



## EFFECTIVE WOMEN IN THE CAUSE OF GOOD GOVERNMENT

### GCRWC 2020 Luncheon Dates

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864- 884-4456

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type in Greenville County  
Republican Women's Club,  
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# The Elephant's Ear

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January 30<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club

\$20.00 Members. \$22.00 Non-Members

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Racine Cooper, President*

*"The only legitimate right to govern is an express grant of power from the governed." ~ Benjamin Harris*



January begins the 2020/2021 administration of Greenville County Republican Women's Club new officers and we are all looking forward to serving both our members and associate members. We are planning relevant and inspiring programs that will include information on campaigns and how we can work to get Republican candidates elected. We are not only "effective women in the cause of good government," but also constitutional conservatives.

I am certain we have all kept up with the shameful behavior of House Democrats impeaching our President, as they make no attempt to hide their disdain for President Trump. All U.S. Presidents have wondered if they were acting in vain, if the criticism from U.S. citizens and foreign governments was true, and if his sacrifice was worth it. I believe President Trump has felt this burden more than any other great leader of our country. His accomplishments have required courage and daring.

Therefore, as "effective women in the cause of good government," let's work together diligently and tirelessly to re-elect Donald J. Trump as the 46<sup>th</sup> President of this great United States.

### 2020/2021 Executive Officers:

President: Racine Cooper

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Stacy Shea

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Susan Kendrick

Recording Secretary: Jill Hancock

Corresponding Secretary: Linda Slaton

Treasurer: Sherry Capitan

## JANUARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

### ***Susan Kendrick, Program Chair***

We are excited to welcome Nick Adams to our January meeting! Nick is a four-time best-selling author, motivational speaker, Fox News commentator, business innovator, and stage IV cancer survivor. As an immigrant from Australia, he believes in the greatness of American opportunity. Mr. Adams has appeared on virtually every major television and radio program and runs the Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG), a non-profit organization that teaches civics and informs parents and students on the power of the American dream. His work in public schools has seen him recognized by governors across the country, including South Carolina.



His book, *Green Card Warrior*, detailing his journey to America, received special distinction in March 2017, with President Donald Trump declaring it a “must read.” It was the first time in the history of the United States that a sitting President has ever endorsed a book. His newest book, *Trump and Churchill: Defenders of Western Civilization*, will be released in the spring of 2020.

Plan to join us at the January 30<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting and be inspired by Nick Adams!

GCRWC is continuing in 2020 to partner with We Build the Wall, Inc. to raise funds to build *The Wall*, bringing safety and security to our southern border. For more information and to see how the wall project is progressing, go to [www.webuildthewall.us](http://www.webuildthewall.us). We Build the Wall, Inc. is a 501© (4) and donations are NOT tax deductible; all proceeds go to We Build the Wall, Inc.

Checks (no cash please) are payable to: GCRWC and write “wall” on the memo line.

If you wish to participate, mail your check to:

GCRWC – WALL  
3620 Pelham Road  
GMB# 355  
Greenville, SC 29615-5044



## CAMPAIGN NOTES

### ***Gwen Crosland and Linda Slaton, Campaign Committee***

Take a minute and think about how many hours you have volunteered since our last meeting in December. Volunteer hours include working for a candidate, attending a special event or GOP sponsored meeting, and time spent helping our club before and after meetings. If you attended an event for any of the candidates for sheriff, worked for one of the candidates, or attended any of the debates for Greenville County Sheriff, please add those hours. We do count travel time to and from events; make sure to include that with your hours posted.

Please bring your volunteer hours with you when you attend our meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be there ready to assist you in recording them in the campaign committee volunteer hour notebook. Be mindful of your volunteer time each month and keep up with recording your hours in the notebook; volunteer time is one component of the Diamond Award given by the National Federation of Republican Women. Help us to maintain our Diamond Award status! Please contact Gwen Crosland at (864) 593-0319 or [gwen.crosland58@gmail.com](mailto:gwen.crosland58@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Greenville County Legislative Delegation Meeting

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

**5:30-7:00 PM**

**County Chambers at County Square, 300 University Ridge**

We hope you'll attend the meeting above for an opportunity to hear from Greenville County Legislators. For more information and instructions if you would like to address the delegates, go to [www.greenvillecounty.org](http://www.greenvillecounty.org). Pizza will be provided by Freedom Action Network (FAN) of SC after the meeting. Free to attend, but please register through Eventbrite at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and look for the meeting by date.



