

The Bray

February 2014

Greenville County Democratic Party

Greenville, SC

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Affordable Care Navigator Ready to Help At GCDP Office

Sheila Jackson, an Affordable Care Act Navigator with the South Carolina Progressive Network, will be at GCDP headquarters every Wednesday from 10:00 am-1:00 pm to help anyone needing assistance to enroll in the Affordable Care Act. In addition, she can be reached at 864-608-0030 or scplib@att.net. If you cannot come to headquarters at the times indicated, please contact Sheila and set up an appointment for another time.

Ms. Jackson is a Health Insurance Education Cooperative (HIEC) navigator trained to help Greenville County consumers understand the Affordable Care Act and obtain health insurance coverage through the new marketplace. She can help you review your health insurance options to determine the best plan to meet your needs. Remember, open enrollment for 2014 ends on March 31, 2014.

Vincent Sheheen Coming to Upstate: All Invited to Informal Event

Vincent Sheheen, Democratic candidate for governor, is coming to the Upstate for a "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, February 8. Say hello, shake his hand, and have some refreshments at 1:30 pm at the gymnasium of Spartanburg Community College's downtown campus, 220 E. Kennedy St., Spartanburg. Reservations appreciated. 803-457-4735 or <https://docs.google.com/a/obamaalumni.com/forms/d/1mHFSJ7spDlxH1ijv0aHohybzDILQUIBFenIcz-CgUcc/viewform>.

Precinct Meetings on February 15 First--Business; Second--Lunch!

It's time for countywide precinct meetings. Mark your calendars and plan to spend an important, enjoyable hour on Saturday, February 15, starting at 11 am. Important? Absolutely! Enjoyable? You'd be surprised! Please check the list of precincts and meeting locations on page 4 of this issue of *The Bray*. Not sure which precinct you're in? Call headquarters, 232-5531, and a volunteer will tell you.

"The precinct meeting is the first step in electing delegates to the state convention," says Sharon Cherry who is heading up organization of the meetings this year.

"We only meet every two years and this is the time we elect precinct officers and delegates to the Greenville County Convention, which takes place on Monday, March 31," Sharon said. The role of each precinct officer will be explained at the meeting with assurances given that the jobs are not difficult or time-consuming.

"Also, attendees may draft resolutions that they want to become part of the party's platform. Resolutions are presented at the state convention, which takes place in Columbia on Saturday, May 3. In addition to all the official business, attending your precinct meeting is a good way to meet your fellow Democrats and to plan for the future of our party."

This year, precinct meetings will be followed by a social gathering to cap the business side of the day. We will gather at Staunton Bridge Community Center at 12:30 pm for a delicious spaghetti and salad lunch. The members of our State House delegation have been invited to give us an update. See the calendar on p. 2 for details about the luncheon.

Volunteers on the Phone and in the Community to Register New Voters

Many thanks to all the GCDP volunteers who have braved the cold recently to register new voters. It's one of the most important things we do as a party and it's a long-term effort.

Voter registration at the White Horse Road Flea Market, February 1-- Helen Nixon, Kaye Martell, Evelyn Schwartz, Jeanne Brooks and Susan Cyr. At Towers East, January 25 -- Dan Livingston and Eleanor Grant. Also on January 25, at Ashley Stewart Furniture Store

and Haywood Mall -- Calvin Dixon, Edwenna Ervin, Saleem Shabazz, and Lisa Carlson. Kaye Martell, Megan Arnold and Mary Anne Winslow did phone banking this month.

There are many opportunities to assist, either as a phone banker or at a registration site. Please call Brandon Lybrand at (864) 283-2404 or contact him at blybrand@SCDP.org. Brandon has been sent to us by the SC

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Democratic Party. He is the Field Organizer for Greenville, Spartanburg, Union, and Cherokee counties. He's handling all voter registration and other volunteer efforts each

week. Let Brandon know if you prefer to walk, sit at a registration table or phone.

The next voter registration event will be on Saturday, February 22 in Greer from 8 am-2 pm.

Gearing Up for an Active Election Season February, 2014 Calendar

Friday, February 7

Prayer Breakfast honoring Greenville County African-American elected officials, 7:30-9:00 am, Long Branch Baptist Church, 28 Bolt St., Greenville, 29605. Reservations and information, 422-0482.

February 7 and 8

3rd Annual SCDP Issues Conference, Embassy Suites, Verdae Blvd., Greenville, open to all interested Democrats. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-issues-conference-tickets-9641846021> until the day of the conference or until capacity is reached.

Friday: 3-6 pm, election year candidate and activist training (included in registration fee); 6:30 pm, fundraising reception to honor past chairs of the SCDP, attendance/contribution levels-\$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1000. RSVP to Amanda Loveday at aloveday@scdp.org to attend the fundraising reception.

Saturday: keynote address, 8:45 am, U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra, CA, House Democratic Caucus chair, followed by break-out sessions, morning and afternoon. Participants will have a selection of five topics to choose from in each session. See event website for choices.

