



GCRW Elephant's Ear

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Greenville County Republican Women

invite you to join us



for our

Christmas Luncheon Social

Rep. Adam Morgan

and SC Freedom Caucus

Thurs Nov 30

Music and silent auction begin at 11:30am
Meeting at 12 noon

Poinsett Club 807 E Washington St Greenville

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

Register with Constant Contact link
by Tues Nov 28 2pm and pay at the door.

\$10 student rate - email for code.
gcrwrez@gmail.com

A reservation made is a reservation paid.



<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ek32qhpd2c0b6e3f&oseq=&c=&ch=>



Save the Date!

**NOV 30th THURSDAY
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

**DEC 7th THURSDAY
Special event OR
Business Meeting
See below.**

Nov 30th GCRW Holiday Luncheon

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, our Nov/Dec meeting has always been the Thursday after Thanksgiving. Most years the date falls in December, but this year, Thanksgiving is early, so our Christmas luncheon is Nov 30th.

Wear your holiday inspired outfit, come to enjoy lovely live music and holiday décor. There will be also be Christmas-related silent auction items.

We'll be collecting toys for LEO Santa drive. Law Enforcement Officers collect and give toys to children they encounter on their patrols.

Dianne

Save Dec 7th for a GCRW event

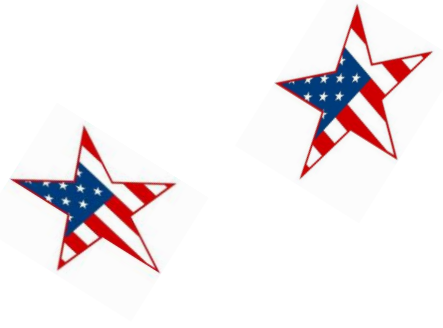
We hope there will be an opportunity to have a special guest but, if not, we will have a very important business meeting.

We have focused on providing excellent speakers and providing timely information, but that has not left us much time for taking care of the business of a club our size.

More details to come as soon as we know them; just save the date.

**GCRW - Effective
Women Working To
*Keep The Republic***

President's Corner



Grateful beyond words.....

THANK YOU TO THE 2022-2023 OFFICERS and BOARD

Serving as your President for the last two years has been an honor and a joy. How blessed I was to have a supportive and dedicated board to help this wonderful organization be increasingly effective. Deepfelt thanks to all of these women who served with enthusiasm, did their job with excellence, were honest with me when needed, and dedicated to the success of GCRW and conservative values in our community.

*Recording Secretary - Tracy Phillpott
Corresponding Secretary - Ann Powell
Treasurer and Reservations - Jill Hancock
Past President - Racine Cooper
By-Laws - Christy Stahl
Fundraising - Beth Wadsworth
Legislative - Michelle Peterson
Program - Julie Hershey
Americanism/Public Relations – Brenda Stewart
Awards – Linda Slaton
Caring for America – Gloria Landry
Chaplain - Idell Koury
Library- Sheila Kihne
Social Media- Stacy Shea*

Special love and heartfelt appreciation to Robin Duffie and Gayle Stanley, 1st and 2nd VP. Robin's phenomenal job at membership and Gayle's willingness to pick up whatever needed to be done, especially in unfilled positions, has been instrumental to our club's success. Such teamwork is rare in leadership teams, especially while maintaining a valued friendship. Words fail me with how much you mean to me. Y'all are the best and I look forward to your continued leadership.

INSTALLATION OF 2024-2025 OFFICERS

The installation of our 2024-2025 officers will be at our Nov 30th luncheon. They officially take office on January 1, 2024. Be assured the transition to the new slate is already taking place so the process should be smooth and seamless. Please pray for these women who have volunteered to give the extra time it takes to run our organization. Pray that they will be humble, steadfast, committed, and submitting to God daily.

South Carolina Federation of Republican Women

October Convention Report

Our delegates had a wonderful time getting to know one another a little better, learning the ins and outs of convention parliamentary procedures and meeting ladies from across the state.

We heard wonderful speakers all weekend: Presidential candidates, Ron DeSantis and Asa Hutchinson, Senior Strategist and Pollster Trafalgar founder Robert Cahaly, a representative from the Israeli consulate Anat Sultan Dodan , Fla US Rep Kat Cammack, and SC US Rep Ralph Norman.

During convention, GCRW was instrumental in correcting language in the bylaw change limiting membership to biological women. Our GCRW resolution, which we passed at the October meeting regarding this issue, was also passed. That was quite the feat which involved changing the standing rules of the convention, but it was worth it!

We celebrated that evening with a dinner dance where the GCRW delegates closed down the party.

