



EFFECTIVE WOMEN IN THE CAUSE OF GOOD GOVERNMENT

**GCRWC 2020  
Luncheon Dates**

May 28  
June 25  
July 23  
August 27  
September 24  
October 22  
December 3\*

(not the 4th Thursday)

# The Elephant's Ear

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**April 30<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting  
has been cancelled due to restrictions in  
place to manage COVID-19.**

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Racine Cooper, President*



### True Grit & American Optimism is on Display

This month has been an incredibly difficult time; living with all of the disruption, isolation, pain and personal adversity that has been caused by the COVID-19 virus.

Now, some South Carolinians are enduring severe damage and devastation caused by violent storms with tornadoes that traveled from Oconee and Pickens Counties to areas of the Low Country. According to the National Weather Service, the storm was South Carolina's most severe weather event in the last 12 years. Our government agencies were prepared for this natural disaster due to already being in a state of emergency. The media reported that South Carolina emergency operations were up and running, ready to quickly respond when the tornadoes ripped through our beautiful state.

All South Carolinians are special people who will continue to display admirable strength and resilience as they focus on the unprecedented journey still before us. Please keep friends and neighbors in this great state who have been affected by either COVID-19 or the recent storms in your prayers.

Make note of the new reservation procedures that are listed in this newsletter. If you would like to add yourself to the Standing Reservation List or remove your name, email Julie Hershey at [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com) by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

For Reservations:  
Email Julie Hershey at  
[gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com)  
or go to  
[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and  
type in Greenville County  
Republican Women's Club,  
then click the event.

Check out  
our website:  
[www.GCRWC.org](http://www.GCRWC.org)



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## UPCOMING LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

### *Susan Kendrick, Program Chair*

While we were forced to make a last-minute change to our March speaker when Senator Graham placed himself in quarantine after exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, and we are unable to host an April meeting, that does not mean we are not busy at work trying to confirm speakers for future meetings. We are very hopeful we will be able to meet in May but will simply have to wait and see. To date, our plan is to secure local candidates for SC offices and host a forum where we can ask them challenging questions and get a sense of where they truly stand on issues.

## CAMPAIGN NOTES

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

Even though we have been asked to stay home of late, many of you are probably still keeping busy supporting the GOP and political campaigns, as well as completing tasks that support GCRWC. Please keep track of the time you are spending and either record it in the campaign notebook at our next meeting or email us to record it for you. Take a little time and look at your calendar to make certain that you have reported all of your volunteer time since the new year. We are trying to update the notebook and make sure that everyone is current on reporting hours. Associate members remember that your volunteer efforts count, too!

Email Gwen at [gwcrosland@att.net](mailto:gwcrosland@att.net) or Linda at [ldslaton@yahoo.com](mailto:ldslaton@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## MEMBERSHIP

### *Kathryn Hughes, Membership Chair*

We still have quite a few people who need to renew memberships. It's a perfect time to print the form included in this newsletter and drop it in the mail to Kathryn Hughes, 19 Pinehurst Green Way, Greenville, SC 29609. Please note that both standard and associate memberships are \$30, and your check should be made payable to **GCRWC**.

Tom Hanson is in the process of taking pictures for the new directory. He will be ready to see your smiling face at our next meeting if you have not already had your picture taken. If your phone, email or address has recently changed, please let me know so that it will be updated before the directory is printed.

Don't hesitate to call me at 864-906-1031 or email [kahughes@afomail.net](mailto:kahughes@afomail.net) with any questions you may have.

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST GCRWC MEMBERS:**

Jack Barrett	John Landry
Kathy Bergeson.	Carolyn Lindow
Charles Kenneth Boone	Sarah Lynch
Peggy Bramlett	Twinkle Martin
Charles Brantley	Susan Mitchell
Anita Butler	Linda Parker
Sarilla Cosgrove	Michele Peterson
Carla Dusa	Carrie Rushing
Edna Evans	Steve Shaw
Maria Garrison	Tabitha Smith
Liz Higdon	Kelly Willenberg
Idell Koury	

# GREENVILLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

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/zip): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Member's Name (if new): \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Congressional District: #3 Jeff Duncan \_\_\_\_\_ or #4 William Timmons \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Member & Patriot - \$30 [Our local club receives \$5. It is mandatory that the remainder goes to the State & National Federation of Republican Women.]

