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SC State Primary: Do I Vote? Should I Vote?

Political Party Primaries will be held across South Carolina on June 14th, 2016, for offices where either the Democratic Party or the Republican Party has more than one candidate for a single office.

In Greenville County, all precincts will be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm. (A few precinct locations may be changed, but all will be open.) A list of precincts and the physical location is available at: http://www.greenvillecounty.org/Voter_Registration/pdf/primary_pollingsites_a16.pdf

Greenville County registered voters who wish to vote in the Democratic primary have only *two* contested elections: Greenville County Council District 25 and State Senate District 07.

The Democratic primary offices and candidates are:

Greenville County Council District 25
Bajeyah Eaddy Martha B. Evans
Ennis Fant Lottie B. Gibson
Bunk Johnson

Senate District 07

Karl B. Allen
Lillian Brock Flemming

Prior to receiving your ballot, you must

decide if you are voting in the Democratic or Republican Primary. If you do not reside in either the County Council 25 district or Senate District 07 precincts, you do *not* have a *Democratic* candidate to vote for.

The primary process is used to choose candidates for the November General Election. South Carolina has an open system, in which registered voters do not have to be members of a party to vote in that party's primary. You may vote in either primary, but not both.

If neither candidate receives 51% of the vote from the primary election, a run-off will be required for two (and rarely three) candidates receiving the highest number of votes. If a run-off is necessary, the run-off will be held on June 28th, 2016. Voters living in either or both of the districts cited, may cast a vote in a run-off election *only* if they have not voted in the Republican primary, even if they did not initially vote in the Democratic primary.

The involved precincts are too many to list in this edition of the *Bray*. If unsure if there are Democratic elections in your precinct, contact the Greenville County Voter Registration Office, 864.467.7264



Why I am a Democrat by Wanda Meade

I have been a liberal Democrat all of my adult life. I was not born to privilege. No one in the world pulls themselves up by their boot straps. My life is built on the sacrifices of others and their willingness to provide me with opportunity. I believe that everyone should have access to health care, public education, housing and a living wage. I believe that our future rests in a fair tax system for individuals and for corporations with all of us paying our share. I believe that we must protect our environment and preserve natural areas for future generations. I believe that we must actively seek ways to prevent violence within families and to

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a message from our Chair

Fellow Democrats,

As I think through what I am writing this month, I'm realizing that the underlying theme, very appropriately, is elections. I'll begin with thanking you for giving me the distinct privilege of serving as your Greenville County Democratic Party chair over the next two years. Despite my inauspicious start at the County Convention (I was on the brink of being sick for the remainder of the week), I am truly excited about working on behalf of and with all of you to continue growing our party's presence and influence throughout the county.

Thank you, also, for concurrently electing a very committed and accomplished group of officers to serve alongside me: Dexter Reaves, Grady Patterson, Whitney Wright, Ingrid Erwin, Christopher Shipman, and Roxanne Cordonier. At the first county executive committee meeting of the year in April, the executive committee members and precinct presidents selected during precinct reorganization in March elected the remaining officers and state committee representatives of your county party. They are:

Secretary – Gaybriel Gibson

Treasurer – Anita LeBold

State Alternate Executive Committeeman – Michael McCord

Voter Protection Chair – Jake Erwin

State Credentials and Rules Committee person – Ingrid Erwin

State Platform and Resolutions Committee person – Kimberly Witherspoon

I invite you to share your hopes, expectations, and concerns with us. I also invite you let us know how you'd like to be involved – it will take each one of us doing his or her part in one way or another to achieve the resolutions that were approved during the recent convention.

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Early Voting? No, Absentee Voting? Yes

Registered voters who will be out of the county on Election Day, or unable to go to the polls due to a physical disability, illness, or aged 65 or older, or will be on the job site at their place of employment for the entire time the polls are open (7:00am-7:00pm), may request to vote by absentee.

