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Message from our Chair

The question many of us are asking is “Can we win in November?” The answer is “Absolutely.” BUT, there’s no getting around the fact that it will require concerted effort by each one of us to do so. At last month’s GCDP breakfast, John Tynan, in his role as political director of Conservation Voters of South Carolina, described their ultimately successful work to defeat incumbent candidates throughout South Carolina, including Lee Bright and Mike Fair, in the June primary election. It took good old-fashioned, “take it to the voters” activities, though - i.e., knocking on doors, phone banking, and sending direct mail pieces – to achieve that success. That’s what we must do during the final two months of this election cycle to turn the 4th Congressional District blue, elect Hillary Clinton as the next president as well as our local first-time candidates, and re-elect our incumbent candidates.

Voter turnout will be key, as always. We must motivate and enable every eligible voter to cast his or her ballot, help them understand why Democratic Party candidates are the best choice for our

community and nation, and protect the votes that are cast. I’m asking everyone to do just one thing this election cycle – imagine the difference we will make . . .

What can you do? Sign up for one of the following needs by contacting our volunteer coordinator Sharon Thomas directly (757-620-6068/ sharonwas@netzero.net) or GCDP Headquarters:

✓ **Canvassers** – now and through Election Day, go into the community to register voters, share candidate positions and platforms, and provide information on how/when/where to vote. Training, maps, and all materials are provided.

✓ **Phone Bankers** – now and through Election Day, make calls to familiarize

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Kate Franch, GCDP Chair

Presidential / Vice-Presidential Debate Schedule

Monday, September 26, 2016

First presidential debate

Moderator: Lester Holt, Anchor, *NBC Nightly News*

Location: Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

The first debate will be divided into six time segments of approximately 15 minutes each on major topics to be selected by the moderator and announced at least one week before the debate. The moderator will open each segment with a question, after which each candidate will have two minutes to respond. Candidates will then have an opportunity to respond to each other. The

moderator will use the balance of the time in the segment for a deeper discussion of the topic.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Vice presidential debate

Moderator: Elaine Quijano, Anchor, *CBSN and Correspondent, CBS News*

Location: Longwood University, Farmville, VA

The Vice Presidential debate will be divided into nine time segments of approximately 10 minutes each. The

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Why I am a Democrat by Mary McCarthy



I've never been good at organizations. I joined the Young Dems when I was in college to canvass for Gene McCarthy, then stepped away to be neutral during twenty years as a broadcast journalist.

But I always cared. I cared when we were attacked on 9/11. I cared when we were tricked into war with Iraq. I cared when the people of New Orleans were left in a toxic stew after Katrina. So I returned to the Democratic Party to work for HOPE, to work for Barack Obama.

I cheered when he signed healthcare reform, the Lilly Ledbetter act, and many others. When the GOP took over both houses of Congress, I realized that we have power only when we're together, so I went to precinct meetings and attended county and state conventions.

I'm still not good at organizations, but I care more every day.

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the community with candidates, gauge voter commitment, and provide information on how/when/where to vote. Training, call lists, and scripts provided.

✓**Poll Workers** – assist with the setup of and conduct the election process at one of the 151 polling places in Greenville County; must be a registered voter, complete an application (www.greenvillecounty.org/Voter_Registration/), and attend a mandatory training class.

✓**Poll Watchers** – protect the voting process and monitor activity on behalf of the GCDP at

a selected polling place in Greenville County on Election Day.

Training provided to receive credential required for representing the GCDP.

✓**Staging Location Coordinators** – coordinate the phone bank and canvas activities from a specified location on Election Day to maximize voter turnout throughout Greenville County. Training, support, and volunteers provided.

✓**Drivers** – drive voters to the polls during the Absentee Voting period and/or on Election Day.

✓**Donors** – provide refreshments/food for Election Day volunteers and/or money to fund GCDP

Election Day activities; financially support our candidates to ensure strong campaigns through November 8.

... because, yes, we are “STRONGER TOGETHER!” We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Help us go GREEN

Want to help the planet by going green and reducing expenses for the party?

You can help by electing to receive only the electronic version of *The Bray*. Please contact headquarters to let us know and to provide your email address if we do not have it.

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moderator will ask an opening question, after which each candidate will have two minutes to respond. The moderator will use the balance of the time in the segment for a deeper discussion of the topic.

