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## the voice of the GCDP

GREENVILLE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

*The latest news and updates from the Greenville County Democratic Party*



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Protesters gathered in anti-Trump demonstration on October 16, 2017.

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### **A Note from the County Chair**

Fellow Democrats,

Thank you to those of you who participated in either of the rousing rallies that took place during the recent fundraising trip to Greenville by the president. The GCDP was a member of the coalition of community activist groups who organized these rallies on fairly short order. Our common purpose was to contrast the values shared by the coalition with those demonstrated through policies and rhetoric by the administrations in both the White House and the South Carolina Governor's Mansion. These events also provided an opportunity for the coalition organizations to work together on a community wide project. We achieved success!

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Approximately 50 rally goers attended the airport event and another approximately 500 attended the Falls Park event in which a dozen speakers discussed hopes, dreams, expectations, determination, the constituent's role in democracy, and paths to electoral change. And, once again, we saw firsthand that Greenville is changing - our citizens are aware, engaged, and ready to mobilize. Before we can focus fully on the 2018 statewide, State House, and mid-term Congressional elections that have captured so many people's attention in 2018, however, we must re-elect Lillian Brock Flemming and elect Russell Stall to Greenville City Council.

Only a couple of weeks remain to reach out to voters in District 2 and throughout the City to ensure victory on November 7. We need everyone - regardless of whether you live within Greenville City limits or not - to participate in the election (plus it's a great way to gear up for 2018 so that we hit the ground running). Folks new to the process can work alongside, and learn from, those with election experience. Phone banks and canvasses will take place regularly during the last couple of weeks leading to the election. Doing just one shift can make a real difference in connecting with voters. Check the GCDP website ([greenvilledemocrats.com](http://greenvilledemocrats.com)) or Facebook page for dates, times, and contacts. The GCDP will work with both campaigns on Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts on November 4, 5, and 6 and throughout Election Day.

## Think about how you can help:

- **Drive voters to the polls** (during Absentee Voting and on Election Day)
- **Phone or canvass** identified supporters
- **Coordinate** a staging area for phone banking and canvassing
- **Be a poll watcher** on Election Day to protect the voting process and facilitate GOTV
- **Be a runner** on Election Day to support GOTV efforts
- **Provide refreshments** for volunteers
- **Donate to the GCDP** to underwrite election activities (such as palm cards for voters)
- And **VOTE** if you live in any Greenville County municipal district or area with a local citizen-elected board with a seat on the 2017 ballot.

## Our Democracy Needs You.

Electoral change is not accomplished solely by those who decide to run for office; it requires citizen participation at every stage beginning with the election process. If we want the elected officials of Greenville County and South Carolina to reflect and enact our values, then each of us must step up and out during every election cycle to make that happen.

See you on the GOTV trail,

Kate

## Calendar of Events

### October

26

GCDP Fall Block Party- 5 PM  
215 W. Stone Ave, Greenville, SC

28

Monthly Meeting & Breakfast 8:30 AM  
29 Ridgeway Dr. Greenville, SC  
**Speaker: Lessie Price**  
**GOTV: Phone Banking, Canvassing, Poll Watcher training**

### November

02

Democratic Party Stump Rally  
5:30 PM- Fluor Field- Donations Accepted

05

GOTV Assignment Meeting- 3 PM  
Democratic HQ- Election Day  
duties assignments/training

07

Greenville County Municipal &  
Citizen Elected Board Elections

13

Democratic Women Monthly Meeting  
West End Community Center- 12:15 PM  
Speaker from Planned Parenthood

18

Monthly Meeting & Breakfast 8:30 am  
29 Ridgeway Dr. Greenville, SC  
**Redistricting & the 2020 Census**

