

THE BRAY

the voice of the GCDP GREENVILLE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The latest news and updates from the Greenville County Democratic Party



SPRATT ISSUES CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th
Dinner | **7 p.m.**
The Coop | 1100 Key Rd | Columbia, SC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th
Conference | **8 a.m.**
Columbia Marriott | 1200 Hampton St. | Columbia, SC

GUEST SPEAKERS

California Congressman | New Orleans Mayor

Adam Schiff | **Mitch Landrieu**

Issues Conference brings Democrats together to discuss state-wide strategy.

Celebrate the Good

BY KATE FRANCH

Fellow Democrats,

During this holiday season, let's take time to CELEBRATE THE GOOD that we've experienced this year. Yes, the news from Washington continues to be maddening, dismal, and frightening on a daily basis. But, we have had victories along the way: constituents are engaged as never before and giving voice to the will of the people through rallies, protests, letter-writing, and the ballot box; we've re-committed to voter registration, activation, and protection to ensure representative democracy; and diverse coalitions of volunteers worked for and elected Democrats this November, not only in Greenville County, but in Virginia, New Jersey, and across the country. (continued on page 2)

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Thank you to everyone who helped with the 2017 Greenville campaigns! We saw long-time Democrats and new friends, across all age groups and communities, unite with a common goal of electing progressive and responsive local leaders. The result in the Greenville City Council race was a 17.5% voter turnout that exceeded expectations and ultimately made the difference in the outcome. This is what we can accomplish when we build and strengthen relationships around shared objectives!

Locally and throughout the state, the Democratic Party is poised to grow in number and influence if we honor our "big tent" commitments to inclusivity and empowerment and remain focused on strategy and implementation. In 2017, we will re-organize at the precinct level, refresh our platform at county and state conventions, and elect leaders and representatives to local, state, and federal offices YOU have an important role in continuing to fuel this resurgence that has taken shape over the past year.

"How?" you might ask?

- **Commit to being an active member of your precinct** starting with attending your precinct reorganization meeting on Saturday, January 20, 2018. (see p. 3)
- **Wear being a Democrat "on your sleeve"** - share thoughts, reactions, ideas overtly; invite friends, coworkers, neighbors to a Democratic group meeting; display a GCDP magnet on your car!
- **Attend a city or county council or school board meeting** to learn about the issues facing our communities and share your perspective with your elected officials.
- **Apply for a local board or commission seat** to ensure that Democratic values are incorporated into local policy.
- **Get to know the 2018 Democratic Party candidates**, vote in the primary election next June, and volunteer for or support a campaign.
- **Financially support the GCDP** so that we can continue to have a visible profile by providing campaign and meeting space and resources (copier, phones, mailing lists) at our headquarters office; communications such as The Bray, emails, notices, and website; and organizational events such as the monthly breakfast, informational forums, conventions, candidate development sessions, etc.

Calendar of Events

December

09

Democratic Women Coffee Meetup:
West End Coffee Shoppe: 9am-10:30am

10

Greenville NAACP Annual Meeting
Tabernacle Baptist Church- 200 S. Hudson St
4 PM

REMINDER: No December Breakfast

January

20

Precinct Re-Organization Meeting
Sites TBD

27

Monthly Meeting & Breakfast 8:30 AM
29 Ridgeway Dr. Greenville, SC

Weekly Events

- Tell Them Tuesdays are held each **Tuesday at Noon** in front of Sen. Lindsay Graham's office- 130 S. Main St, Greenville, SC.

2018 can mark a true turning point - your ideas, energy, and commitment can create the progressive South Carolina we all seek. Let's pledge to not allow the divisiveness and destruction of the Republican leadership in Washington to discourage, distract, or deter us. Thank you for being engaged and hopeful - we ARE stronger together!

Happy Holidays - I look forward to creating more good with you in 2018,

Kate

Precinct Re-Organization 2018

In accordance with state election law, the South Carolina Democratic Party (SCDP) will re-organize in 2018, beginning at the precinct level. The SCDP has determined that the GCDP and all other county parties will meet on **Saturday, January 20** for precinct reorganization. Please plan to join us.

What is a Precinct?

A precinct is where elections are won or lost because it is where people live and vote. It is comprised of the voting population living within a geographical area who all vote at the same designated polling place.

