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March 28th Luncheon Meeting
12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club
\$20.00 Members
\$22.00 Non-Members

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Julie Hershey, President

"Our Founders were not naïve simpletons. They understood that human freedom is a fragile thing, that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

~Tom Tancredo, former US Congressman, Republican



Our recent GCRWC guest speakers, Ashley Landess and Dave Schwartz, emphasized that our SC laws and policy should ensure "freedom." The US Constitution guarantees our individual liberties and freedom; our SC Constitution should do the same. Republican SC legislators should be the first to promote the **freedom** of South Carolinians from birth to the grave. Unfortunately, some bills that are being considered or have passed this legislative season do the opposite and are socialistic in nature.

This calls for vigilance on our part. As Republican women (and men) we must be aware of what is going on in Columbia and hold our Republican legislators accountable for laws that rob us of our freedoms and opportunities afforded us by the US Constitution. At the same time, we must thank them for the many things they do right for the citizens they govern. Scripture tells us those in positions of authority are given their positions by God for the good of the people they govern, and He holds them accountable for their decisions. It is our duty to elect good men and women and then communicate with our legislators and urge them to do it right.

Please make it a point to attend our March 28th meeting! Bring a friend! It will be a fun luncheon with Gene Ho – personal photographer of President Donald Trump. Our guest speaker on April 25th will be a national expert on public education who will explain the new Education Reform and Workforce Development law in the SC legislature.

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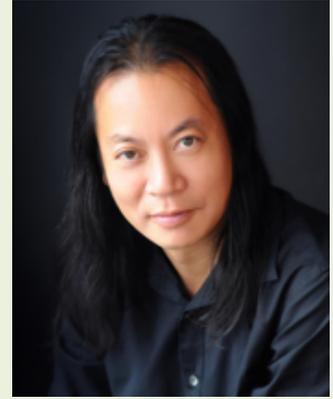


MARCH LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Racine Cooper, Program Chair

Myrtle Beach's Gene Ho has a client list that reads like a "Who's Who" in the world of politics, sports and the arts. He is best known as the personal photographer for Donald Trump during his historic 2016 Presidential campaign, which is documented in his book **TRUMPography: How Biblical Principles Paved the Way to the American Presidency**. The book topped the Amazon charts as #1 "political" and #2 on the "movers and shakers" list.

Gene Ho Photography, Inc. captures everything from weddings and families, celebrities in Hollywood, the PGA, NBA, and NASCAR, to the political arena. He will have copies of his book with him when he addresses our club on March 28th.



CAMPAIGN NOTES

Janice McPhee, Campaign Committee Chair

The 2019 Greenville GOP Reorganization meetings will take place on March 18th at 7 PM in all precincts. Many of you are involved in planning those meetings or will be attending them. The hours spent planning and/or attending the meetings count toward your campaign volunteer hours worked; don't forget to add them on your campaign book page.

Just a reminder that we have three months until our May meeting, at which time I would like to have all volunteer hours turned in to me or logged into the campaign book. I will be submitting the club's collective hours to the South Carolina Federation by June 1st.

Remember, I am sponsoring a drawing in June at which three people who have submitted all of their volunteer hours will be awarded a free lunch at our July meeting (or future meeting if you are unable to attend in July.)

As always, call (864) 967-9618 or email jatmwgm@charter.net with any questions.

MEMBERSHIP

Dianne Mitchell, 1st Vice President

Spring is here and it's a great time to invite new people to come with you to our meetings! Thank you to the many who have turned in your membership renewals. We're almost there! To quote a famous comedian, "get 'er done!"

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 March 28th meeting, along with cash or a \$20 check.

Reminder: Greenville County GOP Precinct Organization Meetings will take place on Monday, March 18th at 7:00 PM. Check the greenvillegop.org site for current information.

Please welcome new members Paula Abate, Dorene Fridy, Beverly McBain, Pat Reynolds and Audrey Schmitt.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Stacy Shea, Legislative Chair

The General Assembly is deep into this year's portion of the 2-year legislative session. Committee hearings and floor debates will be occurring this month on a host of issues. Recent activity includes:

After extensive debate and numerous attempted amendments (only a few of which were adopted), the omnibus Education and Career Opportunity Act (H.3759) passed the House and is now headed to the Senate. The amended bill retains the "Zero to Twenty" committee (now called the "Special Council on Revitalizing Education") which will "monitor the state education and workforce pipeline to continually determine the education and training levels required by state employers." It mandates creation of a "career pathway system." Among many other things, it also increases teacher pay, requires the consolidation of small school districts, eliminates some mandatory tests, and provides incentives to teachers who work in rural, high-poverty areas.

The Asset Forfeiture and Private Property Protection Act (H.3968) would end the current practice of civil asset forfeiture and place strict parameters on criminal asset forfeitures. The bill has widespread nonpartisan support (102 co-sponsors). It has been assigned to the Judiciary Committee, which has not yet completed action on it. Numerous law enforcement agencies and associations oppose the bill.

In the Senate, a bill (S.298) which would give public colleges and universities the ability to create powerful and unaccountable mini-governments called "enterprise divisions" has been reported favorably by the Finance Committee and is scheduled for floor debate. These enterprise divisions would be exempt from most state procurement and employment laws and would be authorized to issue bonds without state approval.

The House unanimously passed H. 3973, which makes female genital mutilation a felony. The bill is now headed to Senate.

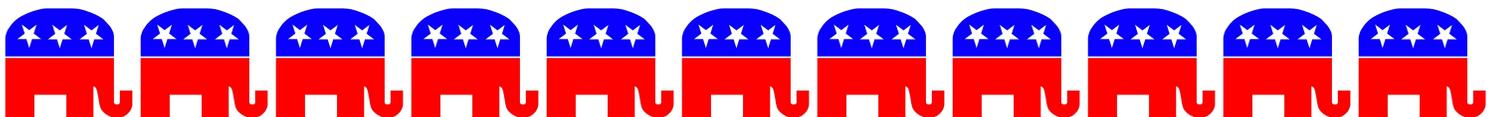
A Senate bill (S.110) which would authorize a new charge on SCANA customers is getting its first subcommittee hearing.

A House bill (H.3355) which bans use of cell phones while driving ("DUI-E") passed favorably out of the Education and Public Works Committee and is being debated on the floor. Debate has been suspended until March 20th.

Senate bill S.214 authorizes the collection of sales taxes from online retailers (in accordance with last year's US Supreme Court decision). It passed the Senate on second reading, but a third reading has not yet been scheduled.

The House filed and passed (without a committee hearing) a joint resolution (H.4157) which amends the procurement process for the purchase of new voting machines. The Election Commission will screen the bids and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority will award the contract.

"Budget Week" begins on March 11th, when the House will begin work on a budget for the next fiscal year.



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The Elephant's Ear

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You can also go to www.eventbrite.com (preferred for non-members),
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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, March 25th 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.

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