

SOUTHERN IDAHO REPUBLICAN WOMEN (SIRW)

FALL/WINTER REPORT

Our club began the fall meetings with a presentation in September from Kiel Willmore and Hyrum Erickson on Proposition 1; the presentation focused on each presenter advocating for their particular viewpoint and responding to points made by the other party. For our October Meeting, Rep. Chenele Dixon and Sen. Linda Hartgen gave a presentation on key legislation from the 2024 session with a preview of the 2025 session and bills we could expect to see.

Our November meeting took place well after the election. Our presenter, Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock, gave us a snapshot of the November 2024 election using statistics from that election which had high turnout because of ballot measures and a presidential election on the ballot. November is also the month that we hold club elections. This year, our club elected Alexandra Caval as president, Cherie Vollmer as vice-president, Amie Halstead as treasurer, and Joyia Patrick as secretary.

Our December meeting was a club Christmas party consisting of good food, a white elephant gift exchange, and good friends. At our January Meeting, we host Julie Koyle who spoke to us about her efforts to transform the Hollister School into a charter school. We also hosted Grant Loebs, our LD 25 chairman, who gave us a summary of the rules & resolutions that were considered at the IDGOP Winter Meeting.

In November, our club held a sock drive to gather socks for local pantries. We were able to collection 174 pairs of socks. President Alexandra Caval and former President Natalie Millington delivered the socks to two local pantries located Hollister & Buhl on December 18, 2024. Our club is also doing a book drive (January/February 2025) for the Hollister Charter School to raise either funds or books for their K-6 library.

In February, our club held its first fundraiser – the Reagan Day Gala. Our keynote speaker was Trent Clark who spoke on the qualities that made Ronald Reagan's presidency so successful. We were also joined by IFRW President Theresa Bradford and past-president Tracey Wasden.

Lastly, our membership consists of 31 regular members and 12 associate members.

Submitted by:

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