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GCRWC 2021 Luncheon Dates

February 25
March 25
April 22 (Poinsett Room)
May 27
June 24
July 22
August 26
September 23 (tentative)
October 28
December 2 *
(not the 4th Thursday)

The Elephant's Ear

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*February 25th Luncheon Meeting
12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club
\$20.00 Members/\$22.00 Guests*

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Racine Cooper, President

We Want a Fair Game

I hope everyone enjoyed the Super Bowl! Being a football fan myself (mostly college football) I found an article from Heritage Action for America very interesting. It compares a football game to the Democrats in DC playing a dirty game of political football.

What is a great game? Sportsmanship, integrity and a respect for the RULES OF THE GAME. In DC, the Democrats are changing all the rules in order to push their radical agenda into the end zone.

Democrats can't pass their radical agenda in the Senate because they need 60 votes to overcome a filibuster. They plan to use the reconciliation process, which means they only need 51 votes. The Byrd Rule states that reconciliation can only be used for budget-related legislation.

Democrats want to implement non-budget changes such as the Green New Deal, statehood for DC and granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants. To use reconciliation to pass their agenda, Democrats like Bernie Sanders want to get rid of the Byrd Rule. With the Byrd Rule gone, they can use reconciliation to pass whatever they want with just 51 votes.

This is the same thing as a football player running the ball out of bounds down the sideline and then stepping back into bounds at the end zone for a touchdown. Democrats are hoping the American people are not watching political football with the same attention they give the actual sport.

Democrats can only get away with this if they don't feel like it's unpopular. Therefore, we must make blowing up the Byrd Rule *very* unpopular! Preserving the Byrd Rule is a very important part of preserving the filibuster and protecting minority rights in the Senate.

For Reservations:

Email Julie Hershey at
gcrwreply@yahoo.com

OR

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and type in GCRWC and click
the meeting date.

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our website:
www.GCRWC.org



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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Susan Kendrick, Program Chair

Our speaker this month is Steve Garrison, a sought-after financial consultant for individuals and small business owners. He is a native of Easley and graduate of Furman. His focus is to organize his client's financial affairs and protect, save, and grow their personal assets.

For the past 33 year, Steve has served as a financial advisor and has qualified multiple times for the industry's most-revered club, The Million Dollar Round Table. The MDRT represents the top five percent of producers in the industry from around the world. He has also qualified as a National Quality Award producer for 32 straight years.



In Easley, Steve is involved in his church where he sings in an ensemble and serves as a teacher in the youth department. He is also president of Easley's Little League Program where he has volunteered for 43 years.

MEMBERSHIP

Kathryn Hughes, Membership Chair

It's hard to believe we are already in February! Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership by mail. We're looking forward to many of you renewing in person at our February meeting. If you are unable to attend or would prefer to renew by mail, please mail your form and check to Kathryn Hughes, 19 Pinehurst Green Way, Greenville, SC 29609.

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

Many thanks to everyone who has logged hours into the red notebook at our meetings or called/emailed to have us record hours for you. We'd love to get everyone up to date with volunteer time!

If you are unable to attend this month's meeting, please call (864) 593-0319 or email gwen.crosland58@gmail.com to let Gwen know how many hours to list for February 2021.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month, we show our love for Tracy Phillipott. She has been active in our club and participating on committees since becoming a member. For example, Tracy has served as reservationist, chaired the nametag committee, served on the nominating committee, assisted with We Build the Wall, and is currently serving as our legislative chair where she shares informational monthly reports.



FUNDRAISING

Beth Wadsworth, Fundraising Chair

Hello Patriots!

If you know of anyone with their own business, please let me know, as this is a great way to get potential donations for raffles. In addition, before you sell furniture or items from your home, consider donating to our fundraising program.

I am thankful for all of your past donations and look forward to another successful year. Together we are stronger!

Please call me at (864) 363-7650 to discuss a donation or share ideas for potential fundraisers.

Sanctity of Life

Kathryn Hughes, Chair

We are excited to officially launch the new Sanctity of Life committee! As you know, the Republican party stands strongly in support of life at all stages. This month, we will be having a fundraiser for the Piedmont Women's Center, a wonderful organization that provides help for women in our community. We will be selling tiny feet lapel pins for \$5 and necklace charms for \$10. These pins are the size of a preborn baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception.

At our March meeting, we will be hosting two ladies from Piedmont Women's Center to receive the funds raised. They will also be sharing additional ways that we can partner with them in their mission.

If you have any questions or would like to pre-order your pins, please contact Kathryn at (864) 906-1031 or kahughes@afomail.net.

GREENVILLE COUNTY GOP NEWS

Dianne Mitchell, 3rd Vice Chair Greenville GOP

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, March 22nd is Greenville County's Precinct ReOrganization. If you are a Precinct Executive Committeeman or President, watch your email for important information. If you are new to this, ReOrganization identifies the interested Republican voter, builds a grassroots network of those voters, and gets people out to vote for Republicans. It is about Republican voters and getting them excited about how they can get informed, be involved, and perhaps attend County, State or National convention. All of us as Republican Women should attend these important meetings.

