



**GCRWC 2018  
Luncheon Dates**

**December 6\***  
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*Volume 11, No. 12*

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*December 6<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting*  
*12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club*  
*\$20.00 Members*  
*\$22.00 Non-Members*

**A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*Julie Hershey, President*

*"Conservatives have excellent credentials to speak about human rights. By our efforts, and with precious little help from self-styled liberals, we were largely responsible for securing liberty for a substantial share of the world's population and defending it for most of the rest." ~ Margaret Thatcher*

As stated above by the late Margaret Thatcher, it is the conservatives (true Republicans) who fight for and defend liberty; be proud you are a Republican! That adage, *we win some and we lose some*, reminds us of the shift in power resulting from the midterm elections. We lost seats in the House of Representatives and we gained seats in the Senate, and we still maintain Republican Executive power with President Donald Trump. We have much to be thankful for with regard to the midterm election results, but we also learned some things which will need to be addressed.

What did we learn? Data from the Cooperative Congressional Election Study (CCES) points out who voted more Democratic this midterm election than two years ago: 1) Voters under age 50 shifted more to Democratic, particularly 18-29 year-olds; 2) Democrats did unusually well in suburban districts; 3) 60% of women voted Democratic vs 47% of men – with a gender gap of 13 points; 4) race and education were factors with white college-educated women increasing their support for Democratic candidates; and 5) "Hostile sexism" was a factor – in 2016 a voter's agreement or disagreement with sexist statements did not matter when they voted for Republican House candidates; however, in 2018, people who disagreed with sexist statements were less likely to vote Republican.

Let's learn from our losses and make the most of every opportunity to educate the electorate - we are the party of liberty and constitutional standards. During this season of Thanksgiving, let's be grateful that we are on the winning side.

## DECEMBER LUNCHEON PERFORMERS

### *Racine Cooper, Program Chair*

Twin sisters Susan and Rita Dunn have always enjoyed music, and started playing various folk instruments, as well as the piano, when they were five years old. At eight years of age, Susan started violin lessons and Rita chose the harp. Today, they love performing together and are thankful for the opportunities they have had to play their music for various events and occasions in the Greenville area over the last eight years. We are honored to have them play for you during our December luncheon meeting. We hope you will sit back and take pleasure in the holiday sounds of the season.



Remember to wear your festive **red** and **bring a wrapped gift valued between \$10-\$15**. Those who bring a gift will have the opportunity to take a gift home with them. In addition, you will have the chance to win a poinsettia.

Don't forget to make your reservation by Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and include any special dietary needs with your RSVP.



## MEMBERSHIP

### *Dianne Mitchell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

**DIRECTORY NEWS:** If you are a new member or you don't have a picture in the current directory, find our photographer, Tom Hanson, at our December meeting, give him your name, and ask him to take a membership photo. If you are unable to attend on December 6<sup>th</sup> please email a head shot of yourself to [diannekm@charter.net](mailto:diannekm@charter.net). Absolutely last call for advertisements in the directory. Contact Dianne (864) 244-2717 for further information.

**2019 MEMBERSHIPS:** Ladies, ladies, ladies! Membership for our club runs from January-December. Please take the time **now** (before the craziness of the holidays) to write a check for your 2019 membership and bring it along with the membership form found in this newsletter and on the website to the December 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon **OR** mail the form and your check written to GCRWC to Dianne Mitchell at the address listed on the form. Membership is \$20 for the year, and we have not increased our dues for quite some time. Instead, we offer the option of joining at higher levels, should you be inspired to help support the club with an additional contribution.

Stay involved with us to equip you to educate others about and defend the Constitutional Conservative Republican government. Each one of you is important and we hope you'll renew your membership! In the interest of bookkeeping, please write two separate checks, one for your meal and one for your membership dues if you plan to renew on December 6<sup>th</sup> or a future meeting.



## CAMPAIGN NOTES

### *Janice McPhee, Campaign Committee Chair*

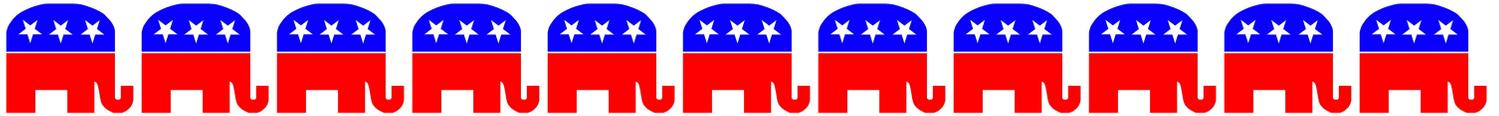
After watching the results of the Georgia and Florida midterm election, I am very appreciative of the Greenville County Registration Office and its Director, Conway Belangia, who has served Greenville County for 26 years. Conway has done so much to inform voters and train people at the polls to ensure safe and honest elections.

To quote the scvotes.org site, "The mission of the SC State Election Commission (SEC) is to ensure every eligible citizen has the opportunity to register to vote, participate in fair and impartial elections, and have the assurance that their votes will count. Fundamental to this mission is ensuring the security and integrity of elections in South Carolina. Elections face numerous threats from a wide variety of factors including nation states, individuals and organizations – all with various motives. We recognize these threats, and we want voters to know we have made it our top priority to take all reasonable measures to improve and protect the security and resilience of our state's election infrastructure."

To address the threats against critical infrastructure, the SEC has developed an unprecedented security partnership of state, federal and private cyber security professionals, as well as state and federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

Thanks to all members who voted and helped campaigns to ensure our Republican victories in the state. Note: 43% of Greenville County voters did not cast a ballot in the midterm election; we have some work to do before the 2020 election cycle.

Please remember to turn in all volunteer hours worked for the 2018 year to Janice McPhee at [jatmwgm@charter.net](mailto:jatmwgm@charter.net) or see me at the Christmas party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Call (864) 967-9618 with any questions.



## SUNSHINE NEWS

### *Gayle Stanley, Sunshine Chair*

Annette Burgess had hip surgery on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Recovery is going well, and she hopes to join us for the December luncheon meeting.

Please send your Sunshine News to Gayle at [t-gstanley@att.net](mailto:t-gstanley@att.net).



## REMINDER

This is a reminder we will be voting on charities suggested by a few of you at the request of GCRWC President Julie Hershey. We will be voting by ballot at the December 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Please come prepared with an extra dollar donation for the *Dollars from Heaven* baskets so that we can give our selected charity a generous donation from GCRWC. Thank you!



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click the GCRWC link and pay ahead of time by credit card.

***Be sure to make reservations for all guests and include any special meal requests.***  
*Any lunches (including "standing reservations") not cancelled **by noon on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** will be billed. Please be aware that once the number of reservations has been turned in, the club must honor our commitment to pay for that number of lunches. Thanks!*

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