NFRW CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 29 THRU OCTOBER 1:

The nominating committee chose a slate for the next board for NFRW. The president on the slate, as well as three others, were against changing the NFRW bylaws to define what a woman is. A different group of 4 women were nominated on the floor during Saturday's meeting. These women wanted to define what a woman is in our bylaws. The new set of 4 women went on to win the election and will be on the NFRW board beginning January 1st. This was an awkward and tense time, but our new board looks like a good one.

The new President will be Julie Harris, 1st Vice President Martha Jenkins, 2nd Vice President Karen Newton, Secretary Heidi Parker Martin, 3rd Vice President Michelle Buckwalter-Schurman, 4th Vice President Keri Abernathy and Treasurer Cindy Casaus.

There was a Straw Poll at the convention. A couple highlights from it were that 79% felt that they were more financially stressed than they were a year ago. 59% would vote for Donald Trump and 26% would vote for DeSantis.

CCRW received two different awards. We were <u>Finalist for Caring for America</u>-large club division and we received the Diamond for Achievement Award.

MaryLee and Barbara attended a class on Leadership and one on Talking with your Legislator. Both classes were informative.

Our South Dakota pin was a favorite at the convention. We traded our pins with women from other states and the common response was, "love your pin and your Governor."