Applications for absentee voting can be requested by the voter in person, by phone, or written request. An immediate family member may request an application to be sent to a voter. Once the application is returned by the voter, the ballot will be mailed to the voter to cast their vote. The ballot must be returned to the voting office no later than close of polls on election day (7pm) and the returning envelope must be properly signed by the voter and witnessed (signature) in order

to be counted. Special provisions exist for anyone admitted to a hospital in an emergency situation within four days of an election. Call the Voter Registrations office for details.

Be Aware:

To vote absentee through the mail, it takes TWO mailings, one for the application and one for the ballot (which must be returned before close of polls on election day). **START EARLY!!!!**

Immediate family may request an application be mailed or delivered to a voter. Only in the case of physically handicapped individuals, homebound voters, or confined voters, can someone other than the voter or immediate family request an application; and

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end abuse of all kinds and I believe that money spent on prevention is the best money we can spend. I believe that we must seek resolution of our problems through dialogue and consensus building. I believe that we are a mosaic of all of those who live in America and that we must figure ways to ensure that we have a fair and just immigration system. In my life I have witnessed desegregation and integration, women given the right to choose, and marital rights legalized for interracial and same sex marriage. These are bedrock issues promoted in the Democratic Party. Building walls, scapegoating groups and living in our own private "silos" are not what democracy is about. Social justice is core. Equal rights and access are our foundation. The rising tide for each and every boat and each and every person is what I believe the Democratic Party represents and I believe it is our hope in the days ahead.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

May 21, 2016 (Saturday) 8:30am

GCDP Breakfast Meeting
Long Branch Baptist Church
28 Bolt Street
Greenville, SC 29605
(Details on right)

May 23 (Monday) 5:30pm

KNOW, Then VOTE 2016 Candidate Forum
Hughes Main Library
25 Heritage Green Place
Greenville, SC 29601

May 31, 2016 (Tuesday) 6:30-8:30pm

State Legislators Forum
Hughes Main Library
25 Heritage Green Place
Greenville, SC 29601

June 6, 2016 (Monday) 5:30pm

Democratic Women Evening Meeting
Southern Fried Green Tomatoes
1175 Woods Crossing Road
Greenville, SC 29615
(Details on right)

June 7, 2016 (Tuesday) 6:00pm

County Council and Sheriff's Forum
•6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Sheriff candidates
•7:15 - 8:15 p.m. - County Council candidates
Hughes Main Library
25 Heritage Green Place
Greenville, SC 29601

June 8 - 12 2016 (Wednesday - Sunday)

National Federation of Democratic Women
Convention (Hosted by SCDW)
Francis Marion Hotel
387 King Street
Charleston, SC 29403
Register on-line at www.NFDW.org

June 14, 2016 (Tuesday) 7:00am - 7:00pm

SC State Primary Elections
All precincts in the county will be open

June 28, 2016 (Tuesday) 7:00am - 7:00pm

SC State Run-offs if needed

Greenville County DP May Breakfast Meeting

The Greenville County Democratic Party Breakfast Meeting will be held Saturday, April 23.

Meet 2016 Democratic Party Candidates

Invited are Sen. Karl Allen and Councilor Lillian Brock Flemming for SC Senate District 7; Rep. Chandra Dillard (SC House 23); Rep. Leola Robinson-Simpson (SC House 23); Bajeyah Eaddy, Martha B. Evans, Ennis Fant, Councilor Lottie Beal Gibson, and Bunk Johnson for County Council District 25

Each has been asked to introduce him/herself, then they will answer questions from the floor. Only Rep. Dillard is unopposed. Everyone, except Rep. Dillard and Rep. Robinson-Simpson, will appear on the June 14 Democratic Primary ballot.

4th Annual Day In Blue

The South Carolina Democratic Women's Caucus presents the 4th Annual Day In Blue! Wednesday, May 25, 2016 @ 9:00am, Solomon Blatt Building

Luncheon Keynote: Honorable Vernita Dore, Deputy Undersecretary USDA Rural Development; *Workshops & Presentations* include: Health & Wellness, Women in Business & Leadership, Real Talk with Real Women (Q&A) *Moderator:* Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter | District 66

Cost: FREE! This event is free but due to space limitations, registration is required. Lunch will be provided. For additional information, please contact Terris Riley at terris.riley@gmail.com or (803) 734-2809. DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR BLUE!