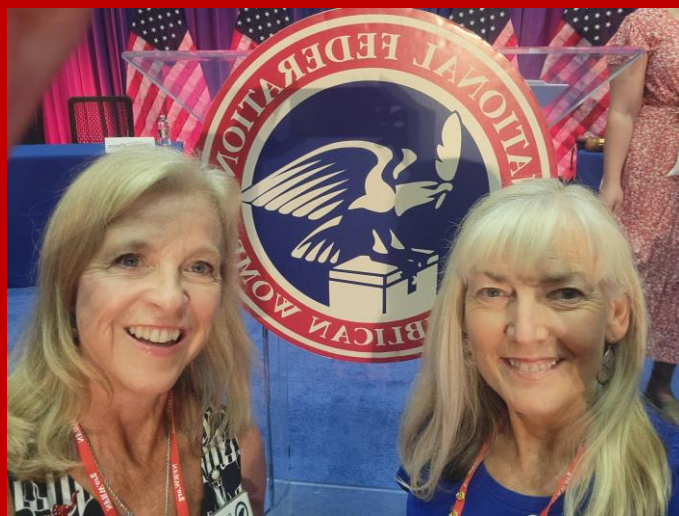




Robin and I truly enjoyed representing you at the National Convention in Oklahoma. We met wonderful women from across the United States. The NFRW has been controlled for years by Republicans from blue states. And yes, that makes a difference in leadership.

So this year, a slate of officers, many from red states, ran for office from the floor and WON!!! We are excited and hopeful to see what this new leadership will do. By far, the best speech we heard was from Riley Gaines. She was inspiring and encouraging to us as Republican women to get into the trenches and continue to fight for women and their private spaces.

We toured the Memorial site of the OK City bombing which was very moving. The picture below shows the miracle tree which survived the bombing and represents hope to the survivors.



OVERSIGHT OF GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARIES

On Tuesday October 7th, Greenville County Council voted to appoint six Trustees to the Library Board. GOOD NEWS! We kept our three rock-solid conservative voices on the board and gained one conservative vote. The research and preparation done by Sheila Kihne was invaluable. The behind-the-scenes strategy we employed was crucial to the success we had. We learned much in the process regarding strategy and leanings of the council members.

We will share more with you later in our business meeting because I do not want to discuss strategy in a public forum. Our work is not done to save our libraries and your help is needed. Please contact Sheila at skihne@gmail.com or Dianne at diannekm@charter.net if you have questions on how you can help.

Incumbents reappointed are: Allan Hill, Elisabeth Collins, Marcia Moston, Tommy Hughes, and Joe Poore. The new trustee is one of our slate, Stephanie Cunningham, an experienced librarian.



SUPPORTING ISRAEL

One of the best ways to support Israel is to understand and be prepared to counter the Palestinian narratives that are in the media.

Dennis Prager explains the Israeli Palestinian conflict amazingly in this six minute video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chLuo1pndLY>

Israeli flags (5x8 inches) and lapel pins have been ordered for our Nov 30th meeting. If you are interested in receiving one, email Dianne at GCRW.Pres@gmail.com so we can be sure we have enough.





MEMBERSHIP – *Robin Duffie*

Happy Fall everyone,

It's time to renew your membership for 2024!

Membership is paid annually and runs from January through December of each calendar year. Membership dues are \$30 per year.

We will be accepting pre-renewals for 2024 memberships at the November 30th meeting. The 2024 membership form is attached. Consider filling it out before the meeting and bringing it in with your check.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support for GCRW! I look forward to seeing you at the membership table.

Robin



FUNDRAISING- *Beth Wadsworth*

Hello Patriots,

Our silent Auction will show case 8 beautiful items for you to bid on:

4 gorgeous Lenox Christmas ornaments,
and 4 beautiful handmade large centerpiece Christmas trees.

Come early to view and bring *checks only* for payment.
Don't forget to come back before and during lunch to ensure
someone hasn't placed a higher bid than yours!

Winners will be called before the end of the luncheon. It is much
appreciated if winners would come directly after the meeting to pay
for and receive your win.

God bless America!



CHAPLAIN – *Idell Koury*

Dear Lord,

**This is the Season when we celebrate Your birth over
2000 years ago.**

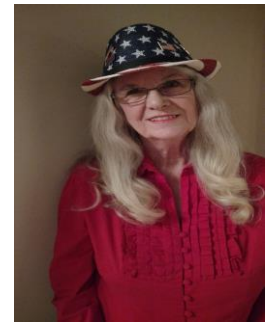
**Your inspired Word in James 4 instructs us that you are the
Law Giver and Judge. Indeed, your moral law is inscribed in
Hebrew in a frieze in the Supreme Court of the U.S.**

**Most American Founders knew your Truth. They were
exposed to the First Great Awakening. They wrote the
Supreme Law of the Land and created a Great Experiment in
human government. This time of year, we remember and
celebrate Your plan to save us from our human nature.**

Merry Christmas.