Monday, February 10

Democratic Women of Greenville County, luncheon meeting, 12:15 pm, Fried Green Tomatoes, 1175 Woods Crossing Road, behind Haywood Mall. Speaker: Stacie Thompson, Tell Them SC Project, expert in the field of youth development and teen pregnancy prevention. Buffet lunch, \$15.00,

Reservations encouraged; call GCDP headquarters at 232-5531 or headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com.

Saturday, February 15

Countywide precinct meetings, 11:00 am at designated locations. *See list on p.4.* Precinct meetings will be followed by a county-wide party spaghetti and salad luncheon gathering, 12:30-2:00 pm at Staunton Bridge Community Center, 165 Staunton Bridge Road, Greenville, 29611. \$5. Speaker to be announced.

Sunday, February 16

Phone banking, 2-4 pm. For details, please contact Brandon Lybrand, (864)283-2404 or Blybrand@scdp.org.

Monday, March 10

Democratic Women of Greenville County, dinner meeting, 5:30 pm, place to be announced. Speaker: Doug Pardue, Project Reporter, *Charleston Post and Courier*, discussing "Forgotten South Carolina," a four-part series published in the *Post and Courier* that explored disparities that keep a significant portion of SC citizens mired in poverty, poorly educated and suffering from debilitating health problems.

Monday, March 31

GCDP County Convention, TD Center, Frank Holleman, chair.

Note: Monthly Democratic Party gatherings are on hold until further notice.

Calling All 2014 Candidates! It's Almost Time to File

If you are thinking of running for office as a Democrat for a statewide or county office, it's time to get organized. Statewide primary election day is June 10, 2014. Filing for candidates opens on March 16 and closes at noon on March 30. This year, for the first time, candidates will file at the Greenville County Election Commission office, 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC, NOT at party headquarters.

Because March 16 is a Sunday, the first day to file is actually Monday, March 17. The Election Commission will be open 8:30 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday through March 28. On

Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, March 30, the office will be open from 8:00 am-noon.

A complete list of filing fees (federal, state and county) can be found at www.greenvillecounty.org/voter_registration/.

Major state and county filing fees are: SC House of Representatives, \$200.00; County Council, \$1,019.18; Probate Judge, \$4,446.38; County Auditor, \$ 4,617.18; County Treasurer, \$ 4,617.18.

Filing fee checks should be made payable to the South Carolina Democratic Party. Please check with the Greenville County Election Commission for all details prior to filing, 467-7250.

Yellow Dog Democrat Club Salutes First-Year Members And Welcomes 2014 Donors

by Anita LeBold, GCDP Treasurer

Would the following 2013 Yellow Dog Democrat Club Members please fluff up their halos! These folks are the Angels who kept us going in 2013 and we could not have done it without them.

Gold Level (\$1000)

Peggy Baxter, Duff and Margaret Bruce, Harry Chapman, Joe Erwin, Greenville County Democratic Women, Frank and Anne Holleman, Eric and Helen Graben, Ed and Beth Evans Jones, William Page, Michael and Susan Riordan, Diane Smock and Brad Wyche, Bruce and Edwina Snyder, Michael and Michelle Shain.

Silver Level (\$500)

Andy and Stephanie Arnold, Neil and Joy Grayson, Gwen Kennedy, Richard Riley, Hal and Jennifer Smith, Carlyle and Jennifer Steele, Thomas Traxler, Harold and Patricia Waters.

Bronze Level (\$250)

Chandra Dillard, Kate Franch, Allan Jenkins and Sharon Klompus.

How about you? Ready to join the Club in 2014? Yellow Dog donors make an annual commitment to the GCDP, which allows us to operate systematically, rather than on a month-to-month basis. Yellow Dog donation levels are Bronze (\$250), Silver (\$500) and Gold (\$1000). You pick your level and email Anita LeBold (Greenville County Democratic Party Treasurer) at anitalebald@hotmail.com or call her at 864-325-8540 to advise what level and how you choose to pay (lump sum, quarterly installments, monthly installments, etc).

Thanks to the following who have already pledged AND donated to the 2014 Yellow Dog Club: Joe Erwin (Gold), Frank and Anne Holleman (Gold), Eric and Helen Graben (Gold) and Randall and Susan Clark (Bronze).

The GCDP also extends thanks to the following people for their recent contributions: Ken Dygert, Lucy Foxworth, Pat Howe, Xanthe Norris, Hilda McMahan and Jeff Smith.

A Response to S308, The Law That Allows Concealed Weapons in Restaurants

As *The Bray* goes to press, we expect Governor Haley to sign the recently passed SC Senate Bill S308, which permits a Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP) holder to carry a loaded concealed gun into a business that serves alcohol. While the proposed law specifically prohibits the CWP holder from consuming alcohol while armed, there is no provision to determine if a person who is drinking alcohol is armed or not. Numerous law enforcement agencies have expressed concern about the increased potential for gun violence—intentional or accidental—when this law goes into effect in our state.