## **MEMBERSHIP**

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

Why join or renew your GCRWC membership? We provide knowledgeable speakers on current topics of interest, timely information, action alerts, printed educational materials and exposure to candidates during election cycles, not to mention the camaraderie of like-minded and engaged women.

We offer a variety of membership levels. This allows us to keep our dues as low as possible, but also raise money to cover our operating costs without having multiple fundraisers. The membership form is included in this newsletter. As you fill it out, please consider joining at a level higher than the standard membership and give a little extra financial support to our club. Bring the form and payment to the meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Note our dues increase from \$20 to \$30. In November, the NFRW voted to raise individual membership dues to \$20. In turn, our officers voted to increase GCRWC dues in order to cover the increase and still allow us to pay the required \$5 to the SCFRW and keep \$5 for our club. **Please understand that it is MUCH easier for our treasurer, Sherry Capitan, if there are SEPARATE checks for membership and your lunch. Plan to bring two checks or additional cash to the meeting.** Thank you!

## Greenville County Republican Women 2020 Membership Form

*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.*

Renewing \_\_\_\_\_  
New \_\_\_\_\_  
Associate \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### **MEMBERSHIP LEVELS – Out of each level, \$20 goes to NFRW and \$5 goes to SCFRW.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member and Patriot - \$30**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mrs. Powell's Circle of Friends - \$40** Mrs. Powell opened her parlor for political discussion to our Nation's founders.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **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.

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ **\$30** Membership Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks out to GCRWC.** Give to Treasurer or Membership Chair at meeting.

**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.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash \_\_\_\_\_  
Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_  
Amt Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

### *Tracy Phillpott, Legislative Chair*

The first session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> South Carolina General Assembly adjourned on May 9, 2019. There were 108 bills signed into law, 4 bills vetoed and overridden, and 1 bill vetoed and sustained. Some of the bills signed into law include:

- Prohibiting female genital mutilation.
- Strengthening age verification requirements for the sale of tobacco and vapor products for the Youth Access to Tobacco Prevention Act of 2006.
- Amending Prescription Monitoring Program by DHEC to include opioid antidotes.
- Allowing military personnel and their dependents to pay in-state tuition regardless of time of residence.
- Distribution of \$250,000 to the SC State Firefighters Association to provide PTSD insurance and programs.
- Tax incentives for the Carolina Panthers.
- Department of Administration to receive proposals to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of Santee Cooper operations, rather than sell it. Santee Cooper must also submit proposals for reform.
- The Appropriations Bill for 2019-2020 passed with certain items vetoed and sustained. The total spending package is \$29.8 B. There is a \$1.9 B surplus for 2020. Here is the link to a letter from Gov. Henry McMaster to the Members of the General Assembly [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123\\_2019-2020/appropriations2019/gmbvto19.pdf](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/appropriations2019/gmbvto19.pdf).
- A resolution to appropriate monies from The Capital Reserve Fund (higher education repairs/renovations/infrastructure) and to allow unexpected funds to be carried forward for the same purpose.

For a more detailed look at the Bills passed, click this link <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/rats.php>.

The second regular session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> South Carolina General Assembly will convene on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. South Carolina House and Senate members have introduced over 300 new bills they hope to make into laws next year, in addition to bills carried over. Bills to watch in 2020:

- H3020, S32 “Fetal Heartbeat Protection from Abortion Act.”
- S139 Constitutional Carry allowing lawful gun owners to carry firearms, concealed or not, without a permit.
- H3275 Red Flag legislation – Seizure of weapons without due process.
- H3759 and S419 Education bills which include data collection of test scores and elementary testing.
- S366 and H3660 Legalized Medical Cannabis.
- H4258 “Palmetto Work and Save Plan” essentially a state-sponsored retirement program for private employees (keep in mind the nearly \$82 billion deficit in state employee pension plan.)
- S298 Higher education spending increase to limit increases on in-state tuition and fees, placing cost on taxpayers. No oversight in university borrowing and spending.



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**Julie Hershey at 864-884-4456 by Sunday, January 26th.**  
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 using credit card.

***Be sure to make reservations for all guests and include any special meal requests.***  
*Once the number of reservations has been turned in to the Poinsett Club, GCRWC must honor  
our commitment to pay for that number of lunches. If you make a reservation and do not  
attend, you will still be asked to pay \$20 to cover our costs to the Poinsett Club Thank you!*