



**GCRWC 2019  
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*January 24th Luncheon Meeting  
12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club  
**\$20.00 Members**  
**\$22.00 Non-Members***

**A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*Julie Hershey, President*

*"I am so thankful that we have a President (Trump) who has made the people's priorities his own. His request to secure the border is commonsense!"*

*~Congressman Jeff Duncan*

Happy New Year to the members of Greenville County Republican Women's Club. I am invigorated in 2019 more than ever to work to elect conservative Republican candidates at all levels and promote the principles of our Republican platform. The security of our country depends on us remaining diligent and determined to protect the US Constitution by electing solid Republican officials and holding them accountable.

I am proud of our Congressman, Jeff Duncan, and I am grateful for his note of appreciation for President Trump after his address to the nation on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer provided a stark contrast with their political posturing after President Trump's plea for wall funding. Congressman Duncan wrote, "We have a real and tangible national security crisis on our hands with illegal immigration, drug smuggling, human trafficking, and terrorist threats attempting to infiltrate our country through our porous and unsafe southern border." How can Pelosi and Schumer turn their backs on the American people by playing political games with our national security?

We have a lot to do in 2019 - let's start at the January 24<sup>th</sup> luncheon where you will be inspired by our guest speaker, Ashley Landess with the SC Policy Council, our own member Gloria Landry, who will talk about how we can get involved with building the wall, and Eric Taylor with Connie Maxwell Children's Home, who received a check for \$756.62 from your 2018 donations to Dollars from Heaven! Please bring a friend to lunch on the 24<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you!

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## JANUARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

### *Racine Cooper, Program Chair*

I am excited to announce that we are starting the new year off with informative facts about what is going on in South Carolina. Our January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature a great friend to Greenville County Republican Women's Club, Ashley Landess, President of the South Carolina Policy Council. Her life's career is one that promotes principles of limited government, free enterprise, and individual liberty and responsibility. She graciously accepts our invitations in order to make us aware of what is going on in our state government with educated facts and honest information.

In addition, please mark your calendars and plan to attend our February 28<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting when Dave Schwartz of Freedom Action Network of South Carolina will be our guest speaker.



## CAMPAIGN NOTES

### *Janice McPhee, Campaign Committee Chair*

Thank you all for what you did to support our club and the Republican Party in the 2018 election cycle and year. A special thank you to those who worked tirelessly to support our candidates by working at the polls and getting out the vote.

Many of you need to take a look back at your personal calendars and add up the volunteer hours you worked for our club in 2018 and fill out the Campaign Book under your name at our next meeting. Volunteer hours include time helping our club before and after meetings, the GOP, candidates, the SCGOP, the county, and your precinct.

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 meeting this month. Call (864) 967-9618 with any questions.

## MEMBERSHIP

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

### **JANUARY IS RENEWAL MONTH!**

Why join GCRWC? We provide great speakers on important current topics, timely information, action alerts, free parking, printed information, and the camaraderie of like-minded engaged women. January officially begins our 2019 membership year. If your holiday schedule kept you from renewing in December, please take the time to do it now.

Print off the form in the newsletter or on the website, list your name and fill out only the information that has changed, and mail it along with a \$20 check made out to GCRWC to Dianne Mitchell, 103 Sugar Lake Court, Greer, SC 29650-3351.

You can also complete the form and bring it to the Membership table at the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, along with cash or a \$20 check. **Please understand that it is MUCH easier for our bookkeeping if there are SEPARATE checks for membership and your lunch. Plan to bring two checks or additional cash to the meeting.** Thank you!

Our dues have not gone up in quite some time, but we offer the option of joining at a higher level of giving should you be inspired to support the club beyond membership dues.

# Greenville County Republican Women's Club 2019

Renewing	_____
New	_____
Associate	_____

***Our mission is to educate the electorate, to involve women in government and decision making, and to be an effective organization in support of Republican goals.***

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_ 9 digit ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PRECINCT** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREFERRED PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT to assure you receive club newsletter and updates.

