



Greenville County Republican Women

EFFECTIVE WOMEN WORKING TO KEEP THE REPUBLIC

The Elephant's Ear

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GCRW 2022 Luncheon Dates

December 1 *
(Not the 4th Thursday)

GCRW 2023 Luncheon Dates

January 26
February 23
March 23
April 27

December 1st Luncheon Meeting

SC Freedom Caucus Members

12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club

11:15 Auction, Social, Christmas Music Begin

For Reservations:

Email Beth Bare at
gcrwreply@gmail.com
by MONDAY NOV 28th
2pm

OR

www.eventbrite.com
type in GCRWC and click
our logo.

Event Brite deadline is
TUESDAY NOV 29th
2 pm.

There is a \$2.20 EB
convenience fee.

OTHER EVENTS

TUES DEC 6th

Georgia Senate Runoff

MON DEC 12th

4th District Christmas Party

A Note from Dianne Mitchell, President

The season of Thanksgiving gives way to the season of HOPE. What a wonderful time of year. Disturbing, hopeless times have always existed (read the Old Testament lately?). Our challenge is to find perspective while living through them and that takes work. For me, the object of one's faith and hope is from where true strength comes.

Placing your hope and faith in people, organizations, government – no wonder we can feel hopeless. A Holy, unfathomable God, who since the beginning of time has desired relationship with His people, who reveals Himself in His creation, through His Word and through His Son.... Now that is where hope can be found.

Join us to celebrate this season of hope with music, friendship and hear from the leaders and members of South Carolina's newly formed Freedom Caucus. COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE, ENJOY THE MUSIC AND LOOK OVER AUCTION ITEMS.

Send your questions for the SC Freedom Caucus to Dianne at
GCRW.Pres@gmail.com.

Working with you and for you to Keep the Republic,

Dianne



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Greenville County Republican Women

Working to elect Republican candidates; advocating for Republican legislation; encouraging legislators, and educating members and the public on conservative issues and ideals.

Greenville County Republican Women

invite you to join us



for our

Christmas Luncheon Social with SC Freedom Caucus

Thurs Dec 1st

Music, social and silent auction begins at 11:15
Meeting at 12 noon

Poinsett Club 807 E Washington St Greenville

Lunch, Music and Speaker \$20 for members; \$22 for guests

GCRWreply@gmail.com by MON Nov 28 2pm Or

Eventbrite: Search GCRWC and click on our logo
by TUES Nov 29 2pm
EB charges a \$2.20 convenience fee.

A reservation made is a reservation paid



SPONSOR A FREEDOM CAUCUS MEMBERS LUNCH

We have 8-10 members of the SC Freedom Caucus coming to lunch on Thursday. If you would consider sponsoring one of their lunches, please let Dianne know via email at GCRW.Pres@gmail.com or by texting 864-453-1191.

MEMBERSHIP - Robin Duffie

Greetings from Membership!

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the year. But what a successful year we have had. As we stand today, we have 158 members, 53 of which are new members. We owe so much to you for continuing to support Greenville County Republican Women and for bringing like-minded conservative members to GCRW.

So, don't stop! Membership is paid annually and runs from January through December in the calendar year. With this in mind, we will begin early renewals for 2024 at our December meeting and will continue into January and February. Base membership dues are \$30 per year (of which \$25 goes to state and national Republican Women) with options for additional donations to help cover club expenses. Membership form is included in this newsletter and is on our website, GCRWC.com. It is very much appreciated if you fill it out ahead of time and bring a check to the December meeting.

Just remember all New Year's resolutions begin with renewing your GCRW membership.

Robin
robinduffie@msn.com



LEO SANTA – Bring an unwrapped toy to December meeting

In years past, we have brought a gift to the December meeting for an exchange between members.

This year, we would like you to bring an unwrapped toy to support members of the Sheriff's Department in their toy drive called LEO Santa. These Law Enforcement Officers volunteer their off-duty time to revisit the communities they serve with gifts donated by members of our local community during the holidays.

Also known as the "Blue Light Christmas", this toy drive focuses its gifting to communities in low-income areas and special needs circumstances by partnering with other local agencies and fire districts to spread the Christmas joy.

VOLUNTEER HOURS are due in December

It's time to turn in your volunteer hours for the past 6 months. So check your calendar and review the list below for what counts. Then add up your hours and the number of phone calls and bring to our December meeting. We will have clipboards at each table for you to write them down.

