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**Fundraiser Luncheon Meeting**

**TIME CHANGE: 12:30 -1:30 p.m., Poinsett Club**

**\$25.00 Members**

**\$25.00 Non-Members**

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Mary Beth Green*

Do you know why the Democrat Media does not report all the good news about President Trump's pro-American policies since his election? Is it because they are the mouthpiece for the Democrat National Committee? Maybe that explains their all-time low ratings.

Who among us can ignore all the new, positive business outlook for American business that obviously Democrat news channels refuse to report? Before the election in November, this same media warned us that if Trump became president the economy would suffer. Instead, trillions of dollars in value have been added to the American economy, retirement accounts are swelling and employment rates have climbed to almost 96%! We need a new social media abbreviation, TGNKC (The Good News Keeps Coming)

Illegal entry across our borders is down 50%. Additionally, President Trump joined Senators from Arkansas and Georgia, to pass the new RAISE Act (Green Card legislation) so that legal immigration is based on merit points. This is a policy allowing immigrants into our country based on a point system including skills, financially supporting themselves and speaking English. Canada and Australia have similar immigration laws. Remember, our immigration laws require legal immigrants to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the principles of our country AND to swear an oath of allegiance to America *before* becoming a naturalized citizen. America needs to wake up because **illegal** immigrants have not sworn, "... **that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic;**..." WUA! (Wake Up America!)

President Trump's addition of Judge Gorsuch and many conservative judicial appointments throughout the federal court system will have a lasting impact on our country for generations. FTG (For The Grandchildren) Additionally, President Trump pulled the US out of the Paris Climate Change Agreement, thereby blocking the globalist agenda to vastly redistribute America's wealth to **other** countries and promote global governance. OWO (One World Order) Finally, you will not hear much about America's new world dominance as an energy supplier. Under President Trump's conservative, pro American energy policy, the USA is now the leader in energy reserves and production in the world. He has approved and opened the long-awaited Keystone pipeline that Obama, Hillary and Democrats blocked. **The US is now an energy exporter for the first time in almost 50 years!** A stunning development that President Putin opposes and the Democrat media does not convey is the dominance of American Liquified Natural Gas. President Trump agreed to supply

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European countries, particularly Poland and the newest NATO members (formerly Communist "republics"). He further promised that he will export LNG to Poland preventing Putin's energy extortion of shutting off heating fuel during the winter as was done under Obama year after year. No wonder the Poles chanted, "We love Trump" when he and Melania visited recently. TOTT (Think On These Things)

***The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for the 2018-2019 term at our August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.***

**\*\* AUGUST 25 FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON SPEAKER \*\***

***Racine Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President***

Senator Timothy Eugene Scott was born September 19, 1965. He is a former insurance Agent, and a staunch Republican who became the junior United States Senator for South Carolina in 2013 when Governor Nikki Haley appointed him to fill the US Senate seat vacated by Jim DeMint.

Scott won a special election in 2014 to fill the last two years of DeMint's second term, and won election to a full term in 2016. In 2017, he was one of 22 senators to sign a letter to President Trump urging the President to have the United States withdraw from the Paris Agreement. Senator Scott will be speaking on the status of legislation (i.e. the debt ceiling, healthcare, tax reform, border security, immigration, etc.)

He is a devout evangelical Christian and a member of Seacoast Church in Charleston. Republican leadership has praised Scott's background as an example of achieving the American dream.



***\*\*\* COME TO THE MEETING EARLY TO SOCIALIZE AND BUY THE WINNING iPad TICKET! \*\*\****

***Members, make your reservations by clicking on [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com). Seating is limited so sign-up ASAP!***

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**LAST CHANCE TO WIN AN iPad!!**

August is the last month to purchase your Raffle Tickets for a chance to win an iPad. Only \$5 a ticket – so get a couple! Someone has to win – and remember, your ticket is also like a donation to GCRWC that will help with club expenses! 😊😊

**The ticket drawing will be held at the end of our August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, so you still have a chance to participate!**



**\*\* MEMBERSHIP \*\***

***Dianne Mitchell, Membership Chair***

If you have not yet been introduced, when you make your August reservation, also call Dianne at 864-244-2717 or email her at [diannekm@charter.net](mailto:diannekm@charter.net),

Our August meeting with Sen. Tim Scott is a perfect opportunity to invite perspective members to come to a meeting. Let's pack the house!

***PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS***  
***Ann Ligon \* Lynn Tate***

**\*\* SCFRW CONVENTION DELEGATES \*\***

We will be voting at the August 25 meeting on our GCRWC Delegates to represent us at the SCFRW Convention at the Westin Hilton Head Resort and Spa, October 13-15. Thus far the following women will be on the ballot.

Patricia Arceneaux	Jill Hancock	Linda Slaton
Kay Barrett	Janice McPhee	
Marlene Dowd	Gayle Stanley	

If you would like to be nominated, please contact Mary Beth Green immediately at [presgcrwc@yahoo.com](mailto:presgcrwc@yahoo.com) or call her at 864-508-0838. Names can also be added at the beginning of the August meeting.

