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**GCRWC 2021  
Luncheon Dates**

**September 30\***  
**October 28**  
**December 2 \***  
*(not the 4th Thursday)*

# The Elephant's Ear

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*September 30<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting  
12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club  
\$20.00 Members/\$22.00 Guests*

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Racine Cooper, President*



### National Constitution Day

On September 17<sup>th</sup> of each year, we celebrate National Constitution Day. Our Constitution is unique to American and sets us apart from the rest of the world.

Unfortunately, there are educators who tell our children and grandchildren that the words of the Constitution are familiar to us, but due to time and content, do not necessarily hold the same meaning. We may attribute. I differ with that teaching. I believe that just like the Bible, the Constitution of the United States is of DIVINE DESIGN and was written for the test of time. The Constitution is not only genius, but also concise and accurate.

The Preamble to the Constitution has no strength in law or power, but rather establishes the "why" of the document. Why did the Constitution come to be? The Framers wanted to improve the Articles of the Confederation and ensure that the government would be just and protect its citizens from internal turmoil and attack from outside forces. The Constitution of the United States is based on natural law and is committed to ensure the blessings of liberty for all future generations.

May God Bless America!

I look forward to seeing you at this month's luncheon meeting. Please RSVP to Julie Hershey by Sunday, September 26th at [GCRWREPLY@Yahoo.com](mailto:GCRWREPLY@Yahoo.com).

For Reservations:  
Email Julie Hershey at  
[gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com)

OR

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## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM

### *Susan Kendrick, Program Chair*

Jonathon Dunne, our guest speaker for September, is an Irishman who loves America and America's founding documents. As a political writer, inspiring speaker, and host on The Blaze, Mr. Dunne has reached millions with his message of American Exceptionalism. He highlights the freedoms America was built on and why we are different from the rest of the world.



Born and raised in socialist Ireland, his life-long dream has been to live free and become an American citizen – the legal way. While he has waited in line for 15 years for the opportunity, he has spent years volunteering his services on both sides of the ocean. He has worked closely with poorer communities in Dublin and has seen first-hand that not all poverty is financial. An oppressive government can cause poverty of hope and opportunity that crushes the spirit of its people.

## MEMBERSHIP

### *Kathryn Hughes, Membership Chair*

Directory Update: Due to the expense to our club of hosting the SCFRW convention, we will be printing new member directory supplements instead of a full directory. New members, please be sure to have your picture taken at the September luncheon meeting or send a picture (2x3 inches/200dpi) to [tom.hanson@thomashanson.com](mailto:tom.hanson@thomashanson.com).

**Welcome to new members Holly Myers, Laurie Hershey and Chyna Nunez.**

If you have any questions about membership or would like to find out ways to get involved within our club, email [kahugh@afomail.net](mailto:kahugh@afomail.net) or call (864) 906-1031.

## CAMPAIGN NOTES

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

Please continue to note your volunteer time and record it in the red notebook at our meetings. The notebook is usually on a table near the nametags, but we may also be walking around with it to encourage members to fill in their hours.

Those members attending the SCFRW Conference here in Greenville next month will be able to count those hours (including travel time) as will everyone who volunteered to assist GCRWC in our host club role. Many candidate campaigns are also gearing up. If you are volunteering for a candidate, don't forget to keep track of your time.

If you are unable to attend this month's meeting, please call (864) 593-0319 or email [gwen.crosland58@gmail.com](mailto:gwen.crosland58@gmail.com) to let Gwen know how many hours to list for you. Gwen is also happy to answer any questions you may have.

*Please note:* The Spartanburg Republican Women will be having their Annual Fashion Show at 10 AM on Saturday, October 16th at the Piedmont Club, 361 East Main Street, Spartanburg. The cost is \$30 and includes the fashion show, brunch, silent auction, door prizes, and lots of fun!

We would like to invite the GCRWC members to our event. RSVPs and checks can be mailed to MaryAnn Riley, 21 Angela Circle, Inman, SC 29349. If there is a group who would like to sit together, please include names and checks together so that the hosts can reserve the space. We hope to see you there!