Democratic Women June Evening Meeting

The June meeting of Democratic Women of Greenville County will be an evening meeting on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 5:30pm at Southern Fried Green Tomatoes. This is not a regular meeting date, so please mark your calendar. Jeff Ayers of SC Equality will be the guest speaker.

A buffet dinner is available for \$15.00. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 232-5531 or headquarters@greenvilledemocrats.com



Meet the Democratic Leadership Team;



Dexter L. Reaves - 1st Vice Chair

Dexter L. Reaves is a native of Latta, South Carolina, and is now a resident of Greer, South Carolina. Dexter holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a double minor in Political Science and History from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. Currently, he is pursuing a Masters Degree in Christian Ministry at North Greenville University.

Dexter is employed with the Greenville County School District as an Intervention Specialist. His role as an Intervention Specialist is to conduct prevention and awareness programs pertaining to violence, drugs, and gang activity. He also serves as a mentor to high school seniors who are pursuing a college education.



Ingrid Erwin - State Executive Committee Delegate

Ingrid Erwin was born in North Carolina on a presidential Election Day, but not until after her mother had cast her vote for Adlai Stevenson.

Ingrid's family moved to South Carolina when she was ten. Ingrid graduated from Furman University with a degree in Political Science and attended law school at the University of Virginia. She practiced law in Houston for nine years and moved home to South Carolina in 1990. She practiced with firms here until retiring several years ago. Her specialty is employment litigation.

"I love retirement; it gives me more time to volunteer for causes like the Democratic Party" said Ingrid.



Jake Erwin - Voter Protection Chair

Jake Erwin is originally from Spartanburg, SC and has lived in Greenville for six years. He is a graduate of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina School of Law.

As an attorney with the Public Defender Office, Jake proudly represents indigent citizens of Greenville County who are accused of crimes. Jake is excited to bring his passion for defending the little guy to bear in advocating for fair and honest election practices in Greenville County.

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The next set of elections took place during the South Carolina Democratic Party State Convention at the end of April. South Carolina's delegates and alternates to the 2016 Democratic National Committee Convention were selected. Congratulations to Secretary Dick Riley and Candy Fletcher who will represent Greenville County in Philadelphia in July. We'll proudly watch them as South Carolina casts its vote to nominate the next president of the United States!

I'll end with a reminder of the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 14. There will be only two contested offices on the Democratic Party primary ballot in Greenville County this year – Senate District 7 and County Council District 25. We encourage everyone in those districts to exercise his or her right to vote in this election. If your situation is similar to mine, though, you might have to wait until the November General Election to vote for a Democrat. There are, however, a number of contested seats on the Republican Party primary ballot that might impact you, in particular the position of Sheriff who serves all of Greenville County. Please make the time to learn about the candidates in your district(s) – various public candidate forums will take place during the next several weeks – so that you can make a decision about whether or not to sit out this primary election. It is possible that the outcome of the primary will decide some of the winners. A list of the 2016 office filings for Greenville County can be found on the Greenville County Election Commission webpage at greenvillecounty.org/Voter_Registration.

I look forward to seeing you at our monthly breakfast on May 21 or at an upcoming candidate forum.

Kate

Books We Love *Writing My Wrongs Life, Death and Redemption in an American Prison* by Shaka Senghor by Roxanne Cordonier

If you have read “*The New Jim Crow*” by Michelle Alexander and or “*Just Mercy*” by Bryan Stevenson, you may be interested in reading “*Writing My Wrongs Life, Death and Redemption in an American Prison*” by Shaka Senghor.

Senghor was born and raised in Detroit, at the height of the 1980’s crack epidemic. His middle class life is shattered when he’s in middle school and his parents separate and later divorce.

