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President's Letter

Dear fellow members,

A lot has happened since the last newsletter was published. On June 23rd, the summer board meetings were held in Sioux Falls with the host club Minnehaha Lincoln Republican Women doing an excellent job. (The next meeting will be held in Rapid City, Saturday, October 13th.) At the summer board meetings, MLRW was totally organized. They had a seminar on campaigning presented by Sue Peterson and guest speakers for the luncheon consisting of local couples with statewide political recognition—David and Dee Knudson. Dave is the majority leader in the state senate; Dee is a city council member from Sioux Falls; and Bill and Sue Peterson—Bill is formerly the majority leader of the state house, and Sue is currently the Vice Chair of the State Republican Party. At the luncheon, MLRW presented some of its recipes from its cookbook.

Right now, I am working on the NFRW convention to be held in Palm Springs the last part of September. There will be around twelve of us going to the Convention including Elaina Deadrick from Charles Mix who will be the SDFRW page. At the convention, I predict that there will be several hot topics—NFRW wants to increase national dues to \$30, and several positions on the NFRW executive board will be contested. There will also be a campaign school and several workshops. And "The Terminator" will be at the convention, yes, "The Terminator", "I'll Be Back," Arnold Schwarzenegger. Attending this convention should be exciting.

June

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President of SDFRW

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Congratulations, Codington County

The Republican Women of Codington County will be receiving a national award at the NFRW Convention in Palm Springs for experiencing the greatest percent increase in membership for a medium size club. Congratulations, Codington!



Club Reports from the SDFRW Summer Board Meetings

Beadle has held a rummage sale, has helped with the Beadle County Lincoln Day Dinner, and is gearing up for the State Fair where they will provide cookies and baked goods for the Republican booth. They are also starting to prepare for the 2008 Republican Convention and will be raising money to send kids to TAR Camp.

Minnehaha-Lincoln has held a silent auction at the Lincoln Day Dinner, has put together a cookbook as a fundraiser and is helping to raise money to send kids to TAR Camp. They are also working to raise money to buy pocket prayer books for the troops, are collecting other items to send to deployed soldiers (Operation Caring Hands), and are staffing the Minnehaha County GOP booth at the Sioux Empire Fair for \$300.

The Codington County Republican Women have been busy sending boxes to the troops in Iraq. Just recently, they sent a box of goodies to Lt. Casandra Kostinen and a box of soccer balls and pumps for the Boy Scouts. Lt. Kostinen has given CCRW an American flag which she flew in Iraq on the 4th of July.

Cen-kota has revised its by-laws. Its August speaker was Sharon Reidinger, State Americanism Chairman for the VFW, who spoke on the proper etiquette regarding the American flag. For its September speaker, it will be the Superintendent of Pierre Schools, Dr Glodt, who will be speaking on "No Child Left Behind". The Cen-kota club has produced a cookbook with recipes from the Legislative Luncheon and Tea and in the fall at the Zonta Fair will be selling their cookbooks, Christmas ornaments, patriotic jewelry, and raffle tickets for a quilt made by Eunice Johnson.

The Pennington County Republican Women have had PUC Dusty Johnson and Senator John Thune speak at their meetings. Also PCRW has had a meeting on protecting children from internet crime where they picked up several new members. Recently, candidates for the Rapid City mayoral run-off were present at a meeting. For a fund raiser, they held a rummage sale that garnered more than \$1000. In the future, Pennington County Republican Women will be putting together a float for this year's Parade of Presidents with the theme "Republicans for All Ages". They are also raising money to send TARs to TAR Camp, collecting personal hygiene items for a local women's shelter, and putting together a banner for the Central States Fair with the subject matter "Republicanism Because..."

On July 19th, the Charles Mix Republican Women held a salad luncheon at Platte. The public was invited, and there were several guests besides their local members who enjoyed the variety of salads that were provided by their members. June Staggers, SDFRW President, attended and showed a power point presentation which explained the Republican Women's organization. Items for sale were displayed, and several door prizes were given.

The Spearfish Club held their first garage sale raising \$240. They also sent 23 boxes to Iraq, had a silent auction at their Lincoln Day Dinner, helped with a 4th of July float and had a picnic in August.



Committee Reports

The Legislative Committee reported that Julie Watts, Katy Dressen, and Joyce Bertness have met with Senator Gene Abdallah regarding Jessica's Law. The group will also be sitting down with Sara Burnette, lawyer and vice chair of Minnehaha County Republican Party, to see which portions of the several related bills to Jessica's Law passed during the 2006 legislative session have not yet been enacted.

Tammy Weis, chair of the Membership Committee, reported that SDFRW currently has 623 statewide members. She encouraged clubs to update the "Go Places, Meet Famous Faces" power point presentation.

SDFRW at the encouragement of Americanism Chair, Sandye Kading, adopted a program "Operation Caring Hands Iraq" similar to "Operation Caring Hands Afghanistan", a project successfully completed by Pennington County Republican Women. Jesse Freeman from Kadoka is willing to serve as contact person. If you have any questions, call Sandye Kading 605 343-0024 or email lskading@rap.midco.net

Historian Angie Chaney is working on updating the SDFRW website—sdfwr.org and invited the clubs to send photos of events and activities as well as club meeting information to her. Her address is amchaney@sio.midco.net

SDFRW Treasurer Ayn Bird reported that SDFRW has 14 Rushmore Regents with a few more prospects and that the Regents were going to meet on June 23rd at SDFRW President's June Staggers' house with special guests Sioux Falls Mayor Dave Munson and School and Land Management Commissioner Jerrod Johnson.



Pictures from the Regents event held at President June Staggers home.

Upcoming Events:

August 30 to September 3—South Dakota State Fair, Huron, SD. Come and visit the Republican Building.

September 7-8—County Chairman's Meeting at the Ramkota RiverCentre in Pierre, SD

September 14—Four County (Brookings, Moody, Grand and Deuel Counties) Lincoln Day Dinner at the Brookings Days Inn in Brookings, SD

September 26-30—34th Biennial NFRW Convention at Palm Springs, CA



September 27-28—NFRW Campaign Management School at Palm Springs, CA

October 13—SDFRW Board Meeting in Rapid City, SD

September 9-14, 2009—35th Biennial Convention at Orlando, FL

-Ronald Reagan-

"Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have."



November is

“Support our Troops” Month

November will be SDFRW’s “Support Our Troops” month. Each club is asked to do at least one project for our troops which could include “Operation Caring Hands Iraq”. If you have any questions, please call Americanism chair Sandye Kading 605 343-0024 or email her at lskading@rap.midco.net



Above is a picture of “Operation Caring Hands” provided by Minnehaha-Lincoln Republican Women’s club.

Don’t Forget SDFRW’s Fall Meeting

When: Saturday, October 13th

Where: Rapid City



More information will be provided to each club president at a later date or call June Stagers 605-332-0357 or email junestagers@sio.midco.net

Upcoming Debates



October 14, 2007—Democratic and Republican Debate, Manchester, New Hampshire

October 21, 2007—Republican Debate, Orlando, Florida

November 6, 2007—Republican Debate, Ames, Iowa-Iowa State University

U.S. 2008 Republican Presidential Candidates

Sam Brownback

Rudy Giuliani

Mike Huckabee

Duncan Hunter

John McCain

Ron Paul

Mitt Romney

Tom Tancredo

Likely to Announce Candidacy

Fred Thompson

Withdraws

Jim Gilmore withdrew July 14, 2007

Tommy Thompson withdrew August 12