- "...voting precincts and voting places [are] designated, fixed, and established by the General Assembly." (SC Code of Laws, Section 7-7-10)
- There are currently 151 precincts in Greenville County.
- Democrats and Republicans utilize the same precinct boundaries and designations.

For the SCDP and GCDP, precinct organization facilitates one-to-one contact with the voter. Through educating and mobilizing voters, precinct organization can essentially be the grassroots activation for electing Democrats to office.

What happens at precinct reorganization?

Registered voters are invited to a meeting of their precinct to get to know their neighbors, discuss Party and public policy issues, elect precinct leadership, adopt resolutions drafted by precinct members, and elect delegates to their county convention to be held in February or March 2018. At their county convention, voters will hear from Democratic candidates for election in 2018 and delegates will elect county party leadership, vote on county party resolutions, and elect delegates to the SCDP (state) convention to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in Columbia

Which leadership positions are available at the precinct level?

The GCDP is working on locations throughout the county for the reorganization and will use letters, emails, and other notices to let you know the time and place for your precinct meeting. We expect to have several precincts meeting at each location as in past years. More information will be forthcoming about what to expect regarding re-organization and the county and state conventions as well.

We did it, and my heart is filled with gratitude for all were involved in my campaign for City Council. Thank you to all who walked with me, made phone calls, put up signs, talked with neighbors, and voted. The campaign was truly a team effort, and I am grateful for all of you who were part of it.

The campaign was an amazing experience, and one that I will always value and treasure. Walking the neighborhoods gave me the chance to truly see, experience, and understand Greenville and its people, and to hear your voice. I could not be prouder of my fellow Greenvillians and Democrats, and the hope and pride you have in this city.

I am excited to start this next chapter for me, and for Greenville. Thank you for allowing me to continue my service to Greenville.



Democratic Volunteers Wanted

This November's Democratic successes at the ballot box were wonderful! Candidates all over America were elected thanks to the hard work of grass roots volunteers known as Boots On The Ground! Our challenge now is to keep the momentum going for the 2018 elections and beyond. One person can't do it all, but if we all do something, it adds up to a movement!

Some of the GCDP Volunteer needs are:

- 1.Campaign Canvassing, Phone Banks: for Democratic candidates in 2018 Midterms. You can work from your own home for some campaigns. Sign up now and we will contact you when these needs gear-up.
2. Political Action: Voter Registration events.
- 3.Communications: graphic designers/writers needed to help design web page, fliers, etc.
- 4."Huddle" Groups of volunteers who work on differing projects/events to benefit the community.
- 5.Newsletter reporters: Report events/issues/people to GCDP for publication in "The Bray".
6. Liaison: Belong to another progressive group? Be a liaison and let us know what you're doing so we can spread the word.
- 7.Office Staff: We need people to commit to a regular shift (3 hours) or be a trained substitute.
- 8.Precinct Leadership: Lead or assist Precinct Leaders in organizing precincts.
- 9.Rapid Response Team: Research and keep abreast of bills in State and National legislatures, and alert members when calls need to be made to support progressive policy.
- 10.Recruitment for Boards and Commissions or Local Offices.


Let us know what boots you want to fill!

Nadia Land-Greene, GCDP Volunteer Coordinator, 864-320-8698, landgreene@yahoo.com

Young Democrats Annual Toy Drive

The Toy Drive will benefit the children of the Frazee Dream Center, Nicholtown Community Center, and Pleasant Valley Connection. We will give every volunteer a child to sponsor for the holiday season and the opportunity to present their gift.

To sponsor a child, respond via email or see the flyer for more details.



Sponsor a Child
with a gift this holiday season

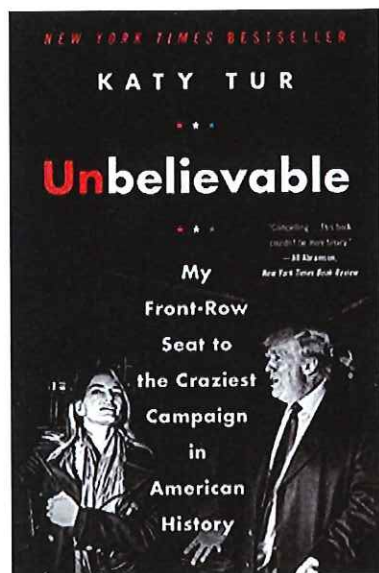
Many underprivileged children do not get the chance to fully embrace the holiday season due to their circumstances. The Greenville Young Democrats are seeking to change that.