Conflicts with his mother, prompt him to leave home. Alone on the streets, he falls in with a drug dealer and begins selling crack cocaine. Senghor is arrested after fatally shooting a man and spends nineteen years in prison, seven in solitary confinement. The road to redemption is a long and painful one, Senghor offers an inside look at our prison system and shows that even under the worst conditions, it is possible to turn one’s life around. In the afterword to the book, Seng-

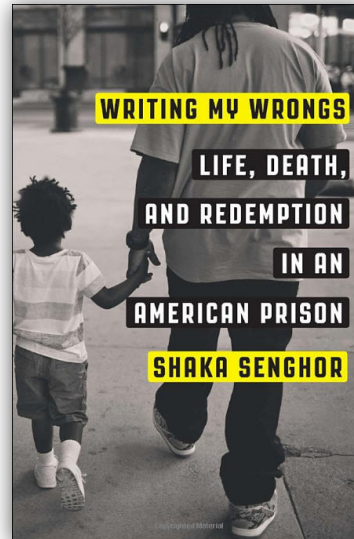
hor dreams of a better world, “...I’m asking you to envision a world where men and women aren’t held hostage to their pasts, where misdeeds and mistakes don’t define you for the rest of your life. In an era of record incarcerations and a culture of violence, we can learn to love those who no longer love themselves. Together we can begin to make things right.”

In a 1994 interview Nixon’s White House aide John Ehrlichman admitted that the “war on drugs” was created by Nixon to discredit the antiwar movement and undermine supporters of the Black Panthers and other revolutionary groups.

“We knew we couldn’t make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public

to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did.”

<http://blog.simplejustice.us/2016/03/23/drug-snixonandthebiglie/>



Now that we know the war on drugs was politically orchestrated and resulted in decimating the black community by incarcerating an entire generation of young black men, America has to decide what we owe these men and how we can reform our system and restore fairness in the future.

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only after providing the proper information on the appropriate form provided by the voting office.

Ballots may only be handled by the voter, the U.S. Postal Service (or other certified carrier), or the person designated in writing by the voter to return his/her ballot to the voting office.

Contact the County Voter Registration Office for more information or to request an absentee ballot.

FOR GREENVILLE COUNTY INFORMATION
CALL (864) 467-7264

Voting personally in the office is the most popular way to vote absentee; it provides for one process without the hassle of dealing with two mailings.

The Greenville County Voter Registration and Election Office will begin allowing voters to cast absentee ballots in the office beginning on May 16th, and continuing through Monday, June 13th. Normal hours will be 8:30am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Additional hours are set for 9:00am until 1:00pm. on Saturday, June 4th, and Saturday, June 11th, and additionally on Thursday afternoon, June 10th, until 7:00pm at County Square, Suite 1900, 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC, 29601.

Voters must bring their proper, acceptable Photo ID. As always, applications to get an absentee ballot by mail may be handled through the mail, if necessary, and NOW is not too soon to request an application. Call the voter registration office in your county of residence for details.

Other area county voter registration office numbers:

Spartanburg County – (864) 596-2550

Pickens County – (864) 898-5948

Anderson County – (864) 260-4035

Union County – (864) 429-1616

Cherokee County – (864) 487-2563

Oconee County – (864) 638-4196

Laurens County – (864) 984-4431

Congressional District #3 has a choice

Seneca businessman Hosea Cleveland is the Democratic Party candidate for Congress in the 3rd Congressional District currently held by Jeff Duncan (R). Mr. Cleveland is a native of Oconee County where his family has lived for four generations. Cleveland attended Oconee public schools, graduating from Westminster High School.

Following graduation from High School, he enlisted in the US Army and was honorably discharged.

After completing his military service, Cleveland attended South Carolina State University where he was awarded a degree in Civil Engineering Technology in 1983. After working for several years for the SC Department of Transportation and other jobs, he began work in 1992 for a national insurance com-

pany. Since 1998 Cleveland has been the owner of an independent property and casualty insurance agency in Seneca, where he has built a successful business serving clients throughout the region.