Moms Demand Action
(www.momsdemandaction.org), a national,

non-partisan, grass-roots organization formed after the Sandy Hook massacre, has an active presence in Greenville County. The organization is trying to educate food service owners that they can prohibit firearms by posting a standard sign at each entrance such as you see at schools. Volunteers and ordinary customers are asking bar/restaurant owners to consider doing this. If you are concerned about this legislation, you can politely ask the restaurant management about it the next time you eat out.

For more information, including access to informational cards you can carry with you, contact Sharon Klompus (klompslk@bellsouth.net) or Debby Edwards (dle29687@gmail.com) or go to <http://www.facebook.com/MomsDemandActionSC> and twitter: @MomsDemand.

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Precinct Meeting Locations

February 15, 2014

Example

Precinct Location				Precinct Address			
Pct #	Precinct Name	Pct #	Precinct Name	Pct #	Precinct Name	Pct #	Precinct Name

East North Street Academy				1720 East North Street, Greenville, 29608			
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201	Greenville 1	210	Greenville 10	222	Greenville 22	239	Botany Woods
203	Greenville 3	214	Greenville 14	223	Greenville 23	276	Mauldin 1
204	Greenville 4	216	Greenville 16	224	Greenville 24	277	Mauldin 2
205	Greenville 5	217	Greenville 17	225	Greenville 25	279	Mauldin 4
206	Greenville 6	218	Greenville 18	226	Greenville 26	280	Mauldin 5
207	Greenville 7	220	Greenville 20	227	Greenville 27	303	Rocky Creek
208	Greenville 8	221	Greenville 21	228	Greenville 28		

Woodfield Community Center				48 Ridgeway Drive, Greenville 29605			
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346	Baker Creek	219	Greenville 19	345	Mt. Pleasant	305	Royal Oaks
234	Belle Meade	229	Greenville 29	295	Piedmont	318	Southside
236	Belmont	266	Grove	299	Reedy Fork	327	Tanglewood
242	Carolina					343	Woodmont

Duncan Chapel Elementary School				210 Duncan Chapel Road, Greenville 29617			
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230	Aiken	256	Enoree	284	Monaview	325	Sulphur Springs
231	Altamont Forest	262	Furman	292	Paris Mountain	339	Welcome
237	Berea	270	Lakeview	297	Poinsett	341	Westcliffe
243	Chestnut Hills	272	Leawood	306	Saluda	342	Westside

Eastside High School				1300 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors 29687			
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232	Asheton Lakes	253	Eastside	291	Palmetto	363	Sparrows Point
233	Avon	255	Edwards Forest	293	Pebble Creek	319	Spring Forest
238	Boiling Springs	257	Feaster	294	Pelham Falls	322	Stonehaven
240	Brook Glenn	351	Granite Creek	300	River Walk	324	Sugar Creek
241	Canebrake	283	Mission	302	Rock Hill	329	Thornblade
247	Darby Ridge	285	Mountain Creek	304	Rolling Green	331	Timberlake
248	Del Norte	288	Northwood	308	Sevier	339	Wade Hampton
249	Devenger	289	Oakview	309	Silverleaf	340	Wellington
251	Dove Tree					344	Woodruff Lakes

Ellen Woodside Elementary School				9122 Augusta Road, Pelzer 29669			
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246	Conestee	258	Fork Shoals	287	Neely Farms	364	Standing Springs
250	Donaldson	358	Long Creek	298	Raintree	368	Verdmont
252	Dunklin	359	Moore Creek	361	Ranch Creek	369	Ware Place

Hillcrest Middle School				510 Garrison Road, Simpsonville 29681			
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235	Bells Crossing	353	Greenbriar	281	Mauldin 6	312	Simpsonville 3
347	Bridge Fork	354	Hillcrest	282	Mauldin 7	313	Simpsonville 4
244	Circle Creek	355	Holly Tree	296	Pineview	314	Simpsonville 5
259	Fountain Inn 1	356	Kilgore Farms	310	Simpsonville 1	315	Simpsonville 6
260	Fountain Inn 2	278	Mauldin 3	311	Simpsonville 2	326	Sycamore
352	Graze Branch					337	Walnut Springs

Mountain View Elementary School				6350 Mountain View Road, Taylors 29687			
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348	Castle Rock	271	Laurel Ridge	362	Riverside	328	Taylors
245	Clear Creek	358	Locust Hill	307	Sandy Flat	330	Tigerville
254	Ebenezer	274	Maple Creek	316	Skyland	332	Trade
349	Fox Chase	275	Maridell	317	Slater Marietta	365	Travelers Rest 1
350	Frohawk	286	Mountain View	321	Stone Valley	366	Travelers Rest 2
265	Gowensville	360	Oneal	323	Suber Mill	334	Tubbs Mountain
269	Jennings Mill					367	Tyger River