The registration fee is \$125 (paid by GCRWC for up to 13 delegates, including Mary Beth Green who goes as President) and we will complete the individual registration forms and send one check from our Club. While the Club is obligated to pay for each delegate's registration fee, the hotel, travel costs, and some meals are not included and are not reimbursed. Of course, if a delegate wishes to pay for all or part of their registration fee, the Club will accept it as a welcomed donation.



***"STEP-UP FUNDRAISER"***

**GCRWC will have a mini-affle Fundraiser at our September 28 meeting.** We hope you will participate and **"STEP-UP"** to raise money for GCRWC! Come prepared to win some great items!

\*\*\*\* LEGISLATIVE NOTES \*\*\*\*

**Debbie Spaugh, Legislative Chair**

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, SC Electric & Gas (SCE&G) and its taxpayer-owned partner, Santee Cooper, announced their decision to abandon their construction of two new nuclear reactors at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station in Jenkinsville, SC. With apparently no notice, about 5,000 workers found out they no longer have a job. The project fell years behind schedule and costs grew billions of dollars over budget. The project has already cost about \$9 billion. SCE&G and Santee Cooper now estimate the total cost of the project would be at least \$21 billion, which is almost double the original estimated cost.

One reason that the project fell behind schedule and ran into giant cost overruns was that customers of SCE&G and Santee Cooper have been forced to pay upfront for construction costs and debt service. In 2007 state legislators passed the "Base Load Review Act". This law not only forces ratepayers to pay for construction costs, but it also forces them to bail out the utility companies if the project fails. Per Dave Schwartz, head of Freedom Action Network of South Carolina, "With powerful politicians on their side, utility corporations had no motivation to finish on time and under budget." Customers of these two utility companies have suffered nine rate hikes in the past ten years and have been forced to pay \$1.4 billion toward the construction costs and debt service. Roughly 20% of the customers' monthly electricity bills has gone toward a nuclear power project that likely won't be finished. Now, SCE&G has asked the Public Service Commission for permission to charge customers \$2.2 billion for the costs of the scuttled project over the next 60 years.

Who are the culprits in this fiasco? In addition to the state legislators who passed the "Base Load Review Act", the seven members of the Public Service Commission, which regulates SC utilities and sets power rates, including the nine rate hikes mentioned above, warrant scrutiny. As Hannah Hill with the SC Policy Council pointed out in an article for *The Nerve*, the ten-member Public Utilities Review Committee (PURC) should also be looked into. It is made up of 3 House members, 3 Senate members, 2 members of the general public appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 2 members of the general public appointed by the Senate Judiciary Chairman. One of its duties is to evaluate the Public Service Commission's actions so the General Assembly may better judge "whether these actions serve the best interests of the citizens of South Carolina". As Hannah wrote, "If the General Assembly is making a good faith effort to find out what caused this fiasco, one of the things they need to ask is why the PURC never blew the whistle on any of it."

House Speaker Jay Lucas and Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman have created special legislative committees to study the fiasco and develop a new energy policy. Unfortunately, half of the study committee voted in favor of the "Base Load Review Act". Also, five of the six legislators sitting on the PURC – Senators Thomas Alexander, Luke Rankin, and Brad Hutto, and Representatives Bill Sandifer and Mike Forrester – are on the legislative study committees. I don't see any potential conflict of interest. Do you? Also, per Dave Schwartz with the Freedom Action Network, Duke Energy may give up on a similar unfinished project in Cherokee.

**If you want to take action, click on the following link from Freedom Action Network of South Carolina to tell your legislators NO BAILOUT, repeal the Base Load Review Act:** <http://actnow.io/UZmNZqW>



Sherry Fleming with articles donated by GCRWC.

Sherry Capitan and Linda Martin filled Sherry's trunk with items gathered by our Club for the Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home. Sherry Fleming, Activity Director, said each item will be used and is appreciated! Thank you all for your thoughtful donations!



**SUNSHINE NEWS**

Nick and Dr. Laurel Shaler wish to announce they have been granted custody of a baby girl for whom they have been caring for 6 months. We share in their joy as they move toward adoption.

Jenny Earle, GCRWC Chaplin, is recovering from surgery.

*Gayle Stanley, Chair – email your Sunshine news to [t-gstanley@att.net](mailto:t-gstanley@att.net)*



**CAMPAIGN NOTES**



**Janice McPhee, Campaign Committee Chair**

Please remember to enter your volunteer hours worked in the *Campaign Committee Volunteer Hours Note Book* at our next meeting; the notebook is located at the Name Tag Table, or see me at the meeting to make your entry.

Many of our members have hours worked for our Club before and after our meetings working for the Treasurer and the President by passing out materials, etc. and for those presenting items for their business. Our members also have volunteer hours working for their Precinct, County and State GOP. It is important to take the time to enter the hours that you have worked - all your hard work should be recognized. Thank you for all you do for our club and the Republican Party.

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