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Second presidential debate

Moderator: Martha Raddatz, Chief Global Affairs Correspondent and Co-anchor of *"This Week," ABC*

Moderator: Anderson Cooper, *Anchor, CNN*

Location: Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

The second presidential debate will take the form of a town meeting, in which half of the questions will be posed directly by citizen participants and the other half will be posed by the moderator based on topics of broad public interest as reflected in social media and other sources. The candidates will have two minutes to

respond and there will be an additional minute for the moderator to facilitate further discussion. The town meeting participants will be uncommitted voters selected by the Gallup Organization.

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Third presidential debate

Moderator: Chris Wallace, Anchor, *Fox News Sunday*

Location: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

The format for the third debate will be identical to the first presidential debate.

Time – The debates will air from 9pm to 10:30pm ET (8pm – 9:30pm CT, 7pm – 8:30pm MT, 6pm – 7:30pm PT)

TV Channels – Each debate will be broadcast live on C-SPAN, ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC, as well as all cable news channels including CNN, Fox News and MSNBC among others.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

September 24 (Saturday) 8:30am

GCDP Monthly Breakfast Meeting
Pleasant Valley Connections
510 Old Augusta Road
Greenville, SC 29605

September 30 (Friday)

2016 SCDP Jefferson Jackson Dinner

October 1, 2016 (Saturday)

John Spratt Issues Conference
Columbia Metropolitan Convention
Center | See scdp.org for information.

October 1 (Saturday) 10:00am-1:00pm

Hispanic caucus event: *Training on How to Vote and Voter Registration*
G'ville County Square (Main Entrance)
301 University Ridge
Greenville, SC 29601

Sponsors: Hispanic Caucus, Latino newspaper & Voter Registration Office

October 6 (Thursday) 6- 8:00pm*

4th Congressional District Town Hall
West End Community Center
404 Vardry Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

* See more details below.

October 10 (Monday) 12:15pm

Dem. Women Monthly Meeting
Southern Fried Green Tomatoes
1175 Woods Crossing Road
Greenville, SC 29615

November 4, (Friday) 6:30pm

NAACP Greenville Branch
34th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet
West End Community Center
404 Vardry Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

GCDP Breakfast Meeting

The speakers are Alycia Albergottie, SC Director for Hillary for America; Tucker Lawson, Coordinated Campaign Regional Field Organizer; and Phil Chambers, Fedalei for Congress Campaign Manager. They will give us updates on campaign activity and an overview of the strategy for victory on November 8th.

GCDW Monthly Meeting

The October meeting of Democratic Women of Greenville County will be a political forum. All Democratic candidates running for an SC or Greenville County seat will have the opportunity to present their platform at the Democratic Women of Greenville County's last meeting before the November election.

4th Cong. District Town Hall*

Invited candidates are: (U.S. Congress) Chris Fedalei & Thomas Dixon; (S.C. Senate) Karl Allen & Glenn Reese; (S.C. House) Anna Brown, Chandra Dillard, Leola Robinson-Simpson, Harold Mitchell, Luke Quillen, & Michael Pratt. All candidates are within (or partially cover) the 4th Congressional District. Jamie Harrison, SCDP Chair, will moderate during a question and answer forum. (*See Events Calendar; October 6*)

Debate Watch Parties

Join fellow Democrats during each Presidential and Vice-Presidential Debate. Watch parties are scheduled during each debate; September 26, October 9 & 19. Each Watch Party begins at 8:00pm at:
Connolly's Irish Pub
24 E Court St
Greenville, SC 29601

NAACP Honors Veterans

The Greenville Branch of the NAACP will be honoring all African American veterans from all wars and conflicts especially those from the Viet Nam era. Please send the names, contact information, War or Conflict, and Branch of Service of veterans, so that adequate numbers of citations can be made by September 30th. The program will be a part of our 34th annual Freedom Fund banquet.

34th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet
West End Community Development Center
404 Vardry Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601
6:30pm | Friday, November 4, 2016

The Annual Freedom Fund banquet's purpose is also to recognize and highlight the volunteers and supporters of our mission. The NAACP was founded by those who

supported advancing the cause of Civil Rights for the disenfranchised. For our 34th Banquet, we will honor Veterans from all wars and conflicts and especially our forgotten Viet Nam Veterans. It has been 50 years since the start of the Viet Nam War and these veterans have not received just thanks for their sacrifice.