Here's a reminder of what counts:

- 1) **TIME at all club meetings, board and committee meetings, Republican Conventions, functions, and fundraisers counts.**
- 2) **Organizing** – any time you spend printing, addressing, stuffing, e-mailing, or filing counts.
- 3) **Travel Time** – the time from when you left your house till you arrive counts and the time from when you leave home counts. This includes driving to our monthly meetings.
- 4) **Conducting** – any time you spend conducting a training or conducting a committee meeting counts.
- 5) **Training** – any time you spend attending a training seminar or committee meeting for the Republican Party or GCRW or SCFRW counts.
- 6) **Planning** – any time you spend planning or preparing for a meeting, fundraiser, or rallies.
- 7) **Campaigning** – any time you spend block walking, making phone calls, working the polls, volunteering at headquarters, running for office, or volunteering at a candidate's headquarters counts.
- 8) **Advocating For Republican Bills or Contacting your representative** in the Legislature whether in person, via email or phone.
- 9) **NEW!** Paid political hours as long as it is *NOT your MAIN Source of Income*.
For example, you may now count time as a paid election official, working for the ballot board, poll watching, or working for a candidate part-time.



Christmas Concert
& COOKIE RECEPTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
7:00 P.M. CONCERT
(FEATURING OUR YOUNG REPUBLICANS)
RECEPTION FOLLOWING

Historic Greer Depot
300 Randall St. Greer, 29651

South Carolina Republican Party
Fourth District Republican Club
Greenville Young Republicans
Fourth District Teenage Club
106.3 FM WORD



Concert narration by
Charlie James

CARING for AMERICA

Thanks to Gloria Landry and her committee for organizing our project to send boxes to active-duty military. We estimate over \$1000 worth of items were donated and \$255 was collected to cover the \$35 cost of mailing each box. She teamed up with Berit Divito of Blue Star mothers to prepare the boxes for mailing in mid November. Thank you everyone! It was a great success!



GCRW Directory

We will be printing our Directory in January once the Legislators have their office assignments and phone numbers.

Directory is for member use only and will include your picture, address, email and phone number which you put on your membership form. If you prefer parts of your information to be kept out of the directory, let Robin Duffie know.

And if you have not had your picture made for the Directory, please seek out Tom Hanson at the December meeting and get one taken.

Ads are taken in the directory for 2 reasons; to defray the costs of printing and to let members know how to support the businesses of GCRW members. Sizes range from business card to full page. If interested, email Dianne or Robin for pricing.

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robinduffie@msn.com

HELPING HERSCHEL WALKER

SCFRW and Georgia FRW are combining efforts to bring it home for Herschel. After sorting through the info I've determined the bottom line comes to \$\$, door knocking and phone calls to get out the vote.

\$\$ Donate at <https://secure.winred.com/team-herschel-inc/donate>

Door knocking – I've heard there are teams going to towns just across the Georgia line. Fill out the online form and be sure to associate with Greenville County Republican Women.

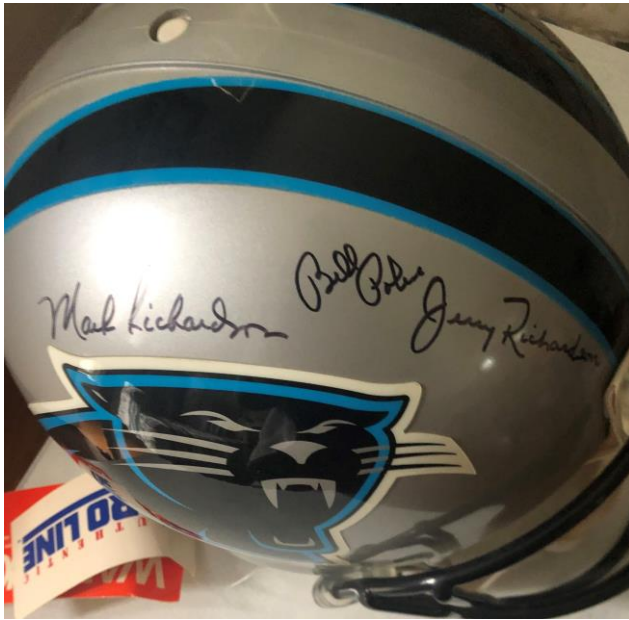
<https://gavictory.knack.com/out-of-state-runoff-volunteers#general-volunteer-form/>

Calls and Texts - Sandy Chiong, (SCFRW Campaign Committee) will help set up the IDs and passwords on Campaign Sidekick.

