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GCRWC 2020
Luncheon Dates

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

(not the 4th Thursday)

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gcrwreply@yahoo.com
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May 28th Luncheon Meeting has been cancelled due to restrictions in place to manage COVID-19.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Racine Cooper, President

China's Secrecy

Late last year, the Chinese government chose to use deceit when it came to a mysterious virus in Wuhan, China, and in doing so created a worldwide pandemic costing thousands of lives. My hope is that this pandemic has taught us to pay more attention to what is going on in the United States-China relationship. Senator Tom Cotton has introduced legislation to return pharmaceutical production back to the United States. I spent 41 years in a medical career, and I was not aware of the startling numbers and extent of our dependence on China for medications and medical supplies. China produces greater than 40% of the total world supply of ingredients found in our medications, and greater than 95% of the US market for antibiotics. In addition, they produce 50% of the world's surgical masks. RED FLAGS my friends.

Let us all reach out to Senator Cotton to thank him for recognizing our need to protect the American citizen in times like these. We should also contact our congressmen and insist the CDC undergo restructuring and stop handing money to China and the World Health Organization. Transparency in both organizations would show more money going to areas such as travel and salaries than medical supplies that are in the best interest of our national defense against such pandemics.

A couple statements to ponder include Dr. Constantine Menges who in 2005 wrote in his book, China: The Gathering Threat, that "China's stealthy strategy is geopolitical and economic dominance. This is a strategy rooted in 4,000 years of imperial history and more brutal lessons of Marxist-Leninist power politics." In addition, Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping was quoted in 1994 as saying, " We must bide our time and hide our capabilities."

The latest threat from China's military is the new strategic stealth bomber, Xian H-20, which is to be operational later his year. China's strong economy and their increasing military strength is a threat not only to the United States, but also to the world.

JUNE AMERICANISM LUNCHEON

Gloria Landry, Americanism/Homeland Security Chair

Don't forget to bring cash to our June meeting so that you can buy your ticket for the Patriotic Quilt Raffle. We are extending the drawing until October, which will allow you and your guests to continue purchasing tickets through the summer. The proceeds will go into our GCRWC account to help cover expenses this year.

Let's not forget our **We Build the Wall** project. Now, more than ever, we need this border closed. Covid-19 probably came over the border without anyone knowing it. If you wish to donate, make your checks out to GCRWC with "Wall" on the memo line and give them to either Gloria Landry or Tracy Phillpott at the June meeting. In addition, you can mail them to: **GCRWC – Wall, 3620 Pelham Road, PMB# 355, Greenville, SC 29615-5044.**

Are you ready for some fun? You WON'T want to miss our June 25th meeting! "What are we doing?" you ask. Well, come to the meeting and you'll see… Start planning your red, white and blue attire for a festive event.

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 or Linda at ldslaton@yahoo.com with any questions.

MEMBERSHIP

Kathryn Hughes, Membership Chair

Thank you to all who have sent in your membership renewals! Not being able to have meetings makes it more difficult, but I appreciate all of you who have taken the time to mail your renewals. Perhaps now more than ever, it is important for us to remain vigilant in safeguarding our liberties.

If you have a friend or neighbor who loves our country and is looking for a way to become involved, joining GCRWC is a good way to learn about the issues confronting our state and nation and how we can help. We can accept new members by mail until we gather again – and we are looking forward to that time!

Please mail the form included in this newsletter to Kathryn Hughes, 19 Pinehurst Green Way, Greenville 29609. You may reach me at 864-906-1031 or kahughes@afomail.net with any questions.

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): _____

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County: _____ **Precinct:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Referring Member's Name (if new): _____

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!

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

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Tracy Phillpott, Legislative Chair

It is hard to believe that two months have passed since Governor McMaster declared a State of Emergency due to Covid-19 on March 13th. As South Carolina opens back up, it's important to continue the safe practices of hand washing and not touching your face. I pray you didn't face too difficult of times and that you are all safe.

