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**GCRWC 2020
Luncheon Dates**

September 24
October 22
December 3*

(not the 4th Thursday)

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September 24th Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club

\$20.00 Members/\$22.00 Guests

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Racine Cooper, President

Much Work to Do Before November 3rd Election



In the aftermath of Labor Day 2020, unions representing millions of the working class in America were threatening to give the OK for work stoppage in support of Black Lives Matter and calling for concrete measures that address racial injustice.

Labor leaders representing teachers, autoworkers, truck drivers and clerical staff, along with others have given warning that they are willing to step up protest tactics to force local and federal lawmakers to take action on policing reform and "systemic" racism. Labor leaders say that if the walkouts were to happen, they would go on for as long as needed.

The union leaders said in a statement, "When we strike to withhold our labor, we have the power to bring an unjust status quo to a halt." They are demanding the police are to be defunded, redistribution of the "stolen wealth" of the billionaire class to invest in what their people need to live in peace, dignity and abundance: universal healthcare and housing, public jobs programs and cash assistance, and safe working conditions. The Democratic House has already passed the *George Floyd Justice in Policing Act* and our own Senator Tim Scott authored a police reform bill that failed on a procedural vote in the Senate because the Dems thought the measure did not go far enough.

Do you think they are looking beyond themselves to see the impact this would make on the United States? A wink and a nod away from Socialism and loss of law and order, not to mention states' rights. We must work hard up until November 3rd to make sure our country remains as our Founding Fathers designed it. One where free Americans control the government and not government controlling its people.

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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Susan Kendrick, Program Chair

John Warren, a conservative Republican and former candidate for Governor, has launched South Carolina's Conservative Future. This political action committee will focus on several areas, among them developing a grassroots network "to really engage and create change, not just attend meetings."

With Republicans in control of South Carolina's Legislature, as well as the Governor's Mansion and all statewide-elected offices, Warren feels new voices are needed within the GOP to move the state forward. South Carolina's Conservative Future will have a statewide presence and be headquartered in Greenville.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Many thanks to our Fundraising Chair, Beth Wadsworth, for all of her efforts in helping our club to raise additional funds. Her enthusiasm is contagious! This month, she will be holding a Silent Auction. Come early to our meeting and browse the auction and place some bids.

In addition, Beth draws on her background as a nurse to write our monthly Women's Health Brief for the Elephant's Ear.

MEMBERSHIP

Kathryn Hughes, Membership Chair

Thank you to everyone who has invited a guest to attend one of our meetings. That is a great way to recruit new people!

Please welcome our newest members, **Sherry Rallis and Lisa McAdams.**

If you have any questions about membership, please email kahughes@afomail.net or call (864) 906-1031.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

Gwen Crosland and Linda Slaton, Campaign Committee

It is campaign season and that means many of you are mostly likely assisting campaigns with phone calls, mailings, and distributing signs/campaign information. Please remember to always count your travel time to and from events and volunteer jobs.

It is important that you record your volunteer hours in the red notebook at meetings or email Linda Slaton at ldslaton@yahoo.com. The club's hours are recorded once every two years to the National Federation of Republican Women and are part of helping us maintain the Diamond Award.

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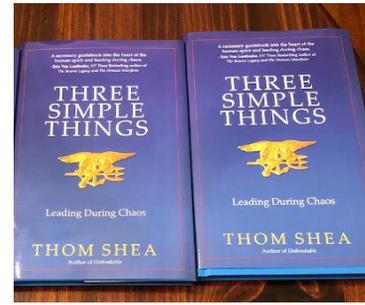
Beth Wadsworth, Fundraising Chair

September is here and that means Silent Auction!

Please take a look around your house for items such as pictures, lamps, small furniture, decorative items and jewelry. Any item that is in good shape and would be of interest to other members is welcome.

I'll be at the Poinsett Club at 10:30 AM the day of the meeting to set up. You are welcome to come early to bring your auction donation. In addition, you can also drop items off to my house at 23 Gilderview Drive in Simpsonville.

Feel free to call (864) 363-7650 with any questions about the Silent Auction.



MAMIE EISENHOWER LITERACY PROGRAM

The Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Program is the Republican Women's oldest program, celebrating nearly 60 years of book donations to homeless shelters, doctors' offices, schools and public libraries. MELP was established in 1961 as a memorial honoring the former Republican First Lady. We are collecting books this year and the deadline is September 24th. Ideas for books include:

Biography/Memoir – Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, Frederick Douglas, George/Martha Washington, Gary Sinese

Authors to include – Hamody Jasim, Karen Watson, Dinesh D'Souza, Cokie Roberts, Nick Adams, Mark Levine

Young readers – Rush Limbaugh's books for children, Nick Adam's books for children, Mike Huckabee's books for children, Brenda Ewers, Laura Ingalls Wilder

For more information contact Racine Cooper (864) 449-6815 or Brenda Barrett (864) 963-3551.