CARING FOR AMERICA *Gloria Landry*

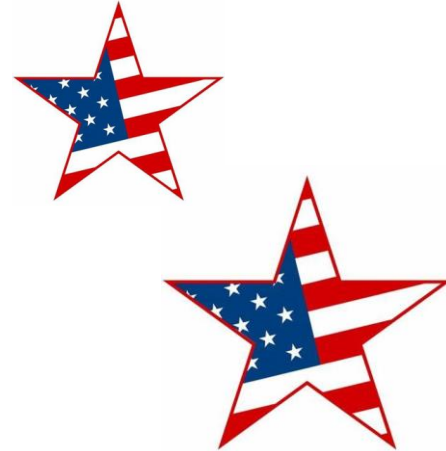


GCRW Caring for America is just completed the partnership with Blue Star Mothers of the Upstate SC4.

Thank you to all who donated cash and items to be shipped to our active duty personnel.

Retiring American Flags

It is not too late to retire your tattered flags to be properly retired. Bring to the Holiday luncheon Nov 30 meeting, See the Caring for America table with your flags.



Support Local Law Enforcement, impact our community, and help children celebrate Christmas by bringing a NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY to our November 30th meeting.

LEO Santa focuses their gifting on children ages 0 – 12 years old, but serve teenagers as well as young adults with disabilities.

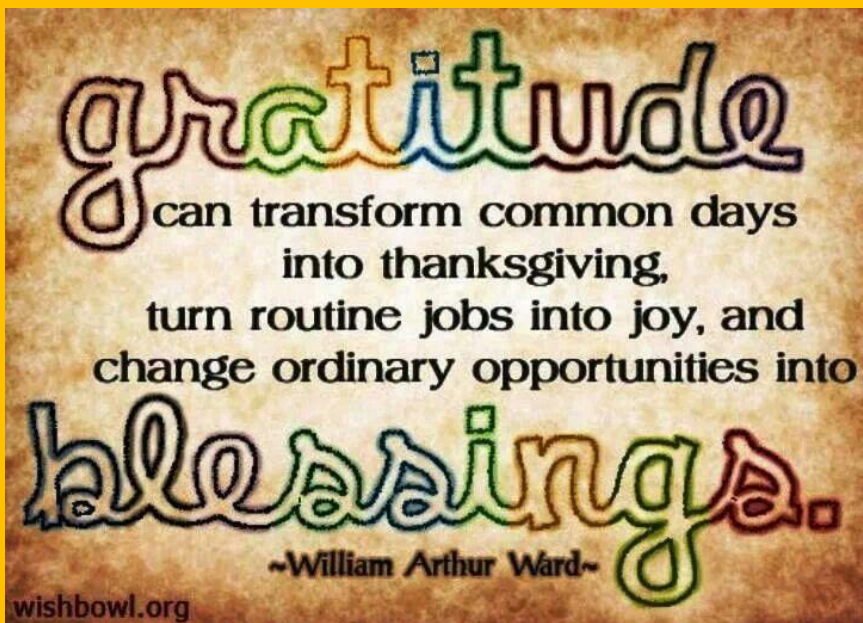
Batteries are always needed!

On THANKSGIVING and GRATITUDE



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures
forever.

HOW TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

We use Constant Contact to manage our reservations. Use the link provided on the email invitation you receive. It will take you to a registration page where you enter your name and email. We are working on a text notification which I hope will be ready soon.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, your reservation was not completed and you must try again. Once you make a successful reservation, that email cannot be used again to add a guest. So guests must either be added when making your initial reservation or be prepared to use another email address. Issues? Email gcrwrez@gmail.com.

STANDING RESERVATIONS are encouraged for our members. When you have a standing reservation, YOU DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER AGAIN WHEN THE INVITE COMES. If you cannot attend and have a standing reservation, you must cancel your reservation 3 days before the meeting, usually a Monday by 10am. To be put on the standing reservation list or cancel a standing reservation, email gcrwreply@gmail.com.

MEAL FOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON NOV 30

Chicken Florentine -an Herbed Marinated Chicken Breast with Creamy Spinach Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli. This meal is Gluten Free.

Salmon is offered as a special order **but the price is not the same as the chosen meal and has gone up again. It is now \$31. YOU MUST ORDER IT WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION. SALMON CANNOT BE ORDERED THE DAY OF THE MEETING.** And yes, that is the best price I can get on it!

If you have a Standing Reservation and want salmon EVERY TIME, please reconfirm with Jill Hancock at gcrwreply@gmail.com.

We do our best but we cannot promise to accommodate everyone's dietary allergies and preferences.