



CODINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

December, 2024

Dear Members and Potential Members:

I'm presenting you a challenge for 2025. We are the second largest Republican Women club in the state (following Minnehaha-Lincoln). But we only lost out by two primary members! Personally, I'd love to overtake them this year and make Sioux Falls work to get back to #1!

I'm asking for your help to achieve a 100% membership renewal rate, and then to work toward each of us recruiting just one new member. Thank you for your help with that—it takes all of us working together to make our voice stronger on the local, state, and national levels!

Primary members, please renew your membership for 2025. You are considered a primary member (once you've paid your dues!) if you are a conservative woman living in Codington, Day, Hamlin, Grant, Deuel, or Clark counties. Being a primary member entitles you to vote at our monthly meetings and gets you some benefits from our parent organizations (South Dakota Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women).

Just fill out the accompanying form to make sure we have current contact information, and enclose a check for \$40 made out to Codington County Republican Women. Then mail the form and check to:

Mavis Brink, Treasurer
Codington County Republican Women
PO Box 46
Hazel, SD 57242-0046

Associate members, your dues are only \$10! Associate members are defined as any men who share our conservative values, or women who live outside of Codington, Day, Clark, Hamlin, Deuel, or Grant counties. Associate members do not have voting rights at our meetings, but all of your dues stay with the local club.

Primary members, you can sign up your husband, son, daughter living in Sioux Falls, or even a fellow conservative living out of state to be an associate member in our club.

If you haven't been a member in the past, please consider joining our club this year. We would love to have you attend our regular meetings on the third Friday of every month at Second Street Station in Watertown at 11:30 a.m. (You pay for your own meal.) We have very interesting speakers ranging from candidates for national, state, and local elected positions, to state or county public officials keeping us informed on various issues, to representatives of statewide and local non-profits describing their mission.

What are your dues used for? They go toward monthly Caring for America projects which develop goodwill for conservatives in the public eye by providing fruit for veterans in November, flags to pass out at Independence Day and Memorial Day celebrations, bags of toiletries and snacks for truckers, appreciation gifts for first responders and military members, May baskets for nursing home residents, books promoting conservative values for libraries and schools, supplies for local organizations serving those in need, promotion of fostering children, and other things to help spread the word in our area that South Dakota Republicans DO put Faith, Family, and Freedom first. Your dues also go to support Republican general election candidates and conservative issues on the national, state, and local levels. In addition, we provide scholarships to members of Teen Age Republican Students (TARS) to attend camp to help develop informed youthful leaders for the future. All expenditures for major projects are voted on by the CCRW primary members.

How can you be actively involved in the club? We march (or ride) in the Watertown 4th of July parade to show our patriotism. We bake yummy desserts for a fundraising sale at the Lincoln Day dinner. We provide silent auction items at the Ladies in Red event and for an online auction sponsored by South Dakota Federation of Republican Women—both of which add funds to our coffers. We shop for and donate items to be included in the Caring for America projects mentioned above. We give our time to deliver those same items and work for our favorite candidate's campaign in some way. We use artistic talents to create signage and centerpieces for events and parades. There are other ways you can get involved as well—as much as you wish to do.

If you have any questions about Codington County Republican Women, please call our president, MaryLee Plut, at 605/237-8169.

Also, if you'd like to provide a scholarship for someone else to be a member, feel free. We have had people who would love to be part of our club but don't have the finances to do so. Generous members have covered this cost in the past. Just note on your check what the extra amount is for.

While we accept memberships throughout the year, we would appreciate it very much if you could get your dues to us before January 31. So pass the word to all your friends, relatives, and acquaintances who are tired of the direction America has been headed and want to see common sense and liberty restored in our nation. With the new presidential administration, we are hopeful that can happen. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mavis J. Brink

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Membership Chairwoman

Enclosure