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate & Patriot - \$30 [Our local club receives \$5. It is mandatory that the remainder goes to the State & National Federation of Republican Women.]

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Powell's Circle of Friends - \$40 [Mrs. Powell opened her parlor to our Nation's founders for political discussions. Dues \$30, contribution \$10.]

\_\_\_\_\_ Abigail Adams Activists - \$60 [Abigail wrote letters to her husband regarding women's rights and opposing slavery. Dues \$30, contribution \$30.]

\_\_\_\_\_ Phillis Wheatley's Luminaries - \$75 [Phillis was a slave from Africa who eventually gained her freedom. She became famous as a poet, including a poem written to George Washington. Dues \$30, contribution \$45.]

\_\_\_\_\_ Abigail Minis's Providers- \$100 [Abigail was a Jewish widow in her 80's who opened her inn and gaven provisions for American Revolutionary & French soldiers. Dues \$30, contribution \$70.]

\_\_\_\_\_ Nanye'hi (Nancy Ward) Ambassadors - \$200 [Nanye'hi was known as a "beloved Woman" of the Cherokee. She negotiated peace with Americans - an extraordinary thing for a woman in those times. Dues \$30, contribution \$170.]

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to GCRWC. Give check to treasurer or membership chair at meeting or mail to Kathryn Hughes, 19 Pinehurst Green Way /Greenville SC / 29609

Please let us know which committees interest you and how your talents and skills can benefit the club in advancing the cause of Liberty!

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## NEW GCRWC RESERVATION POLICY STARTING IMMEDIATELY

To better ensure accuracy and to mitigate financial deficits to the GCRWC, the following rules will be implemented beginning April 1, 2020:

1. All reservations (except Standing Reservations) must be made either on Eventbrite or by email at [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com). There will be special arrangements made for those who do not have computer access. The reason for Eventbrite and email reservations is for **documentation** and **confirmation** of all reservations. Eventbrite reservations offer a ticket receipt and email reservations to [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com) record the date and time of the email request as well as a return email confirmation from the reservationist (Julie Hershey). PLEASE BE ACCURATE WHEN EMAILING – [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com). No other email addresses will be allowed for reservations (such as Julie's personal email or her nonprofit company's email address). If your reservation request is not confirmed by the reservationist within two days, please contact Julie Hershey.
2. **A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID** unless you cancel your reservation the Sunday before the Thursday luncheon. Per Poinsett Club reservation rules – GCRWC must pay for all reservations made by the Sunday before the Thursday luncheon. If you're unable to attend a reserved luncheon, you will be expected to reimburse GCRWC for the cost of your lunch. Mail your check for \$20 to the GCRWC Treasurer to reimburse GCRWC for your cancelled reservation: Mailing address is Sherry Capitan, PO Box 8354, Greenville, SC 29604. Make your check out to GCRWC for \$20.
3. **It is recommended that all members and guests make their own reservation.** If reservations are made for additional people, the names of the people must be emailed to the reservationist (not just the number of guests). If any do not attend the reserved luncheon or cancel after the Sunday before the Thursday of the luncheon, the person who emailed the reservations will be expected to reimburse GCRWC for each person who did not attend the reserved luncheon.
4. **NO TELEPHONE OR TEXT RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED** unless special arrangements have been made by the reservationist.
5. All reservations must be made by email (or Eventbrite) by the Sunday before the Thursday luncheon. Emails will be checked for date and time sent to the reservationist and will not be valid after Sunday.
6. It is suggested you mark your calendar for the third week of every month to email your reservation, so you don't risk making a late reservation.
7. THERE WILL BE NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED. Members and guests must have a reservation.
8. All regular attending members should consider being on the Standing Reservation list. Standing Reservations are automatic unless canceled via email at [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com) by the Sunday before the Thursday luncheon.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

