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 *December 7 Luncheon Meeting*
12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club
\$18.00 Members
20.00 Non-Members 

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mary Beth Green

Do you want to change the world? What would you do? I opened my term of office with quoting from an innocent young girl who was hunted by a German socialist government that planned and perpetrated genocide against its own people. Yet, Anne Frank wrote these inspiring words, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Standing in front of our meeting room every month, without fail I feel your beautiful spirit. We believe the world can be better and that by doing something as often as possible, we take part in this continuous effort. GCRWC does not solicit money from politicians although they are welcomed to join and welcomed to donate. We are independent for a reason: so that we can hold our elected officials accountable to the people as is required by our republican form of government. I truly believe that GCRWC needs to exist and can be one of the most effective forces standing for less government, less taxes and free enterprise - in other words, Liberty!

Renew your commitment by rejoining this month for 2018. We will install our new officers to serve the next two years. Be sure to complete the Membership form to let them know how you wish to serve and what issues are important to you.

The Good News Keeps Coming (TGNKC)!

What a great time for the Republican Party. The House's "Tax Cut and Jobs Act" would help free capital from the lower taxing countries transferring trillions to the United States, "...where opportunities and growth are most promising." Lowering the tax rates for corporations and expensing capital investments sooner has the potential to allow companies to expand and create more jobs. As we wait on the Senate, let us be certain our South Carolina senators know what we want.

\$\$\$ "DOLLARS FROM HEAVEN" \$\$\$

GCRWC is respected in the local community by the many organizations which have received the "Dollars from Heaven" fund collected during each year's meetings. **Prior to the December 7th meeting, please contact Mary Beth Green at 864-654-4627 with the name and address of the Greenville County charity you wish to sponsor.** Last year's recipient was Harvest of Hope, sponsored by Betty Scheiner. Our Treasurer, Evelyn Hargett, was able to send our Club check in time to provide over 3,000 meals last December. How humbling and joyful it is to share our provisions with these worthy missions. Thank you for your generosity!

**** DECEMBER 7th LUNCHEON SPEAKER ****

Racine Cooper, 2nd Vice President

Kevin Bryant is an American politician, pharmacist, and a member of the Republican Party.

Bryant was elected to the South Carolina Senate in 2004 to represent the 3rd District that is based in Anderson County. He was re-elected in 2008, 2012, and 2016.

Upon the resignation of Nikki Haley as Governor of South Carolina on January 24, 2017 to become the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Lieutenant Governor Henry McMaster automatically became the governor. Since Hugh Leatherman, the Senate Pro Tempore, refused to become the Lieutenant Governor, per the South Carolina Constitution, Bryant was appointed to fill the Pro Tempore position on January 24, 2017 and ascended to the position of Lieutenant Governor on January 25, 2017. **He is running for SC Governor in 2018, and we are honored that he will be installing our GCRWC 2018 officers.**



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Patricia Arceneaux, Board Member for Greenville County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse

Do you know the Blunt Truth about Marijuana? "It's illegal, addictive, and harmful to the body, especially developing brains." - from the Blunt Truth SC Task Force. On November 3, 2017, I attended an all day seminar to learn more about the Truth surrounding marijuana for medical & recreational use. The speakers were impressive to say the least: Dr. Elizabeth Stuyt, Colorado Mental Health; Ed Shemelya, Ret. Commander Kentucky State Police & National Coordinator- Nat'l Marijuana Initiative; Dale D. Quigley, Deputy Coordinator High Density Drug Trafficking Area (prior Police Sergeant from Colorado); Frank O'Neal, Major Narcotics/Alcohol/Vice for SCLED; & Bill Nettles, US Attorney.

- 1). Do we know and understand the harmful effects of marijuana?
- 2). Do we need more scientific research before South Carolina approves marijuana as a medicine?
- 3). Do we know the THC levels used in medical marijuana?
- 4). Do we know where the legislation stands?

One excellent educational resource is <https://hidtanmi.org/category/resources/educational-materials/> that will help sort fact from fiction surrounding marijuana use. Please go to the links below and read the bills & their sponsors to understand what they are trying to get passed to present to the governor to approve without a vote to the people of SC. It's not too late to stop this legislation and demand more research (like we now have with alcohol & tobacco). This is not a social experiment & the studies must give solid scientific research. Please do your research & vote informed with the truth.

SC House Bill: SC Compassionate Care Act **H.3521** <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php>

SC Senate Bill: **S.212** http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/bills/212.htm

What is a Republican?

Julie Hershey, Incoming 2018 President



If your spirit desires the right to be uncommon, to seek opportunity, to dream, to build, meet the challenges of life and enjoy the thrill of fulfillment – then you just might be a Republican. If you refuse to trade freedom for “anything” and would never bow before any except God – then you probably are a Republican. If it is your heritage to stand erect, proud, and unafraid; to think and act for yourself; enjoy the benefit of your creations; and with courage say “I AM A FREE AMERICAN” you more than likely are a Republican. The Republican Creed embodies the Republican spirit.

