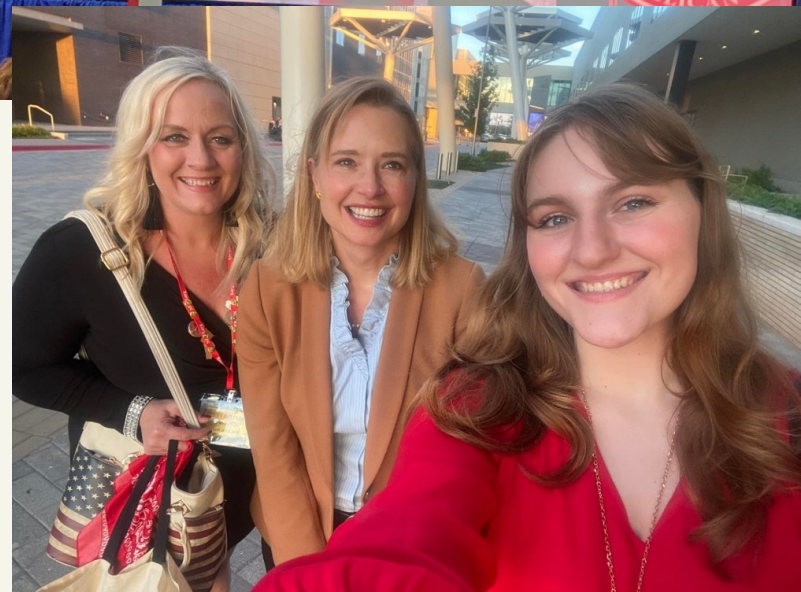
Minnehaha-Lincoln RW
Gold Achievement Award

Northern Hills RW
Gold Achievement Award

Pennington RW
Bronze Achievement Award

South Central RW
Silver Achievement Award

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SDFRW Unanimously Passed a Resolution Condemning The Hamas Terrorist Attacks on Israel

The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women has unanimously passed a resolution condemning the recent Hamas terrorist attacks. The sisters of SDFRW stand firm in support of Israel.



The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women Condemns Hamas Terrorist Attacks on Israel

On October 19, 2023, the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women (SDFRW) Executive Committee adopted a resolution condemning recent Hamas attacks and affirming support for Israel.

It reads:

WHEREAS, Governor Kristi Noem said, "These barbaric actions shock the conscience of the world. Beloved People of Israel, we share your anger at the viciousness of these attacks and the death, pain, and suffering they have caused;" and,

WHEREAS, Senator John Thune said, "I strongly condemn the senseless terrorist attacks on Israel by Hamas, a known proxy for Iran. Israel is a beacon of democracy in the Middle East – one of America's strongest allies. We stand with Israel and support its unequivocal right to defend itself and its people;" and,

WHEREAS, Senator Mike Rounds said, "Shocked and saddened to see the horrific attacks by Iranian-backed terrorist group Hamas. The United States condemns this senseless violence and stands ready to assist our ally, Israel. At least fourteen Americans are dead and several more are missing or held hostage. We cannot stand by when these atrocities are happening. We need to support Israel now, and those who commit these horrible crimes must be stopped;" and,

WHEREAS, Representative Dusty Johnson said, "Hamas' acts of terror in Israel are wholly unconscionable. America stands with our ally;"

RESOLVED, The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women sisterhood stands firm in our condemnation of terrorism. Let us pray for the strength, wisdom, and bravery of the leaders of Israel and its allies, including the United States. Let us pray for the hostages, for the bereaved families, for the brave first responders, for the tireless doctors and nurses, and for the heroic armed forces who will strike swiftly, truly, and with justice.

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Republicans Moms Play Date – November 12th!

Ever feel like you don't have time to participate in politics when you're running around so much for your kids? Well, we have the perfect event for you! Have a wonderful time visiting with other Republican Moms while your kids play with other Republican kids! **Special thanks to Sen. Al Novstrup and Thunder Road – everyone who attends gets a free pizza and pop buffet PLUS a free game of laser tag!!** The event is in Sioux Falls, but you don't have to live in Sioux Falls to attend. All Republican Moms and their kids are welcome! And if you know of a Republican Mom who's not yet a member of a Federation Club, bring her! This is a great chance to introduce her to the Federation!

REPUBLICAN *MOM'S*
PLAYDATE

**Join us on Sunday,
November 12
from 3:30-4:30 pm
Thunder Road
201 N Kiwanis Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD**

**Everyone who attends will
get a FREE pizza & pop
buffet along with one free
game of Laser Tag
generously donated by
Al Novstrup and Thunder
Road**

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please save these important dates in your calendar!