Please contact GCRWC Associate Member Marilyn Miller at 864-205-8604 with any questions you may have.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to long-time GCRWC member Debbie Spaugh for your years of service to our club. Debbie is a past president of Greenville County Republican Women's Club and has also served as Legislative Chair. She currently serves as the By-Laws chair and has worked to update our club by-laws to be in alignment with those of the SCFRW and NFRW. In addition, she is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women and on the slate at this year's convention as nominee for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.



You will see Debbie at our meetings, SCFRW and GOP events in town and around the State. She works tirelessly to promote the mission and values of the Republican party and to elect fellow conservatives to office.

### GCRWC DELEGATES TO SCFRW

#### CONVENTION

At the September meeting, an election was held to determine who will represent our club as delegates at the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women's 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention here in Greenville October 22-23, 2021.

#### The following members will serve as delegates of GCRWC:

Polly Dilworth  
Robin Duffie  
Jill Hancock  
Julie Hershey  
Gloria Landry  
Dianne Mitchell  
Tracy Phillpott  
Linda Slaton  
Christi Stahl  
Gayle Stanley

#### Alternate delegates are:

Brenda Muldrow  
Gerri Warren

#### Automatic delegates are:

Racine Cooper, SCFRW Program Chair  
Susan Kendrick, SCFRW Fundraising  
Debbie Spaugh, SCFRW 2<sup>nd</sup> VP



Reminder: If you have an old, tattered, worn out American flag that needs to be retired, please bring it to our September meeting. Gloria Landry, our Americanism/ Homeland Security chair, will collect them and have them properly disposed.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

#### Proposed Slate of Officers 2022/2023

The Nominating Committee (Sherry Capitan, Naomi Corsini, Shirley Cowart, Julie Hershey, and Gloria Landry) voted unanimously for each nominee for the following officer positions:

President: Dianne Mitchell

First Vice President: Robin Duffie

Second Vice President: Gayle Stanley

Corresponding Secretary: Ann Powell

Recording Secretary: Tracy Phillpott

Treasurer: Jill Hancock

Membership will vote on the slate in October.



We are mothers of active-duty sons and daughters, and our mission is to give support to those deployed overseas from our local area. We send care packages twice a year and gather for Honor Flights to greet our veterans and give them gift cards when they fly into Greenville. In addition, we support our local veterans as needs arise.

In order to fulfill our mission, we are dependent on monetary donations. There are a couple ways to help:

1. AmazonSmile: Scroll down the list for charities; if you do not find us, type Blue **Star Mothers Inc 4 SC Greenville Upstate** in the blank box. Amazon will donate a small % to our charity.
2. You can also go to our website <http://greenvilleupstatebsm.com> to adopt a package for \$35 by clicking on the *donate* button. That is the approximate shipping cost of one package.

**Thank you for your support!**

Berit DiVito, Chapter President  
President.SC4@bluestarmothers.us

## FUNDRAISING

### *Beth Wadsworth, Fundraising Chair*

Hello Patriots! Our Silent Auction is only two and a half months away. It's time to look through your house or the sale/clearance area of local stores to see what you might be able to contribute to the event. Any donation large or small is very much appreciated! Ideas include handbags, jewelry, Christmas décor, lamps, small furniture items, candles, floral arrangements, kitchen items and gift cards. Put those thinking caps on!

At the meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>, I will have a table set up where you can drop off any donations you have. You are also welcome to drop them off at my house, or I can meet you and pick them up. Give me a ring at (864) 363-7650 and we'll work out a plan.

All funds raised go directly back to Greenville County Republican Women's Club. Thank you!

## SANCTITY OF LIFE

### *Kathryn Hughes, Chair*

Please mark your calendars for the Piedmont Women's Center Annual Night for Life. This event will be held on the campus of Bob Jones University September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM. The keynote speaker will be Roland Warren, CEO of CareNet, an organization that has saved 823,000 unborn children since 2008.

Register here to attend:

<https://secure.ministrysync/RegistrationManager/PublicRegistration.php?e=21876&NewReference=yes>.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

*Tracy Phillpott, Legislative Chair*

I usually update you on news from the state and local level, but actions of the senior U.S. Senator from SC on the federal level will impact our state in the future. Tucker Carlson recently called out the Senator by saying "So the most radical President of our lifetimes gets the most judges confirmed thanks to Lindsey Graham."