If you would like to sponsor a child, please call 864-915-7020 or stop by the Greenville Democratic Party HQ at 1300 J East Washington St. Greenville, SC 29607.

All donors will be given the opportunity to present their sponsored child with their gift the day before the children leave school for winter vacation.

This event will benefit children of the Frazee Dream Center, Pleasant Valley Connection, and Nicholtown Community Center.

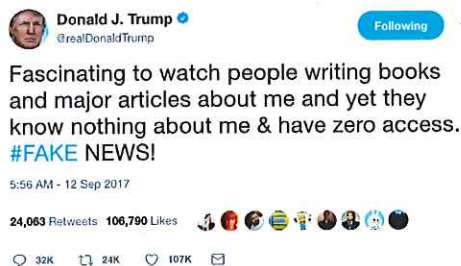
Books We Love: A Review of Katy Tur's *Unbelievable*



The subtitle of the book is "My Front-Row Seat to the Craziest Campaign in American History." Katy Tur did indeed have a front-row seat and her story gives insights into the route that The Donald took to the Oval Office. [Trump's reaction to Tur's book](#) was expressed in a tweet of course.

Unbelievable is a word that is too often used in a world in which media is characterized by sound bites and hyperbole. As a fan of Katy Tur, I have to admit that I was a little disappointed when I heard that "Unbelievable" was the title chosen for her book about reporting on the Trump campaign. After reading the book, I agree that the title is apt. Tur happened to be in New York when NBC decided to assign a reporter to Trump's campaign. Tur accepted the gig, expecting it to last six weeks. Instead, she spent the next 510 days covering Trump. She proved an indomitable challenger of Trump's lies and inconsistencies, asking questions and refusing Trump's directive that she "be quiet," even after he called her a liar.

If you watch Tur's broadcasts, you may think that there's nothing to learn from her book. But the book recounts in a straightforward and direct manner many things we couldn't have seen.



DWGC Holiday Drop In



You are invited to celebrate the holidays with cheer and refreshments. Our annual holiday Drop-In is Sunday, December 10, 2017.

Fulton & Barr Law Office
215 W. Stone Avenue
Greenville, SC.

The drop-in will be from 2:00p.m - 4:00p.m.

There is no charge and reservations are not required. We will be accepting monetary donation to the Greenville Chapter of the American Red Cross (Cash or Check). Drop by for fellowship and holiday cheer with fellow Democrats.

GCDP Steps up Game to Activate More Precincts

BY CASS TYSON

The talk of the town of late seems to be how to get more involved in politics. Among social circles and public protests, at chance meetings and large organizational events, people are abuzz about the dramatic turn of events in Washington, DC.

The foreboding feeling of impending doom creates an extreme sense of urgency that something must be done- soon!- and Democrats everywhere are eager to "up their game" to more effectively combat the Republican agenda. Progressive Democrats won key races across the country last month, including right here in Greenville. Lillian Brock Flemming held on to her Greenville City Council seat in District 2, and Russell Stall was elected as the At-Large Member.

All of these Democratic wins were made possible in large part to the increased participation of volunteers at the grassroots level, and the precinct officers who helped organize them. Here at GCDP headquarters, the urgency feels almost tangible to the small band of intrepid souls who have been meeting regularly to prepare for a significant venture. Our mission: to capture those strong emotions and redirect them toward building the Democratic Party at the precinct level, so that Democrats can keep on winning elections. We are focused for the moment here in Greenville and Spartanburg Counties, but the plan is to eventually roll this out state-wide.

Informally we're calling it the Precinct Activation Project, or just the Precinct Project... it doesn't really have a name. Who has time for that nonsense? We're getting stuff done!