SUN, NOV 12 – REPUBLICAN MOMS PLAY DATE AT THUNDER ROAD SIOUX FALLS

SAT, DEC 2ND – CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPITOL & WINTER BOARD MEETING IN PIERRE

MON, FEB. 5TH – LEGISLATIVE DAY & SPRING BOARD MEETING IN PIERRE

SAT APRIL 27 – SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING IN OACOMA

THURS., SEPT 26 – SUN., SEPT 29
SDFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN RAPID CITY

Save the Date!

Christmas at the Capitol + Winter Board Meeting is Sat, December 2

Keep an eye on your email -- more details and the link to register will go out two weeks prior to the meeting.



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CODINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Codington County Republican Women enjoyed hearing from Loren Spivak, their July 21st speaker who is called the “Free Market Warrior.” He has written many books that are parodies on members of the Democratic Party. We also delivered one set of Brave Books to the Watertown Library. Participants were: Shirlee Valness, Nancy York, Donna Ludens, Audrey Lindgren, MaryLee Plut, and Marlene Jackson.

Our TARS Campers shared their experiences at our August meeting. Each of our six campers received special recognition and three of our campers were voted to represent TARS: Kayla Randall: Chair; Kaelyn Melville: Co-Chair; Bailey Dorneman: District Representative. Aiden Melville, Jayven McNamara, and Meg Sunde also attended camp and all campers heard from our Representatives and Senators and learned about our country.

Roger Papka talked about being a U.S. Army Veteran and spoke about Patriotism and PTSD that many veterans are experiencing. Roger helped us deliver five gift certificates for lunch to various Veterans. We also delivered fruit to the Veterans Administration. Participants were: Donna Ludens, Carol Johnson, Audrey Lindgren, Barbara Guenette and MaryLee Plut.

Our September meeting was our 3rd Annual “Ladies in Red” fundraiser. Our speakers were Heidi Engelhart, who gave her life story and talked about why she’s a Republican, and Jessica McClanahan, who is the Executive Director of “Haven Center” the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Watertown.

Our CCRW gave one set of “Brave” books to the Watertown Public Library. Participants were: Shirlee Valness, Nancy York, Donna Ludens, Audrey Lindgren, and Marlene Jackson.

Barbara and Bill Guenette, and MaryLee Plut attended the Property Rights and CO2 Pipeline Debate at the Dakota Bank Center in Brookings August 22nd.

Barbara, Bill and MaryLee also enjoyed their time at the Republican Booth at the SD State Fair September 1st handing out cookies provided by Martha Wiseman, Peggy Feind, Barbara Guenette, and Ronda Laube. We enjoyed visiting with our Secretary of State, Monae Johnson, and other SDFRW members: Jenni Boerger, Heidi Engelhart, and Nancy Ziegeldorf.

We also held a silent auction of food items, canned goods, and various other other items brought by our members. It was a great success and a big thank you to all who helped out: Barbara Guenette, Mavis Brink, Donna Ludens, Audrey Lindgren, and Martha Wiseman.

Barbara Guenette and MaryLee Plut also enjoyed participating in the 42nd Biennial NFRW Convention September 28-October 1st in Oklahoma City. We were happy to receive our Diamond Club Achievement Award, meet many friends from across the country, and hear from so many amazing speakers!



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NORTHERN HILLS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Northern Hills Republican Women is a newly formed Club in the Federation. We were chartered on February 7, 2023, and SDFRW President, Catherine Barranco swore in the Charter Officers on March 16, 2023 at a ceremony at the Deadwood Welcome Center.



Front: 1st VP Paulette Washenberger; Pres. Karen Brandt; Secretary Judy Jelbert; Treasurer Ann Thie;
Back: SDFRW Pres Catherine Barranco; 2nd VP Mistie Caldwell; Corresponding Secretary Ginny Grenz; Parliamentarian Ellen Gross; Mary Fitzgerald Member at Large; Deb Tridle Member at Large; Chaplain Karen Sleep.

The NHRW has been busy since then planning events and growing our membership. We held a cooking class as a fundraiser, at the home of Ron & Karen Brandt, with Chef, David Brueckner of Cheyenne Crossing, some of our Associates served as waiters. Everyone had a nice time and went home with new knowledge and a happy tummy!



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We supported our Spearfish High School Civics Class as they departed for the National, **We the People** competition in Washington, D.C. They are taught by instructor, Pat Gaaney at Spearfish High School.

In July 2023, Spearfish experienced torrential rain which caused flooding and inundated some Senior Living Units. Our NHRW donated \$250 for Spearfish Flood Relief 2023 through the Community Foundation.