Email: sandythebeachbum@yahoo.com: Call or Text: 703-942-9258

Silent Auction Update

Great items available! COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE, SHOP and LISTEN to the live Christmas music. A starting bid is set on the paper. Once you place your bid on an item, keep checking back to see if you need to up your bid. Bid on multiple items! Here's a sneak peek of just a few of the auction items. Clothes, jewelry, décor... there's even a Panther's autographed football helmet! Please bring your check book to make check out faster.



Pennies from Heaven

At the December meeting, we will vote on which charity will receive what we have collected in our Pennies from Heaven baskets during 2022.

Please send your nominations for LOCAL charities to be considered to Dianne at GCRW.Pres@gmail.com. Nominations must include full name of charity, who they serve and an endorsement explaining why you support them. From these nominations, a list will be presented at the December luncheon.

GCRW Welcomes Senator Tim Scott



A Thank You from Dianne

Thank you to the best team an organization could have. Everyone did their job so well; the whole event went very smoothly. From reservations to check in, the almost 240 people in attendance were greeted by Beth, Jill and their team with smiling and friendly faces. Robin, Gayle and Michelle did a great job on the stage, the table identifications and easel signage. Geri Warren would have been pleased. Greeters, husbands and members jumped in where needed to welcome and interact with people. And of course, Julie Hershey, who kept after the Scott people and finally got them to say yes.

Thanks to all for what I know you did to make the event successful and I'm willing to bet there are actions you took that I don't know about which solved problems I didn't even know were occurring! That is just the way you are which reflects the high standards and joyful attitude we want to be known for. This was a great team effort. Senator Scott's staff was very pleased and amazed we could pull this off without any help from them. They kept asking what they could do and I just kept saying, "No, we've got that covered." The compliments from them after the program were overflowing. This would not have been possible with a team of dedicated women working together. Thank you.

Greenville County Republican Women 2023 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 _____ ZIP _____

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.

Please consider a donation to help us meet our expenses.

_____ **Member and Patriot - \$30** basic membership, no donation

_____ **Mrs. Powell's Circle of Friends - \$40** Mrs. Powell opened her parlor for political discussion to our Nation's founders. Includes \$10 donation for GCRW.

_____ **Abigail Adam's Activists - \$50** Mrs. Adams wrote letters to her husband regarding women's rights and opposing slavery. Includes \$20 donation for GCRW.

_____ **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. Includes \$45 donation for GCRW.

_____ **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. Includes \$70 donation for GCRW.

_____ **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. Includes \$170 donation for GCRW.

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

Signature _____

Date _____

\$30
Basic Membership
Fee

Donation- Thank you!

Make checks out to GCRWC. Give to Membership Chair at meeting or mail to:
Robin Duffie 120 Glenbrooke Way Greenville, SC 29650.

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 _____

Dear Gracious Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this day and the opportunity to gather together. I pray that we will feel your glorious presence in this room today. And that all that is said, will be Your will, not ours.

Lord, We are overwhelmed by the ever present evil, by doublespeak and treachery. We pray without ceasing...but we need 48 hours a day, 24.

Is our Nation irredeemable? America is a great and noble Country, yes imperfect, governed by imperfect people. How do we make America great again? Through elections, more laws? Lord, we believe our Nation needs is a GREAT awakening; where men, women, and children turn their eyes to You and welcome you back into our institutions and traditions. An awakening which will instill the yearning in our hearts that was embodied in the Pilgrims who, on faith, boarded ships and crossed a fierce ocean to arrive in a new land, not for financial gain, or adventure, but for a deep desire to worship you Lord without fear of persecution.

If we confess our sins and humbly ask your forgiveness, you have promised to bless, protect, and save this Nation. We pray the character of our Country will mirror the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And serve as a beacon of light for liberty and freedom, for 2 Corinthians 3:17 says. *Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit is, there is freedom.*

Lord, We thank you for Sen. Scott who is willing to run for office and serve the people of our state and pray that you will uplift him and provide wisdom and guidance as he continues to represent the great state of SC.

We pray this in the name of your precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.