*Tracy Phillpott, Legislative Chair*

### COVID-19

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Governor McMaster issued a mandatory Home or Work Order. All South Carolinians must remain at home or work unless visiting family, exercising outdoors or obtaining goods or services. He also limited retail store capacity to five people per 1000ft or 20% of total square footage, whichever is less, in order to improve social distancing and reduce the rate of infection. To view the entire press conference, click here <https://youtu.be/-gqrSaXlga8>. Local governments are using the pandemic to erode the Constitution and strip citizens of their rights. These cities include the usual suspects of Columbia and Mt. Pleasant, whose mayors issued lockdowns in their cities prior to the State Declaration of Emergency. AG Wilson is not pursuing legal action against these lawless mayors. One thing that we can do is urge our city and county councils to look at local ordinances, where an emergency declaration might trigger unconstitutional laws and curfews. As an example, the city of Greenville emergency code allows the mayor to close gas stations and gun stores in a “State of Emergency.” In Pickens, such a declaration would prevent people from carrying a firearm off of their property, even with a CWP.

### South Carolina State Budget

Governor McMaster urged the members of the General Assembly to meet on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> in order to vote on the state budget. After House leaders and some Senators spent weeks discussing and making deals on the budget, the House approved a bill 108-0, and adjourned with no plans to return. The bill, to allow state government to keep spending, included a section to extend the law allowing the state to sell or reform Santee Cooper to be extended into 2021. House and Senate leaders had agreed to a provision preventing the utility from entering into any contracts over a year in length, but the Senate voted to alter the bill, requiring Santee Cooper to get permission from the governor, speaker, senate president and budget committee chairmen from both chambers before signing contracts of a year or more. Now that the Senate has altered the House’s bill, the House will have to come back in session and deal with the new proposal before June 30<sup>th</sup> or risk a state shutdown.

The spending proposal sets aside \$200 million for emergency COVID-19 spending and gives the governor wide power in using it. It sets aside \$15 million for adjustments needed to assure South Carolina’s June 9<sup>th</sup> primary can continue with flexibility to make more changes to voting. <https://governor.sc.gov/news/2020-03/gov-henry-mcmaster-requests-surplus-funds-be-made-immediately-available-scdhec-covid>.

Here is a link to an article about the SC state budget voting on April 8<sup>th</sup>:

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/education/article/SC-Legislature-tries-to-meet-quickly-as-COVID-19-15186063.php>.

Items in H.5201 as of March 10<sup>th</sup> :

[https://www.postandcourier.com/berkeley-independent/news/the-state-capitol-report/article\\_807cffde-6497-11ea-9364-df7e69586274.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/berkeley-independent/news/the-state-capitol-report/article_807cffde-6497-11ea-9364-df7e69586274.html).



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS:**

**Reopening of America**

**President Trump unveiled the Guidelines for Opening Up America Again.**

**The guidance is in line with what the experts are saying and what the data is showing.**

**Let's continue to follow the guidelines and support our state and local officials as they plan our "Reopening of South Carolina".**

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## **WOMEN'S HEALTH BRIEF**

***Beth Wadsworth, RN***

America, land of the free and home of the BRAVE; the greatest nation in the world, now under lock down with lives coming to a screeching halt. COVID-19, first discovered in Wuhan, China is now a full-blown pandemic with people of all ages being infected. Older people and ones with pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease appear to be most vulnerable to becoming seriously ill. VP Mike Pence and his team of advisors encourage people to take steps to protect themselves by following good hand and respiratory hygiene. Soap and water are your new best friends and need to be used for at least 20 seconds of scrubbing, and coughs/sneezes should be directed toward elbows and not hands. Staying home unless going out for work, food or medication have been advised by both President Trump and Governor McMaster. Wearing a mask and gloves are advised for added protection when going out, and a physical distance of at least six feet from other people is encouraged.

The most common symptoms are fever, fatigue and dry cough, but some experience aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and diarrhea. A rising fever and shortness of breath are serious symptoms and a doctor should be contacted. As the pandemic continues, isolation may cause depression, confusion, loneliness and feelings of uncertainty. Be good to yourself; take a walk, start a project, stay in touch with friends over the phone or Internet. There is hope! Our God is sovereign, and nothing takes Him by surprise. All good things work together for those who love the Lord. The USA will rise again and be even stronger. This quarantine too, shall pass. Take precautions, stay healthy, but never give up your LIBERTY.

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