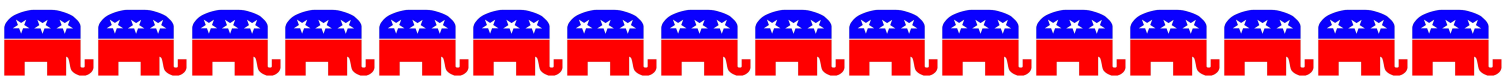
Governor McMaster issued over 20 executive orders related to Covid-19, extending the State of Emergency several times. Here is a link https://governor.sc.gov/executie-branch/executive-orders. Those executive orders required businesses to temporarily close and left many unemployed. SCDEW says from March 15 until May 5, the agency has paid more than $831 million in a combination of state unemployment benefits, pandemic unemployment assistance for the self-employed and others, and the federal pandemic unemployment compensation program. Dan Ellzey, Executive Director for SCDEW, said that although claims are down for a third week, the number of new claims reported May 7th is "still well over four times higher than the number of initial weekly claims being filed during the Great Recession." Over the last seven weeks the total number of initial unemployment claims totaled 453,636.

On April 20, 2020, Governor McMaster kicked off **accelerateSC,** the coordinated Covid-19 advisory team to consider and recommend economic revitalization plans for South Carolina. https://governor.sc.gov/executive-branch/acceleratesc. There are five components to **accelerateSC**: Response, Protection, Governance, Resources and Information. Mayor Knox White is in the Governance component. The Governor has been meeting with leaders discussing how and when to open South Carolina's economy. He announced that close contact service providers, fitness and exercise centers, commercial gyms, and public or community pools will be able to open in a limited capacity on Monday, May 18th.

Before ending the regular session on Tuesday, May 12th, the SC General Assembly passed a resolution to allow state government to keep spending, at this year's budget levels, after the fiscal year ends on June 30th. The proposal sets aside $175 million in money for emergency Covid-19 spending. It would also set aside $15 million to help with additional expenses to keep voters and poll workers safe in the June 9th primary and $1.5 million to hire a private firm to help the state keep up with the $1.9 billion being sent from the federal government to fight the coronavirus.

There is a shortage of poll workers and some polling stations may be consolidated for the primary. Check your polling place at scVotes.org before going to the polls. https://www.scvotes.org/coronavirus-covid-19-updates.

Election officials are planning to ask voters to hold up their IDs for verification rather than handing them to the poll worker. Safety measures include wiping down the voting machines after each use and sanitizing pens for the sign-in sheets, if voters do not bring their own. If you can, bring your own pen to sign in and use hand sanitizer after voting. Wash your hands when you return home.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25th

Remember our military who have died in service to our country

SC Primary Elections
Tuesday, June 9th

Be certain to exercise your right to vote.

GCRWC Meeting
Thursday, June 25th

Our annual Americanism meeting. Wear your red, white and blue.

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Beth Wadsworth, RN

Manifestations of thyroid dysfunction are expressed as symptoms that indicate insufficient or excessive production of the thyroid hormone. Please note the symptoms listed below and contact your primary care physician if symptoms persist.

Hypothyroidism symptoms: hair loss; feeling down or depressed; weight gain; feeling cold; weakness and aches in muscles and joints; itchy and dry skin; trouble concentrating or remembering; and feeling tired and worn out.

Hyperthyroidism symptoms: sudden weight loss; tremors of the hands; frequent bowel movements; excessive sweating; high heart rate and palpitations; menstrual cycle changes; hair loss; insomnia; anxiety; restlessness; excessive hunger; protrusion of eyes; and heat intolerance.

In the United States, hypothyroidism is more common. However, it is not uncommon to have an overactive thyroid and then an underactive thyroid, and vice versa. Finding a doctor who specializes in the thyroid, typically and endocrinologist, is an important part of your treatment plan. A thyroid panel is a simple blood test with results back in a few days. Your doctor may order Synthroid (taken by mouth) to regulate your thyroid levels. Follow up blood work will be ordered to regulate the Synthroid dosage.

Women have a tendency to take care of everyone else before themselves. Take good care of yourself so that you can have a more enjoyable life.

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