We have joined three Chambers of Commerce: Spearfish, Deadwood, and Lead. They help us connect with people and events and promote our events, as well.

We constructed a July 4th Parade float and participated in the Spearfish, Deadwood, and Lead parades. Our banners with our Club name are helping us to publicly show our enthusiasm for such a Patriotic day! Our 2nd VP, Mistie Caldwell was chosen to be the Parade Marshal!



President Karen, VP Paulette, and Secretary Judy ventured to Camp Rimrock to watch the TAR's Camp in action and hear historian, Mark Skogerboe discuss the feature topic of Barry Goldwater, and listen to State Auditor, Rich Sattgast discuss the importance of youth in the preservation of the American Republic. We took pans of bars and cookies prepared by Mistie Caldwell, and a booklet of Goldwater quotations, as a token of our commitment to our GOP young people and promised our encouragement and support to them.



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Many of our members attended a Social Gathering of the Lawrence County GOP at Bob's Sunshine Saloon, Spearfish, to fortify unity with fellow Republicans in Lawrence County. Bob Ewing and wife Sherry were generous donors to our NHRW Club in our early days of slim treasury! They are unabashedly Republican. NHRW will be sending a voting rep-



representative, Karen Brandt, to the National Federation of Republican Women 42nd Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, September 28 – October 1, 2023. There will be networking and fellowship opportunities, a chance to hear from Presidential hopefuls and other high-level speakers, Leadership Training Seminars, and much more. We can't wait to hear her report in early October.

Many of our members attended the **Trump Rally** on September 8, 2023, at the Monument Convention Center in Rapid City. It was a dynamic evening, with our Governor, Kristi Noem introducing and endorsing Donald Trump in his bid for the Presidency. Here are two rows of our members pictured with Lt. Gov., Larry Rhoden.



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South Dakota Governor, Kristi Noem



Former President, and announced candidate, Donald Trump

We are currently working on our big fundraiser, the Reagan Day Dinner, scheduled for October 28th, 2023, with Social Hour at 5:00 and dinner, catered by Cheyenne Crossing, beginning at 6:00. The event will be held at the Tretheway Pavilion in Spearfish. The theme for this years Reagan Day is ***A Time for Choosing*** based on a famous Reagan speech in 1964. State Auditor, Rich Sattgast has been chosen as speaker. His wife, Penny, former President of SDFRW, has agreed to be our Emcee for the evening. Voter registration and NHRW Membership forms will be available.

We are sponsoring a Rifle Raffle drawing for a Ruger 6.5 American Creedmoor Bolt Action with scope Rifle, which will be held during the Reagan event. A few of the 400 tickets are still available. Need not be present to win. All are welcome to Reagan Day.

Contact Ann Thie 605 645-0892 for tickets to Reagan Day.



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CYBERSPACE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Cyberspace Update: Fantastic Call with Sean Spicer + Exciting Upcoming Calls!

Last month, we had a FANTASTIC Zoom Call with Fmr. White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer!
Check out the video here: https://youtu.be/Vg0V4j6SLjU?si=Bc_zXB5_ePt326h3



This month, we're hearing from David Bossie, Chair of the RNC National Debate Committee. David Bossie served as a Senior Advisor to Trump/Pence 2020 and as a Senior Strategist for the 2020 re-election of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In 2016, Bossie served as Deputy Campaign Manager for Donald J. Trump for President. Bossie also served as a Fox News contributor from 2017-2020.



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You're Invited!

U.S. Senator
James Lankford

Nov 13, 7:30pm CST



Next month, we'll hear from another incredible speaker – U.S. Senator James Lankford (R-OK), who's served in the Senate since 2015.

Contact Cyberspace President Laci Sosa to sign up:

SDRWCyberspace@gmail.com

Annual Cleaning of the First Ladies & First Gentlemen Exhibit

SDFRW is proud to be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of this important and wonderful piece of South Dakota history housed on the first floor of the State Capitol!

SDFRW members and Constitutional Officers participated in our annual cleaning of the First Ladies and First Gentleman's Inaugural display at the South Dakota State Capitol. A big thank you to First Ladies Committee Chairwoman **Paula Van Scharrel** from Beadle County for her leadership and time!



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Gathered Together for our SDFRW Fall Board Meeting

It was such fun to see everyone during our Board of Directors meeting! Take a look at the President's Report Slideshow from our Board Meeting last weekend to see how much we've accomplished just in the last six months!! There's no sound because our President spoke about our many accomplishments as the slideshow played. 😊

<https://youtu.be/EmQhkvRnLMM>

We didn't take tons of photos, but here are a few....




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Record-Breaking Auction!