Please respond to:

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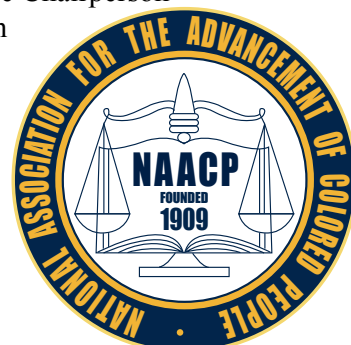
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Books We Love *Dark Money* by Jane Mayer

By Roxanne Cordonier

I just finished a long walk on the dark side of politics, my tour was led by the award winning investigative journalist Jane Mayer. Mayer spent five years researching the far reaching industrial and political empire created and run by Charles and David Koch.

The story begins at the beginning, the Koch's childhood was privileged but cruelly twisted by their German born nanny. Their father Fred C. Koch made his fortune building oil refineries in Stalin's Russia and Hitler's Germany. Koch Industries is now the second largest privately held company in the United States. In 2014, Charles Koch was the 9th richest person in the world with a fortune estimated at \$36 billion. The Koch brothers are committed to free market based libertarian policies and spread their philosophies through a vast network of educational programs at the high school and

college level, conservative think tanks like the Cato Institute and corporate created and run "grass roots" organizations like Americans for Prosperity and the Tea Party. The Koch brothers various branches spent \$235 million trying to defeat and undermine the Affordable Care Act.

In recent years they have softened their approach to attract more supporters to their movement. The current tax system aided and abetted by the Citizens United Supreme Court decision permits the Koch's and their billionaire friends to disguise their political activities as tax deductible philanthropy.

Jane Mayer meticulous research of the Koch's activities makes this a

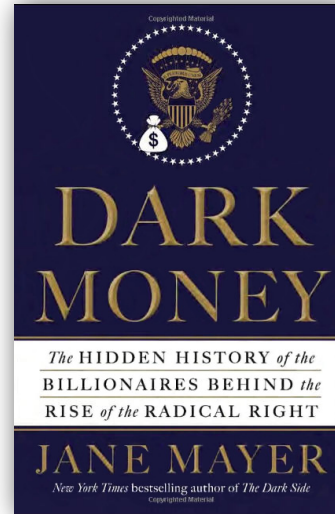
tough read, it's dense with facts and figures and a web of various entities through which flows the money that

keeps the influence peddling flowing. The pay off of their long term approach is obvious in the legislation pursued by Republican dominated legislatures across the country. The Koch's are winning.

The book begins with a quote that makes the case for what's at stake today;

"We must make our choice-we may have democracy or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both."

(Louis Brandeis Associate Justice of the Supreme Court 1916-1939)



Congratulations to the Honorable Lottie Beal Gibson



The Honorable Lottie Beal Gibson

On 8/16/2016, County Councilwoman, Lottie Gibson was honored by the Greenville County Alcohol and Drug Commission Board of Directors by naming and dedicating

their new facility at 130 Industrial Drive, the Lottie Beal Gibson Center of Excellence (Phoenix Center). Councilwoman Gibson has dedicated all 24 years of service on County Council to finding resources to open and maintain drug and alcohol treatment and recovery centers in Greenville County.

If you were unable to attend, please continue to congratulate Mrs. Gibson! Her family requested donations to the Center to keep her work going for those in need of services. Also you can see that the spaces in this facility are available for rental – Gibson room, Board room, and 2 other rooms. For more information, contact Charity Deaton

at cdeaton@phoenixcenter.org or call 864-467-3915.

Lottie Beal Gibson has been a one-woman crusader for Greenville's poor and disenfranchised citizens for more than 50 years. She is widely known and respected for her work with families who are homeless and bereaved. She is also the one who cuts through the "red tape" to provide human and material resources for the sick, the unemployed, the imprisoned, and other friendless citizens who are in need. She has served District 25 since 1992.

A true hero – The Honorable Lottie Beal Gibson! Spread the word!

Your Input Needed on Transportation Projects



The Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study held its kick-off Long-Range Transportation Plan on Wednesday, September 7.