In 2014 Cleveland decided to test the waters by running in the Democratic Primary for the 3rd Congressional District. Although unsuccessful in the primary, he gained momentum and support from peers and constituents throughout the 3rd District.

Cleveland's candidacy is endorsed by the Oconee County Democratic Party and we support him as a progressive spokesman for all the people of District #3, which covers a large area along the western edge of South Carolina, including all of Oconee, Pickens and Anderson Counties as well as Laurens, Green-



Hosea Cleveland

wood, Abbeville, Saluda, Edgefield, McCormick and parts of Newberry and **Greenville** Counties. We encourage you to support him as a worthy alternative to Jeff Duncan.

Source: Oconee County Democratic Party Newsletter, *Donkey Tales*

OCONEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY FUN-DRAISER!

Sunday, June 12, 2016 | 5:00 - 8:00pm
South Cove Park, Keowee School Road, (SR-188)

Seneca

Tickets \$20, include park admission. Children under 10, free!

GUEST SPEAKERS

Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Orangeburg, SC Representative and Democratic National Committeewoman

Hosea Cleveland, Seneca, running for U.S. Congress in our 3rd district against Representative Duncan!

PICNIC FARE

- Carl's 'famous' slow-cooked, smoked pork BBQ
- Fried chicken
- Potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, corn on the cob
- Desserts - brownies and cookies
- Beverages - ice tea, bottled water, sodas

ENTERTAINMENT

Great live music from friends: The WOBBLERS! and Well known Gospel Singers, The EVETT SISTERS!

If you cannot attend, but would like to donate, please do! Make checks payable to: OCDP, P.O. Box 123, Seneca, SC 29679. or on-line via our website: click **CONTRIBUTE** and sign up with secure ActBlue.

877-301-7608 | WWW.OCONEEDEMOCRATS.

Follow Fedalei

Chris Fedalei, candidate for the 4th Congressional District schedule of events

Monday, May 23, 5:30pm – 8:00pm

- **KNOW**, Then **VOTE** 2016 Candidate Forum
Hughes Main Library
25 Heritage Green Place
Greenville, SC 29601

Description

Each candidate will be given approximately five minutes to speak to the voters. There will be time before and after everyone has spoken to mingle with the voters and talk one-on-one.

Sunday, May 29, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

- Join Nadia Land-Greene for coffee & meet Chris
411 Sugar Mill Road
Greer, SC 29650
RSVP by email: landgreen@yahoo.com

Thursday, June 23, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

- Meet and Greet hosted by Kaye Martell
1 Elletson Drive
Greenville, SC 29607
Contact Kaye at 864.370.3334

Love note to the Republic Party: Practice what you preach

Statehouse Report

South Carolina's legislative and policy forecast

Friday, April 29, 2016

By Andy Brack, editor and publisher

No such thing as the “Democrat Party” exists, except perhaps in the minds and spin machines of the Grand Old Party. Therefore in this column on the proper use of an English adjective, we’ll refer to GOP as the “Republic Party” to test how it likes the feel of a forced name change.

Republic Party leaders long have held that their political opposites — “Democrats” — are just not the kind of people you’d want to sit down with at Sunday dinner. Those Democrats, so the logic goes, are bad folks who only want to grow government, raise taxes and help the poor. Bad Democrats. Bad Democrats. But there’s a problem the Republics have — they like the adjective “democratic.” It’s a good, governing word that reflects the values of America. So what to do, what to do?

How about just changing people’s perception of the whole Democratic Party by calling it something it isn’t — using the bad noun “Democrat.” Yeah, that sounds like a good idea. Don’t reward the opposition with a good word — “democratic.” That sounds as good, solid and American as apple pie. Instead, call them something different. The heck with the fact that it’s just plain wrong, ungrammatical and not proper American English.

Folks, this is the Contract with America logic of the 1990s. Conservative pollsters and Newt Gingrich decided to whack two targets with one continuing volley — to demonize the Democratic Party and get Americans to start linking the party’s name with the “bad values” of Democrats instead of the “good word” of “democratic. So for the Republic Party, the Democratic Party became the Democrat Party.