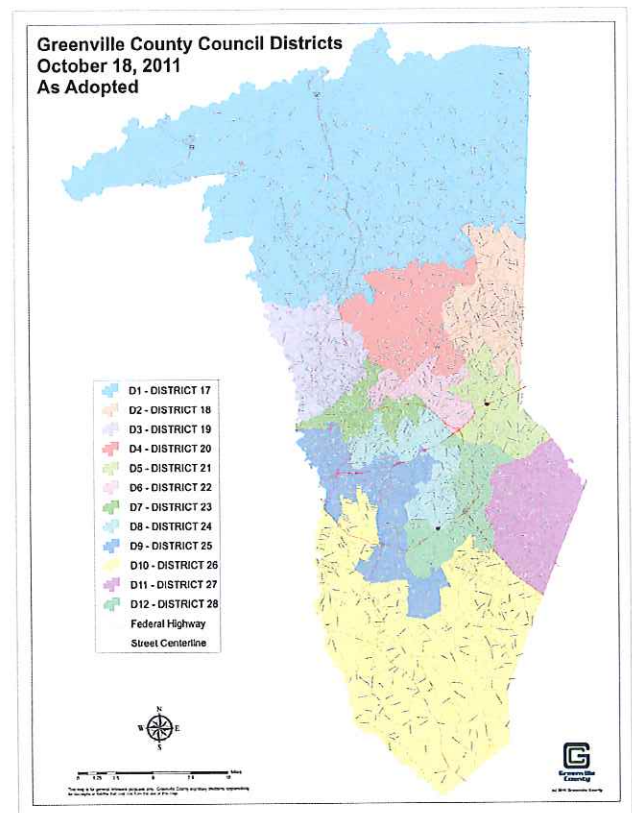
In fact, here's what we have accomplished in recent weeks:

1) A survey of existing precinct officers is ready to be sent out, so that we can get a sense of the kind of shape the precincts are currently in. We want to encourage all current and previously active precinct leaders to hang in there. We hope this lets them know that we need them and their experience-- and that help is coming soon.

2) A flyer describing the initiative is ready for distribution. We like to think it explains why this is so important, why the time is now, and exactly why people need to step up and get involved by becoming a precinct officer. We plan to get these into the hands of as many Democrats and left-leaning Independents as possible. Things will be different this time around. There's a new sheriff in town!

3) We're developing talking points so that everyone can speak with the same voice about the importance of precinct organization and the project underway. This memo will be shared with all Party activists in the area. Repetition of concise, meaningful sentences and phrases is key to making concepts memorable and setting expectations correctly.

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GCDP Steps Up Game (continued)

4) We have begun building out resources that precinct leaders have been requesting:

- ready access to contact info for Democratic voters within a precinct
- email and letter templates (possibly phone scripts as well) to use when recruiting volunteers and contacting voters
- an easy-to-follow process for managing and documenting outreach efforts

Based on what the survey tells us we are preparing to create comprehensive training materials on topics such as:

- state and local party organization processes, meetings, and votes
- the Democratic Party platform and how it translates to our state and local issues
- how districts in the municipalities, county, and state are laid out, where they overlap, and how this impacts voting
- the current slate of elected representatives at all levels, how they vote, and what their pet projects are
- current candidates for office at all levels and their policy positions

Best of all, we plan to turn these materials into reusable templates so that other local parties can reproduce them quickly and easily with their own information. Our hope is that this project will catch on across the state.

This project couldn't be more timely. The state will undertake precinct reorganization in January. While reorganization meetings in past years have often been somewhat uneventful and under-attended, we hope this initiative will generate excitement state-wide so that this year's "Re-Org" is a blow-out of a party!

Who knows? Maybe we will actually turn South Carolina blue again!

Reflection on Local Democratic Success

Michelle Macrina (written 11/14/17)

Wow, what a difference a week makes! This time last week, we were in the middle of full-out, non-stop activities to ensure that Russell Stall and Lillian Brock Flemming were victorious in their elections to Greenville City Council - and We Did It!

As I took a moment last Tuesday afternoon to look at all the volunteers around the room, in the hallway, and out across the city, I was struck by the diverse group of people who had come together to give some of their time to help Russell and Lillian. I saw both Democrats and Republicans, activists from like-minded organizations, and friends who came to help one or both of the candidates. While we may not all agree on every issue, we all agreed to work together because Greenville needed Russell and Lillian on City Council.

This was truly a team effort of both candidates and almost 100 volunteers from 10:00 am on Saturday to 7:30 pm on Tuesday. From our early morning sign team up before dawn, our dedicated pollwatchers being our eyes and ears, our runners driving all over Greenville making sure that our voters got the polls and our pollwatchers got what they needed, to our phoners and canvassers asking and reminding voters to go vote, our Election Day Get Out The Vote (GOTV) operation worked the way we needed it to and proved that elections (especially local ones) are all about people!