Sub-Regional meetings are scheduled as follows:

EASLEY

City Hall, Old Council Chambers
205 N. 1st St, Easley SC 29640
Monday, October 3, 2016 from 4-7pm

WILLIAMSTON

Lander Memorial Regional Library
925 Greenville, Dr., Williamston, SC
Monday, October 10, 2016 from 5-8pm

MAULDIN

Mauldin Cultural Center: Rotary Room
101 E. Butler Rd, Mauldin, SC
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 from 4-7pm

FOUNTAIN INN

Fountain Inn Activities Center: Gym
610 Fairview St., Fountain Inn, SC 29644
Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 4-7pm

CLEMSON

Clemson City Hall; Community Room
1250 Tiger Blvd. #1, Clemson, SC 29631
Thursday, October 13 from 4-7pm

GREER

Greer City Hall: Hall B
301 E. Poinsett St., Greer, SC 29651
Monday, October 17, 2016 from 4-7pm

TRAVELERS REST

Travelers Rest Fire Station: Community Room
155 Trailblazer Dr., Travelers Rest, SC 20690
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 4-7pm

GREENVILLE

Greenville County Square: Suite 400
301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC 29601
Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 4-7pm

All are drop-in format; Snacks will be available.
Visit www.gpats.org for more information about GPATS

Quilts of Valor Ceremony for Blue Star Family

Three sons of Rev. J.M. Flemming and City Council member Lillian Brock Flemming (Davit, J.M. and Emanuel) received Quilts of Valor on Saturday, September 3rd at 10:30am at Brockwood Senior Housing. Each son has served (and one is still serving) in the Army National Guard.

A Quilts of Valor Ceremony is an official commissioned tribute where quilts are given to service men and women who are veterans or active duty military as a covering for the service they gave or are giving for our country.

Anyone may request a quilt for a loved one at (<http://www.qov.org/request-qov/>). It takes several months to make each quilt because volunteers sew each patch together by hand.



The Flemming Family at Quilts of Valor Ceremony

Conservation Voters of South Carolina to honor Frank Holleman

The CVSC will celebrate its conservation wins, honor their champions, and make a toast to a successful next year. The Annual Green Tie Luncheon recognizes public servants and conservation activists for their dedication to conserving South Carolina's natural assets.

This year's honorees are:

The Lifetime Conservation Achievement Award

- Rudy Mancke
(Naturalist)

The Harriet Keyserling Conservation Advocacy Award

- Frank Holleman
(Southern Environmental Law Center)

Senate Conservation Leadership Awards

- Senator Nikki Setzler

House Conservation Leadership Awards

- Representative Weston Newton
- Representative Doug Brannon

The Annual Green Tie Award Luncheon is a much anticipated event and always a huge success with



nearly 500 attendees – including legislators, numerous statewide and local candidates, state agency heads, business executives, and, on average, 70 corporate sponsors. Guests enjoy a festive reception, the pleasing networking environment and a delectable gourmet luncheon featuring a vast array of SC-grown foods.



Frank Holleman

When: Wednesday, September 21, 2016
11:30am to 1:30pm (EDT)

Where: 701 Whaley Street
Columbia, SC 29201

The event features a “farm to table” luncheon, signature cocktail, and the chance to mingle with conservationists from all over the state as they honor the Green Tie honorees.

Tickets are on sale now and space is limited. Tickets are \$50.00 and may be purchased at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-eighth-annual-green-tie-luncheon-tickets-27412379164>

Fedalei-Gowdy Debate is back

The campaigns of Chris Fedalei and Trey Gowdy are nearing an agreement on a forum after the Fedalei campaign earlier had to announce that a debate would not happen. The event was proposed as a moderated discussion by Furman University Professor Danielle Vinson.

Gowdy's campaign proposed U.S. Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) and Scott's Democratic opponent Pastor Thomas Dixon also participate, remaining on stage for the full duration of the event.

Fedalei's campaign countered that Gowdy and Fedalei should debate one-on-one for 40 minutes, followed by 40 minutes of Scott and Dixon debating one-on-one. Fedalei later agreed to a compromise proposed by Furman University Professor Danielle Vinson, who invited the candidates to the event: 40 minutes one-on-one for each race and 20 minutes of all four candidates together.

After it appeared neither campaign would agree to the

other's proposal, the Fedalei campaign announced that there would not be a debate.