**REFERRING MEMBER'S NAME:** if new \_\_\_\_\_

**FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT\*** #3 Rep. Jeff Duncan \_\_\_\_\_ or #4 Rep. William Timmons \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member and Patriot - \$20** Our local club receives \$5. It is mandatory that the remainder go to State and National Federation of Republican Women.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mrs. Powell's Circle of Friends - \$30** Mrs. Powell opened her parlor for political discussion to our Nation's founders. Dues \$20, *Contribution \$10*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Abigail Adam's Activists - \$50** Mrs. Adams wrote letters to her husband regarding women's rights and opposing slavery. Dues \$20, *Contribution \$30*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Phillis Wheatley's Luminaries - \$75** Mrs. Wheatley was a slave from Africa and later gained her freedom. She wrote acclaimed poetry, including a poem written to George Washington. Dues \$20, *Contribution \$55*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Abigail Minis's Providers - \$100** She was a Jewish widow in her 80s and gave provisions to and use of her inn for American Revolutionary and French Soldiers. Dues \$20, *Contribution \$80*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nanye'hi (Nancy Ward) Ambassadors - \$200** Known as a "Beloved Woman" of the Cherokee and held in high regard, she negotiated peace with Americans even though it was extraordinary for women to be in such position. Dues \$20, *Contribution \$180.*

**I certify that I am 18 years old or older and a registered voter.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature**                                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**                                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership Fee**                                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation**

**Make checks out to GCRWC.** Give to Treasurer or Membership Chair at meeting or mail to:  
 Dianne Mitchell 103 Sugar Lake Court Greer, SC 29651-3551

**Questions about membership?** Contact Dianne Mitchell at 244-2717 or diannek@charter.net.

**Interest/ Experience Survey** Use back of form.

1. Please review our committees. Which one interests you?
2. Please describe your talents and skills, especially the ones that will help move our club's principles and goals ahead during the coming year.

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## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

### *Stacy Shea, Legislative Chair*

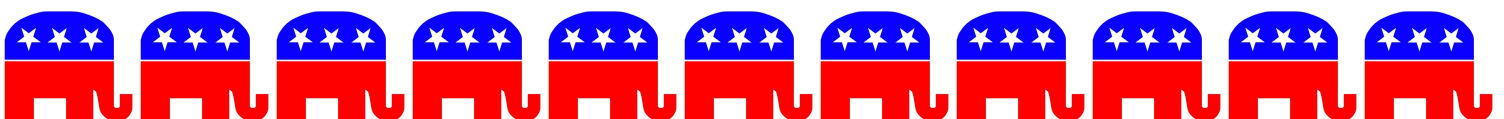
The first regular session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> South Carolina General Assembly opened on January 8, 2019. Harvey Peeler was elected President of the Senate and Jay Lucas was elected Speaker of the House.

In December, 298 bills and resolutions were pre-filed in the Senate and 345 were pre-filed in the House. More have been filed in both chambers since the session opened. All were given a first reading and assigned to a relevant committee. There is much duplication among these bills and many address the same or similar issues, sometimes taking opposite positions; bills seeking similar goals will contain differences.

These bills cover a broad range of topics including:

- Support and opposition of offshore seismic testing, and other matters related to undersea oil and gas.
- Constitutional amendments to eliminate many of the current constitutional officers; have judges appointed by the governor; permit citizen initiative and referendum; and allow casino and sports betting.
- Bills to create, either by statute or constitutional amendment, an independent redistricting committee in advance of the 2020 census.
- Resolutions calling for a national Article V Convention of States.
- A proposal for a Constitutional Convention to re-write the state constitution.
- A proposal to move to year-round Daylight Savings Time.
- Numerous bills restricting abortion or certain abortion practices.
- Increasing the waiting period to purchase firearms, and to impose additional taxes on handgun purchases.
- Several proposals to impose term limits on state legislature.
- Numerous election-related bills including: same-day voter registration; mail-in voting; elimination of straight-ticket voting; eliminating fusion candidates; and voting machines with a paper audit trail.
- Legalization of medical marijuana.
- Providing in-state tuition and scholarships for “Dreamers.”
- The “Taxpayer Transparency Act,” which requires creation of an on-line searchable database of all government spending.
- Proposals to increase the state minimum wage, and to increase the salaries of judges, circuit solicitors, and constitutional officers.
- Limitations on state courts enforcing foreign laws.
- Repeal of the Heritage Act.
- Several new occupational licenses.
- Permitting universities to establish “Enterprise Divisions” which are exempt from state procurement, human resources, and other laws.

This is a small sample of the types of bills which will be considered this year. Most will die in committee without any action. Some will be consolidated into compromise legislation. This half of the 2-year session will end on May 10<sup>th</sup>, but bills can be carried over into the 2020 half of the session.



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Poinsett Club

**\$20 Members / \$22 Non -Members**

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Evelyn Hargett at 864-630-2315 **by Sunday, January 20th.**  
You can also go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (preferred for non-members),  
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, January 21<sup>st</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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