Twenty years later, the Republics have been pretty successful. Gingrich hawked videos that flew off the shelves. They got Republic Party members to change the way they talked about government, not only changing the name of the opposition’s party in speeches, but by picking from a list of specific words

— good, governing words versus negative, contrasting words — anytime they were talking about policy and politics.

Conservative talking heads now speak all of the time about the Democrat Party. A lot of Republic candidates, scripted to the core, talk about their Democrat Party opponents. Fox TV bobbleheads don’t even seem know what the Democratic Party is. Recent examples:

Rush Limbaugh, radio personality, Feb. 26: “And overturning the culture of this country as established in our founding has been the objective of the Democrat Party for the past... Since the sixties.”

Peter Johnson Jr., Fox and Friends, Feb. 24: “Did the Democrat Party do the right thing here with regard to this Senate nomination, because the president will be sending a name?”

This nonsense and bad English has even filtered into the traditional print media, once a harbinger of objectivity. It’s not rare to see a headline in a paper that blares about a “Democrat candidate” or the “Democrat Party.” From last week:

Nathaniel Cary, education reporter, Greenville News, Feb. 26: “The national spotlight remains on South Carolina politics for one more day as Democrat voters head to the polls ...”

Media Matters for America, a nonprofit group dedicated to correcting conservative information, noted that the ungrammatical use of “Democrat” was infecting politics in a 2006 analysis:

“The ungrammatical conversion of the noun ‘Democrat’ to an adjective was the brainchild of Republican partisans, presumably an attempt to deny the opposing party the claim to being ‘democratic’ — or in the words of New Yorker magazine senior editor Hendrik Hertzberg, ‘to deny the enemy the positive connotations of its chosen appellation.’ In the early 1990s, apparently due largely to the urging of then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) and Republican pollster Frank Luntz, the use of the word ‘Democrat’ as an adjective became near-universal among Republicans.”



Andy Brack

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State News & Events

THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY 2016 STATE CONVENTION

Reported by Ingrid Erwin

Jaime Harrison thanked all attendees and reviewed the events of the past few months, beginning with the presidential forum at Winthrop in November and going through the February primary. He pointed out that the state party pays only four people -- the rest of the work is done by volunteers.

Executive Director Jason Perkey will be leaving South Carolina to run the coordinated campaign in Wisconsin.

Jaime reminded the group that, despite differences during the presidential campaigns, we are all fighting for the same things in the end. We need to be one clique on Election Day. He cited advice that he received from his grandfather: "don't let anyone treat you like you don't

matter." Jaime wants to ensure that the most vulnerable people in our society understand that their voices, votes, and lives do matter.

Jaime called on all veterans to come to the front of the convention hall and be applauded. A large number of the delegates came forward and received a standing ovation.

Congressman Jim Clyburn addressed the delegates. He exhorted the group to work hard to turn South Carolina back to blue, "a color more pleasing to our eyes."

The keynote address at the convention was by Secretary of Labor Tom Perez. Perez, often mentioned as a potential nominee for Vice President, used a number of South Carolina references in his talk. He encouraged the audience to think about whether we build walls or break down barriers. South Carolina has twice as many animal shelters as battered women's shelters. Voter identifica-

tion laws, he believes, represent a solution in search of a problem. South Carolina has 178,000 registered voters who do not have photo identification. He said that the state cannot allow another generation to have its future affected by the Corridor of Shame. He spoke of the accomplishments of the Obama administration -- 31 million net new jobs, with job growth for 73 consecutive months. He described the Affordable Care Act as the most important addition to the social support network in years. He concluded by recognizing the power of Democrats to transform society, cautioning that Republicans know that the best way to thwart that power is to divide Democrats.

Eric Graben won the award for Party Chair of the Year for the large counties. Secretary Dick Riley and Candy Fletcher were elected as delegates to the national convention.

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