Look for more information to come at the February meeting, in the March Elephant's Ear and on the Greenville GOP website: greenvillegop.com/reorg.

Mark your calendars:

Tuesday, April 6th – Reorg makeup meeting at GOP HQ

Tuesday, April 13th – Greenville GOP Convention
(More details to follow.)

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Dianne Mitchell at (864) 244-2717 or diannekm@charter.net.

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): _____

EST 1956

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 given 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!

ck # _____ cash _____ amount _____ rc'd by _____ date _____ new / renew / assoc

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Tracy Phillpott, Legislative Chair

The Senate passed S1, the Heartbeat Bill, 30-13. One Republican, Sen. Sandy Senn, and one Democrat, Sen. Kent Williams, crossed party lines. Members of the Constitutional Law Subcommittee advanced the bill to the SC House in a vote of 3-2. Gov. Henry McMaster has promised to sign a heartbeat bill once passed by the Legislature.

Rep. Tom Rice, 7th Congressional district, was formally censured by the SCGOP Executive Committee for his vote to impeach former President Donald Trump. The vote was nearly unanimous, with 43 members voting in favor of the censure resolution and nobody voting against (two abstaining).

A few of the Bills introduced for 2021

Rep. Bobby Cox, SC House District 21, has introduced H3094. The “Open Carry with Training Act” allows open carry wherever a gun holder is permitted to carry a concealed weapon in the state. Sixty-seven lawmakers support the bill. It is being discussed in General Laws Subcommittee. SC is in the company of CA, IL, NY and DC, which do not allow any type of open carry. There are currently four other bills related to the topic being considered by House and Senate members.

Additionally, two Constitutional Carry Bills H3039 and H3036 have been introduced. The South Carolina Constitutional Carry Act of 2021 proposes to eliminate Concealed Weapons Permits (“CWP”) and allow anyone, who is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing a firearm, to carry on his or her person a concealable weapon.

H3503, eliminates colleges, universities, technical colleges, and other postsecondary institutions from the prohibited places a CWP holder may not carry his or her weapon.

State Reps. Lin Bennett, R-Charleston, and Patrick Haddon, R-Greenville, are have introduced a recall election law ([H. 3256](#)). Petitioners would be required to gather signatures from 20 percent of registered voters to get a recall on the ballot for a statewide office on the ballot, and 25 percent of registered voters to get one against all other officials. They would have 90 days to gather the signatures. Elected officials would have a 90-day grace period at the start of the term and, if the official survives a recall vote, they could not face another recall for two years.

<https://www.statehousereport.com/2021/01/29/nextera-aaron-recalls/>

Numerous bills for Election Reform have been introduced on topics such as shrinking the time for absentee ballot and closing monetary contribution to state and local governments from sources outside of SC. For example, private election grants funded by Facebook CEO Zuckerberg included \$730,000 to Charleston County and \$700,000 to Richland County to influence elections.

Now, more than ever, it is important to have your voice heard. Here is a link to find your SC legislators:

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php>

Don't hesitate to contact your legislators about issues that concern you. You should be courteous and to the point, but don't be afraid to take a firm position.



REMINDERS:

Contact Julie Hershey at
gcrwreply@yahoo.com to

RSVP no later than
Sunday, February 21st.

It's time to renew for
2021. Mail your form
and \$30 check payable
to GCRWC to Kathryn
Hughes, OR plan to
bring to our meeting.

Contact state legislators
to voice your opinion on
topics on the legislative
agenda this session.

Masks are required for
entry to the Poinsett
Club.

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WOMENS HEALTH BRIEF

Beth Wadsworth, RN

Have you scheduled your yearly mammogram? If not, why not schedule today? Are you doing your monthly self-checks? Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer found in women, and the older a woman is the more likely she will be diagnosed. Almost half of the newly diagnosed breast cancer cases come from women over 60 and another 20% come from women over 70, but after age 80 the chances decrease. Unfortunately, women over 65 who are diagnosed are more likely to have a poor prognosis.

It is vital that women and their loved ones know the causes, warning signs, preventative measures that can be taken, and types of breast cancer, as well as how and when to get screened and research treatment options. There are certain risk factors involved including age, genetics and previous cancer diagnosis. The American Cancer Society says that about 5-10% of all breast cancer cases are inherited. If a close family member such as a parent, grandparent or sibling have had cancer, you have a greater chance of getting the disease. Likewise, if you have had breast cancer in the past, you are more likely to get it again.

It is so important to be consistent with your monthly self-exams and annual mammograms. Report to your doctor any lumps you may see or feel and any drainage from the nipple. In addition, let your doctor know about any swelling or soreness. Additional warning signs may be a dimpling of the breast, peeling, flakiness and crustiness. Any swelling in your under arm may be a warning sign that breast cancer may already be present.

Please take care of yourself and make that appointment today. Here's to good health this year!

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