Here are a few stats to show how well we did:

- Both Russell and Lillian won with **54%** of the vote
- We won the Absentee Vote for both candidates by over **60%**
- We exceeded our Vote Goal Percentages in 19 out of 30 precincts (**63%**)
- We increased expected Turnout by 3.5% (from 14% to **17.5%**)

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

GCDP Prioritizes Redistricting

At the GCDP breakfast meeting on November 18, Lawson Wetli of the League of Women Voters of Greenville County talked about reducing gerrymandering through redistricting reform. Partisan gerrymandering is a real problem in South Carolina, and the League is taking action to educate voters and to encourage advocacy to reduce partisan and incumbent-protective gerrymandering, so that voters are choosing their representatives and not the other way around.


The League is seeking redistricting reform in which district lines are drawn based on appropriate and enforceable criteria that do not favor partisan interests or incumbents, and in which the drawing is done by an independent, nonpartisan commission. South Carolina voters who want to see where their state representatives stand on this issue can go to the Fair Lines for South Carolina website (<https://www.fairlinesforsc.com/>). Bills currently in the South Carolina legislature that support redistricting by an independent commission and with appropriate criteria are Senate bill S.341 and House bill H. 3339. The League encourages South Carolinians to contact their representatives and encourage support for these bills and for redistricting reform in general.

Redistricting will happen in 2021 based on the 2020 census results, and the League is mobilizing now to make the needed changes so that this next round of redistricting prioritizes the interest of voters and not parties or incumbents. A "redistricting explainer" put together by the League is accessible at <http://lwvcharleston.org/RedistrictingReform.html>.

League representatives would be happy to come talk to any interested local group about this issue. To pursue this, or to get additional information or ask any questions, please contact Lawson Wetli at lawsonwetli@gmail.com.

Young Democrats Host Food Drive

It's that time of year again and the Greenville Young Democrats are giving back through their annual Food Drive. The benefits will go to the pantries of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. They feed nearly one thousand impoverished people per month through donations to their food bank. The holiday season is the time to stock the food they will need to feed families throughout the coming year. Please drop off your donations to the GCDP Headquarters at 1300 J E. Washington St. Greenville, SC 29607.



**2nd ANNUAL
GREENVILLE
YOUNG DEMOCRATS
FOOD DRIVE**

St. Anthony's Catholic Church feeds nearly a thousand impoverished people a month through donations to their food bank. Join us in helping them continue their good work by filling their cupboards with food for the holiday season and the coming year!

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
Greenville Democratic Party HQ
1300 J East Washington Street
Greenville, SC 29607

DROP-OFF TIMES:
Monday through Friday, 5:30pm - 7pm
OR
ARRANGE A PICK-UP:
Call Jalen Elrod at (864) 915-7020

Food will be presented to St. Anthony's Catholic Church on December 17, 2017.

Report from the SCDP Executive Council and Executive Committee Meetings

BY INGRID ERWIN

November 4, 2017-- The Executive Council and Executive Committee met on Saturday, November 4 at Columbia College. Party Chairs were also invited to attend the Executive Committee meeting. Ingrid Erwin represented the Greenville County Party at both meetings and Kate Franch attended the Executive Committee meeting.

At the **Executive Council** meeting, Party Chair Trav Robertson discussed the progress on the transition efforts and distributed a **Transition Tracking** chart. While progress has been made in all focus areas listed, helping county parties has been the first priority of the transition. Two county party chair trainings have been held; attendance was substantially greater at the second training, which Trav believes reflects the need for such training and the value of the first training session.

The **2018 state party convention** will take place on **April 20 and 21** in Columbia.

The **Issues Conference** will now take place on **December 8 and 9** in Columbia. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu will be the keynote speaker. Friday night's dinner will be a Fish Fry.

Trav gave a report on the legal dispute involving the **2016 McCormick County Sheriff's race**. The Republican candidate won the election, but he had never been a certified law enforcement officer in the State of South Carolina, a qualification for holding the office. (He had worked in law enforcement positions in Virginia but, at the time of the election, was not certified in South Carolina. He has subsequently obtained that certification.) The Democratic candidate filed a lawsuit in December 2016, challenging the Republican's right to serve. The case is still pending. The state party is currently paying the legal expenses of the Democratic candidate, but Trav is requesting help with those expenses from the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association. That organization sets the qualifications for sheriffs and did not want the Republican to win because he did not meet those qualifications.