After the Wednesday morning announcement, representatives from both campaigns said they had reached an agreement with Vinson to participate in a forum-style event at Furman on a to-be-determined date. It would be a moderated discussion between the two candidates.

Both candidates agreed to attend whether or not Scott or Dixon would be there. No specific on-campus location has been set yet.

Scott and Dixon have been invited to the event. To be invited, candidates must represent "the political parties

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State News & Events

Introducing Our Coordinated Campaign State Field Director and Regional Field Organizers



Tucker Lawson is working out of GCDP Headquarters

The 2016 South Carolina Democratic Coordinated Campaign is delighted to announce the hiring of our State Field Director and Field Organizers, who will play a vital part in taking our message to every corner of the state this year.

Our State Field Director is Ernest Boston, Jr. Ernest, a Darlington native, graduated from

Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology and received a dual Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and History from Francis Marion University. This is his second consecutive South Carolina coordinated campaign, having served as a field organizer on our 2014 effort. This election cycle, Ernest played a key role on the Bernie 2016 campaign, working as a Regional Field Director and then Deputy Field Director in South Carolina. He subsequently served in that capacity in Idaho, Alaska, and Maryland before returning to South Carolina to serve as campaign manager for Hyman for Congress in the 7th District. Ernest is the proud father of two sons, Taelur-Lee and Hayden-Dominic.

Our Regional Field Organizers, along with their regions and the counties included within those regions, are:

Maria Reyes: Midlands #1 (Central/South) - Richland, Lexington, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Barnwell, Allendale, Aiken

Mickey Suber: Midlands #2 (North) - York, Cherokee, Union, Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Newberry

Ursula Wilkerson: Low country - Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton

Margie Scott: Pee Dee - Florence, Lee, Sumter, Darlington, Williamsburg, Horry, Georgetown, Marion, Dillon, Marlboro, Chesterfield

Tucker Lawson: Upstate - Greenville, Spartanburg, Pickens, Oconee, Anderson, Abbeville, McCormick, Edgefield, Saluda, Greenwood, Laurens

South Carolinians from all walks of life are saying enough is enough of failed Republican governance, and this stellar field staff will help us earn voters' trust, to do a better job delivering opportunity, security, and unity. See you on the campaign trail!

Jaime Harrison
SCDP Chair



Thanks to Our Contributors!

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Dr. Bill Byars
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Ingrid Erwin
Johnnie Fulton

Ward Kellett
Lynn Shook
Whitney Wright

Donations are always welcome and appreciated.

Name change ahead for Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

On August 23, the South Carolina Democratic Party State Executive Committee voted unanimously to begin a process to rename our state party's annual fundraising dinner, known in recent decades as the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. Though Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson did play integral roles in the institutional development of the Democratic Party, our Executive Committee members—being careful not to judge historical figures solely by modern standards and thus taking full account of the range of views on the issue of slavery and treatment of Native Americans in American society during that era—decided that our annual dinner should be a reflection of the modern Democratic Party.

The change will take effect after the upcoming Jefferson-Jackson Dinner on September 30; this event will remain the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. In the weeks and months following, the State Executive Committee will be soliciting suggestions from our county parties and will deliberate and decide on a new name for the dinner that more accurately reflects the ideals of our party.

As we take this step, let us redouble our efforts to elect candidates and enact policies that embody the truth proclaimed by the Declaration of Independence and updated at the Seneca

Falls Convention: that all men and women are created equal.

Jaime Harrison
SCDP Chair



ABSENTEE VOTING for the November 8, 2016 Elections
Begins October 10, 2016 – Through November 7, 2016
Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm

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that contested either Sen. Tim Scott's senate race or the 4th Congressional District race in 2014 and received at least 20 percent of the vote in that election." No candidates outside the Democratic or Republican parties met that criteria, Vinson said.

Fedalei and Gowdy had been invited to debate at Furman University last month by Vinson, a member of the political science faculty. No date had been set in

order to allow the campaigns to find an agreeable date for the debate.

Fedalei said he took issue with having all four candidates on one stage for the entire event because it would have prevented one-on-one debate between Fedalei and Gowdy. Gowdy wanted to invite the senate candidates to make the event a more open discussion, a Gowdy campaign staffer said.

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