By the end of August, Biden has nominated 33 judges (more than any other president in history by this time in his term); nine of these have already been confirmed. Those nominated include Myrna Perez, nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She is against voter ID and believes anyone for voter ID is a racist. Ketanji Brown, Biden's nominee to replace AG Garland on the DC Circuit Court is a radical leftist activist. Her placement on the DC Circuit Court could make her a contender for a future seat on the U.S. Supreme Court. You'll recall, in 2009, that SCOTUS Justice **Sotomayor** had the full support of the Judicial Committee's Democrats, and just one Republican, Lindsey **Graham**, crossed party lines to **vote** for her.

From 'Quorum', the average Senate Democrat voted in favor of 50% of President Trump's judicial appointees. Senators Donnelly (D-IN) and Manchin (D-WV) lead their caucus in votes cast in favor of the president's judicial appointments. In the 2016 election, Trump carried each of their states with an average of 63 percent of the vote. The average Senate Democrat has voted in favor of 15 of 29 judicial appointees. Senator Booker (D-NJ) has voted in favor of seven judicial appointees—the fewest of the chamber. In many instances, there were no Democrat votes in favor of President Trump's nominees.

Minority member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Lindsey Graham, has voted to accept all judges proposed by the Biden Administration. The Senate Judiciary Committee, which is evenly divided between parties can still advance nominees to the Senate floor on a tied vote. Why is Senator Graham giving the thumbs up to these radical leftist nominees? Please call Senator Graham's office to let him know that his actions are not in the best interest of South Carolina. Washington D.C. [\(202\) 224-5972](tel:2022245972)

### **Accelerate SC Task Force Meets from Weekly Legislative Update - Newsbreak (cagc.org)**

Gov. Henry McMaster and Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette along with members of AccelerateSC met in August to discuss recommendations for investing funds from the American Rescue Plan Appropriation (ARPA). Gov. McMaster called this a "once in a lifetime opportunity" with \$2.4 million from ARPA funding and \$525 million from the Savannah River Site settlement funds. McMaster suggested the funds be combined and dispersed for water and sewer infrastructure projects, broadband, and many other needs the state has. McMaster said the final recommendations will be decided by his office in early September and will be sent to the General Assembly. McMaster also indicated that he would request that the ARPA funds be drawn down so that they are available as soon as the funding recommendations are approved.



**REMINDERS:**

Contact Julie Hershey at  
[gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com)  
to RSVP no later than  
Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Our next dinner  
meeting will take place  
at 6pm on  
Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Speaker will be Leila  
Dudley with Mosaic  
Wealth Strategies.**

**Bring your old US flags  
to Gloria Landry to be  
retired respectfully.**

**The SCFRW Convention  
is October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> in  
Greenville. Utilize  
Eventbrite to sign up.**

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## WOMENS HEALTH BRIEF

*Beth Wadsworth, RN*

We are living in difficult times when stress, worry and anxiety seem to hit us as soon as we wake up in the morning. For the past year and a half, we have been dealing with a pandemic/Covid-19, wearing masks, social distancing, constantly washing our hands, disinfecting everything, and making decisions including whether to take a vaccine. Moreover, we have a President in the White House who is incompetent and only there because the election may have been stolen from President Trump. As we remember the events of September 11, 2001, Afghanistan has been taken over by the Taliban and they have taken American hostages. It's no wonder that many of us are filled with stress.

Stress can take a toll on your health without you even realizing it. How can you tell when life's pressures are wearing you down? Perhaps you have put on some extra belly fat, and you eat when you are nervous, sad, or mad. You feel overwhelmed by routine tasks and worry about things both big and small. You are tired and weak for no apparent reason. In addition, bouts of diarrhea and/or nausea (with and without vomiting) that are not associated with illness or food poisoning could be a response to stress. If you have felt hot, achy, tired, or mentally exhausted stress might be triggering those symptoms.

Pay attention to all symptoms you are experiencing, as they may be a wake-up call for you to find ways to de-stress and take better care of yourself. Next month, I will write about ways to reduce stress and improve your daily life. Here's to good health and less stress!

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