LEAVING A GCRWC LEGACY

100 years ago, women won the right to vote, a moment that is not taken for granted today. The celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution should commemorate the struggle and success of the movement.

"Perhaps someday men will raise a tablet reading in letters of gold '**All honor to women, the first disenfranchised class in history who unaided by any political party, won enfranchisement by its own effort...and achieved the victory without the shedding of a drop of human blood.**' All the honor to the women of the world!" ~ Harriet Stanton Blatch.

The GCRWC will create a time capsule to be opened in 2120. *If you did not do so in August*, please bring small items remembering the past and present, as well as predictions for the future. Included will be the history of GCRWC and items such as campaign pins, memorabilia or stickers from political involvement and pictures to preserve the history of GCRWC's 2020 celebration of the Women's Suffrage 100th Anniversary.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Tracy Phillpott, Legislative Chair

From the Freedom Action Network of SC/The Nerve (Rick Brundrett)

"Buried in the latest \$32.3 billion state spending plan for next fiscal year is a \$19 million expenditure for a proposed downtown Greenville convention center, \$7.5 million to renovate the Sumter Opera House and 1 million for a walking trail in Columbia. The house already passed budget earlier this year by a vote of 102-2".

<https://thenerve.org/governor-house-want-sc-taxpayers-to-eat-plenty-of-pork-in-fiscal-21/>

This will be the largest budget in history and filled with pet projects for lobbyists and politicians. The SC Assembly returns to Columbia on September 15th. Before they vote on this new monster state budget, ask your State Representative and State Senator to explain why.

Absentee Ballot Changes for the General Election

In July, State Election Commission Executive Director, Marcia Andino, sent a letter to Senate President, Harvey Peeler, and House Speaker, Jay Lucas, urging several emergency changes for the November election.

Recommendations to lawmakers:

- Reinststate the "state of emergency" reason allowing every voter the option to vote absentee.
- Allow voters to apply for an absentee ballot online.
- Remove the witness requirement for absentee return envelopes.
- Allow use of drop boxes for return of absentee ballots.
- Provide election officials with more time to process absentee-by-mail ballots or extend the date in which counties must certify the results of the election.
 - SC Election Commission wants county officials to be able to start scanning ballots as early as the Friday before the election. The current law allows them to open exterior envelopes starting 9 a.m. the day before the election, but they have to wait until election day to open interior envelopes and scan ballots.

Allow curbside voting to take place at designated locations instead of every polling place.

In an emergency session on September 2nd, the SC Senate voted 41-0 to expand absentee voting to all registered SC voters. They also voted to keep the witness signature on the ballot and eliminated the State Election Commission's plan to add more drop boxes. The Senate voted to allow county election officials to open the outer envelope of the absentee ballot at 7 a.m. on November 1st. Additionally, they voted to move up the deadline for returning an absentee ballot application. Ballots must be received by the county before 5 p.m. on Oct. 24, if submitted by mail and 5 p.m. on Oct. 30, if submitted in person. The SC House is expected to agree to the changes and the final bill must be signed by Governor McMaster.

There is still time to call your representative and Governor McMaster to tell them to protect the integrity of our elections.

If you plan on voting absentee, you can [apply for a ballot right now](#). Once you're approved, you'll be sent a ballot in the beginning of October. Election officials are encouraging absentee voters to fill out and return their ballots as soon as possible.



REMINDERS:

**RSVP to Julie Hershey
at gcrwreply@yahoo.com
by Sunday, September
20th.**

**Items for our time
capsule.**

**Books to donate to the
Mamie Eisenhower
Literacy Program.**

Cash for raffle tickets.

**Items to contribute to
silent auction.**

**Masks are now required
for entry to the Poinsett
Club.**

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WOMENS HEALTH BRIEF

Beth Wadsworth, RN

In general, upper respiratory tract infections are the most common health issues in society but can affect individuals with COPD the most. People tend to think that aging makes you more prone to shortness of breath, but this is not true, and should be reported to your doctor. This month, we will talk about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). As a progressive respiratory disease, COPD is characterized by irreversible airflow obstruction resulting from chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Although details of COPD pathophysiology are a subject of debate, it is generally acknowledged that the main risk in the development of the disease is the inhalation of toxic gasses and particles, particularly those generated in the combustion of tobacco. As early as the 1950's, cigarette smoking was associated with the development of chronic cough and increased production of sputum. Although the reasons are not fully understood, it is suspected that COPD can increase the risk of heart disease, which includes heart attacks, heart failure, and cancer. If one of your parents has COPD it is suspected that this is hereditary. You should report the following symptoms: coughing, wheezing, chest tightness, cyanosis (blue coloring around the mouth), frequent respiratory infections, lack of energy, edema (swelling) of ankles or legs, and weight loss. Your physician may order the following tests to rule out COPD: spirometry, chest x-ray, chest CT, and a blood gas which measures oxygen and carbon dioxide in your blood. This information is a great reason to stop smoking and live a healthier lifestyle.

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