As incoming President (January 2018) of the Greenville County Republican Women's Club, I look forward to reaffirming the principles of the Republican Party that unite us in a common purpose. The Republican platform and its ideals make me proud to be a Republican and create a determination within me to uphold and advance the ideals of American exceptionalism, the fundamental precepts of the Declaration of Independence, and the foundational truths of the U.S. Constitution. Our constitutional system of limited government, separation of powers, federalism, and the rights of the people - is like none other in the world. We are the party of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution; we are the party of life, education, and American values; we are the party of capitalism, opportunity, and economic growth; and we are the party who believes government must work for the people!

In the coming months our club will explore and rediscover the principles of true Republicanism – we will work together to educate, inspire, and effectively support Republican goals. We'll work to elect Republicans who are grounded in principle and then hold them accountable to their campaign promises . . . and we'll have great fun too! I look forward to serving as President of the Greenville County Republican Women's Club – the most dynamic organization in the Upstate!



Debbie Spaugh, Legislative Chair

The South Carolina General Assembly operates in two-year sessions. Therefore, bills which were introduced in 2017 and didn't become law could become law in 2018. The following is a synopsis of some of these bills. The information is from the South Carolina Policy Council's 2017 *Best & Worst of the General Assembly*.

BEST: S.386 – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO HAVE JUSTICES APPOINTED, ELIMINATING JMISC-

Introduced by Senator Tom Corbin and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee 2/8/17. This resolution would allow the Governor to appoint judges. Currently, the legislature appoints the members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, which screens and nominates judicial candidates. The legislature also elects the judges. In order to have separation of powers, the legislators should not pick the judges who interpret their laws.

BEST: H.3703 – ELIMINATING THE DOT COMMISSION – This bill was referred to the House Education and Public Works Committee. This bill would abolish the DOT Commission and enable the Governor to appoint the DOT's Secretary with advice and consent of the Senate. Therefore, the responsibility for the DOT and the condition of the roads would be in the hands of the Governor.

BEST: H.3546 – DIRECT PRIMARY CARE CONTRACTS ARE NOT INSURANCE CONTRACTS – Sponsored by Reps. Thayer, Sandifer, Toole, and Hill. This bill was referred to House Labor, Commerce, and Industry Committee. It exempts direct primary care agreements from regulation by the Department of Insurance. [With Direct Primary Care, billing and payments are between patients and providers without sending claims to insurance providers. Therefore, there is no reason for the Department of Insurance to be involved.]

WORST: H.3443- MEDICAID EXPANSION – Referred to House Ways and Means. It would expand Medicaid to cover adults sixty-five and younger who are at or below the specified income level. The state would receive federal funding to cover the initial expansion. "However, that funding will be reduced to 10% of cost by 2020, leaving states to shoulder most of the newly-increased financial burden themselves."

WORST: S.255 – DONOR DISCLOSURE – Referred to Senate Judiciary. **This bill is a direct attack on free speech, especially the right to speak in criticism of government and politicians.** The bill would "require groups engaging in 'election communication' – broadly defined as communication that supports or opposes a candidate, ballot initiative, or influences an election – to disclose not only their top donors but also the donors' mailing address, occupation, and employer. Unlike other recent attempts to regulate free speech, which would have applied only in the run-up to an election, this bill would apply year round. Lawmakers have attempted to pass similar legislation for several years now, and will likely attempt to pass this one next year."

2018 MEMBERSHIP

Be sure to complete your Membership Form for 2018 (found in last month's newsletter, on our website at www.gcrwc.org, or pick up at our December meeting). We hope you will choose to join at one of the new Membership Levels honoring inspirational Revolutionary War women by adding a contribution to the regular \$20 Dues fee.

All Republican voters are invited to attend the 2017 GCRP Annual Christmas Party. This year's party is sponsored by Bobby Cox and will be held in the Rodeheaver Lobby on the campus of Bob Jones University.



****** CAMPAIGN NOTES ******

Janice McPhee, Campaign Committee Chair

Congratulations to Gayle Stanley and Racine Cooper, winners of our November drawing for a free lunch at our upcoming meeting on December 7. Thank you to all members who participated in the contest by entering your volunteer hours, and for all your work helping our club and the Republican Party for the past two years. It has been my pleasure to work with you! I hope to see everyone in December as it is always a special meeting time to get together.



The Elephant's Ear

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*Be sure to make reservations for all guests, also. Any lunches (including "standing reservations") not cancelled **by noon on Monday, December 4** will be billed by the club. We still must pay the Poinsett Club for lunches ordered. Thank you!*

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