Trav discussed the **Interim Audit Report** issued by the **Federal Election Commission** in late September. This audit covers state party finances for the years 2013 and 2014. The next step is for the party to provide a response to the findings, which may include documentation.

Party Treasurer Kathy Hensley has put together a draft list of the **Operating Guidelines** that should be in place, and has begun actually drafting several of the policies. She also reported that the party is working towards its goal of paying off debt.

A subcommittee of the Executive Council will review **compensation for the state party chair** and will also prepare a **job description** for the position.

The **Executive Committee** voted to create two new caucuses - a **Senior Caucus** and a **Black Women's Caucus**.

Trav Robertson has been chosen to serve on the Executive Committee of the DNC. Carol Fowler is also part of this group. Don Fowler is on the Rules Committee.

Trav noted that two candidates - James Smith and Phil Noble - have announced their candidacy for governor. Phil Cheney from Anderson and Marguerite Willis from Florence (although originally from Travelers Rest) are considering joining the race. Trav believes that the party has a candidate for Secretary of State. He states that the party needs to field a candidate for Attorney General; he believes this may be a race that a Democrat could win.

Trav recently met with former Attorney General Eric Holder, who is now leading the National Democratic Redistricting Commission. Trav has asked that South Carolina be one of the pilot states for the new redistricting programs that are being planned.

Committee members were reminded of the need to increase awareness of the caucuses. Caucus chairs will be involved in the upcoming Issues Conference.

Clyburn Fellowship applications are available. The program continues to evolve and additional changes will be made next year.

Remember to Support the GCDP

As you consider your end-of-the year donations, please add the GCDP to your list. Our money bucket is fairly empty by the end of each year and, with precinct re-organization earlier in 2018 than usual, we'll need to cover more than just our rent and basic expenses as the new year begins.

We rely completely on contributions to meet our \$2,000 in regular monthly expenses (rent, utilities, phones, copier, email service, and insurance). We have taken steps this year to significantly cut the costs associated with printing "The Bray," providing breakfast at our monthly meeting, and the phones, and will explore additional savings in the new year.

Having an office with resources such as phones and a copier enables us to provide campaign staging locations for national, statewide, and local campaigns (very important with the 2018 election cycle ahead) as well as giving the GCDP a county presence. Headquarters is where folks call or stop by for information about candidates, elections, and political activities, to begin to feel connected with the Democratic community here, and sometimes to simply be able to vent with a like-minded, sympathetic soul (a huge nod to our valiant office volunteers!).

Early in January, we must mail letters to individual voters about where their precinct meeting will take place and put together materials for the actual re-organization effort. Your donation will ensure that our voters are educated, engaged, and mobilized for the critical election year ahead. No amount is too small - every contribution supports the Blue cause! Thank you for remembering your GCDP!

Resolve to become a Yellow Dog Democrat in 2018

Everyone knows that money is the lifeblood of politics and in order to stay in the game, the Greenville County Democratic Party needs a steady stream of donations. Life is hectic so make it easier to donate regularly to the GCDP by becoming a Yellow Dog Democrat. You can make your donations annually or monthly by becoming a member of the Yellow Dog Club and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that your funds are being put to good use.

Your donations to the GCDP pay for more than just office space! Your contributions provide a place to recruit candidates, plan rallies, coordinate election activities, prepare voter registration events and show our presence in the community. It's a meeting place for Greenville Young Democrats and Greenville County Democratic Women it's a workspace where we produce and distribute our newsletter The Bray and a place to meet other likeminded people. Your donations make these things and more happen. Please consider becoming a GCDP Yellow Dog Democrat this year.

Gold Yellow Dog	- pledge \$1000 or more in a calendar year
Silver Yellow Dog	- pledge \$500 or more in a calendar year
Bronze Yellow Dog	- pledge \$250 or more in a calendar year
Yellow Dog	- pledge \$120 or more in a calendar year

Please contact GCDP Treasurer, [Anita LeBold](#), at 864.325.8540 or anitalebold@hotmail.com to make arrangements to pay your 2018 Club dues in installments or via our website or PayPal.
<http://greenvilledemocrats.com/contribute>



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