Thank you to everyone who helped us absolutely *smash* our previous record for our signature fundraiser – the SDFRW Biennial Online Auction!! Special thank you to Fundraising Chair **Jeni Boerger** and Vice-Chair **Lauri Davis**, Treasurer **Connie Wagner**, Past-President **Penny Sattgast**, and everyone who procured items, delivered items, and promoted the auction!



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WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2023

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A Message from the President

Biden's Open Border Fiasco Puts Americans at Risk

Securing the border jumped out as the top issue in the straw poll vote held during the 42nd Biennial NFRW Convention. Fifty-five percent of the over 600 Republican Women who participated pegged this as their most important issue when deciding on a presidential nominee.

It's a concern I hear directly from our members. **President Biden's** open border policy has created a crisis of epic proportions, and Republican women know it.

Last weekend I attended the Texas Federation of Republican Women's convention where Governor **Gregg Abbott** shared his efforts to respond to the border crisis that the Biden Administration continues to ignore.

Through Operation Lone Star, Governor Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Texas National Guard are working together to secure the Southern border. Information from the governor's official page states: "Operation Lone Star, the multi-agency effort has led to over 476,200 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 35,100 criminal arrests, with more than 32,000 felony charges reported. In the fight against the fentanyl crisis, Texas law enforcement has seized over 432 million lethal doses of fentanyl during this border mission."

Texas has also bused:

- Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022
- Over 20,000 migrants to New York City since August 2022
- Over 15,000 migrants to Chicago since August 2022
- Over 3,200 migrants to Philadelphia since November 2022
- Over 3,900 migrants to Denver since May 18
- Over 980 migrants to Los Angeles since June 14

I'll be traveling to Arizona next, and I expect to hear more on how this border state is handling the crisis.

Republican women are adamant that we must stop the influx of fentanyl, human trafficking, cartels, and terrorists pouring through our borders. It doesn't matter where you live in America, we all are being affected by the border crisis.

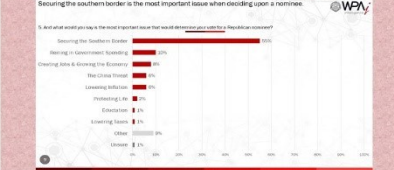
Another aspect of this crisis is the human suffering and death of some of the migrants who have put their lives in the hands of criminals to get across the border. It is inhumane, and the only way to stop this is to secure the border.

What can you as a citizen do? Contact your Congressman and Senators and tell them we must secure the border and deal with the crime it has brought into our country. Work with your local and state governments on laws to protect citizens from the crime that is already happening. Make this issue a priority!

Eileen Soljack

NFRW Straw Poll, September 28-30, 2023

Securing the southern border is the most important issue when deciding upon a nominee.



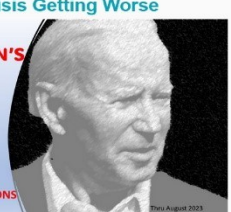
Click [here](#) to view full Straw Poll results.

Biden's Border Crisis Getting Worse

**PRESIDENT BIDEN'S
BORDER CRISIS**

- OVER 7.5 MILLION
ILLEGAL CROSSINGS**
- OVER 1.5 MILLION
KNOWN GOTAWAYS**
- OVER 154
KNOWN TERRORIST
WATCHLIST APPREHENSIONS**

IN FY 2023 ALONE



Joe Biden's failed policies have created the crisis at the southern border. Remember, in his first 100 days, President Biden took more than 94 executive actions on immigration, including halting construction on the border wall and ending the successful "Remain in Mexico" policy. For 30 straight months, monthly encounters have been higher than seen the highest month seen under the previous administration. In August 2023, there were 232,972 illegal crossings at the U.S. - highest total for August in Department of Homeland Security history. Read more [here](#).

Calendar

Nov:

- 03 - Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- 07 - Aurora- Douglas Republican Women
7pm Travel Plaza, Corsica, SD
- 16 - Beadle County Republican Women
12pm Ryan's Hanger Huron, SD
- 16- Brown County Area Republican Women
11am City Lights, Aberdeen, 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
- 23 - Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women
11:30am SD Military Heritage Alliance
Sioux Falls, SD

Dec:

- 01- Meade County Republican Women
5:30pm Pizza Ranch Sturgis, SD
- TBA - Aurora- Douglas Republican Women
7pm Travel Plaza, Corsica, SD
- 15 - Codington County Republican Women
11:30am Pizza Ranch Watertown, SD
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Sioux Falls, SD

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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 **27th of the prior to the month
featured.**

Clubs may submit at anytime with club updates, photos.

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

Send any questions, reports &/or pictures to:

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