**REMINDER: No December Breakfast**





*Pleasant Valley Connection, Inc.  
Scholarship Gala*

*Saturday, October 28, 2017  
7pm until 11pm*

*Hilton Greenville  
45 West Orchard Park Drive  
Greenville, South Carolina*

*\$60 per person*

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# STUMP RALLY

**FEATURING**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
TERRY ALEXANDER**

**CITY COUNCILWOMAN  
LILLIAN BROCK FLEMMING**  
*Candidate for Re-Election Greenville City Council*

**RUSSELL STALL**  
*Candidate for Greenville City Council*

**DEXTER REAVES**  
*Candidate for Greer City Council*

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APPRECIATED** ★

**NOVEMBER 2, 2017 AT 5:30 PM**

**FLUOR FIELD**  
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## Democratic Women Celebrate Successful Anniversary Dinner

Approximately 200 people were in attendance at an elegant dinner at the Poinsett Club in Greenville celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic Women of Greenville County and honoring the 67 charter members who formed the original organization, six of whom were in attendance. The founding members who were able to attend included Davita Abrams, Floride Carter, Lib Hunter, Margaret Paylor, Emilie Theodore, and Sondra Umsted. The Reverend Deb Richardson-Moore, Pastor of Triune Mercy Center, gave the invocation.

Paula Catterrall had a wonderful video presentation of 9 nationally-known Democrats: US. Rep. from SC., Jim Clyburn; the Reverend Jesse Jackson (a Greenville, SC native); Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Rep. from CA and House Minority leader; Former Sec. of State, Madeline Albright; Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Senator from MN, Sen. Chris Murphy from CT; Former Vice President, Al Gore; and Former Vice President, Joe Biden who gave congratulatory messages to the Democratic Women organization.



Linda Hardman, President of Democratic Women, gave a brief history of the founding of the organization, highlighting the contributions of several members, including Joanne Montague, who was the leader and driving force behind Democratic Women until her untimely death three years ago. (Continued on page 4)



## Democratic Women (Continued)

The keynote speaker was Inez Tenenbaum, former SC State Superintendent of Education and President Obama's Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Protection Safety Commission. Tenebaum focused on the many achievements of South Carolina Democrats in the past and challenged the audience to overcome present day obstacles and forge ahead with renewed inspiration and passion.

President Clinton's U.S. Secretary of Education and Former South Carolina Governor Dick Riley's message honoring the Democratic Women of Greenville County-Riley's wife, Ann (Tunky) was one of the founding members-recalled the profound and indelible influence these ladies had on the quality of life in our community and state. He noted that they paved the way for many of our local and state women elected official and leaders of the present.

In closing, Linda Hardman urged those present, especially Democratic Women, to continue the legacy of our visionary founders and to go forward, upholding the progressive ideals of the Democratic Party and making a positive difference in the lives of our fellow citizens.



Former US Secretary of Education, Richard Riley addresses crowd at Democratic Women 50th Anniversary Dinner

## Greenville Rally Response to Trump & McMaster

BY KATE FRANCH

When the President came to Greenville to raise funds for the Governor's re-election campaign (the message was clear: if Trump is needed this early in the game, then McMaster is in trouble), Greenville was ready and waiting with a peaceful, but not so friendly welcome. A week earlier, representatives of a coalition of Greenville County groups, including the GCDP, had met to plan a response to the presidential visit. The outcome was two events that became rallies at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport and in Falls Park. As plans quickly gelled, more joined in as hosts of the "rally response," then as speakers and event guides. Counting rally participants, in the end close to 600 Upstate citizens (with a group joining us from North Carolina) said "Not. Trump" in awake, aware, engaged resistance. Significant, yet immeasurable, is the number who followed online.

The purpose of the response was defined at the first planning meeting: to demonstrate how our vision for South Carolina and the United States is, across the board, the polar opposite of the rhetoric and policy emanating from the SC Executive Mansion and White House. The organizers wanted to provide peaceful and safe opportunities for Upstate constituents to express not only their discontent, but even more importantly the change we want to see. Because press coverage of the fundraiser had been banned, we knew that we could grab media attention eagerly seeking something to capture. On all accounts the events were successful. Thank you to everyone who attended either the airport or the park rally or both - you again showed your determination to make your voice heard.



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## Greenville Rally (Continued)

If you were not able to participate, check the Facebook pages of the hosts and speakers for video and pictures. Extra special appreciation is extended to the “village” (organizers, hosts, speakers, event guides, etc.) who made the rallies possible . . . in very short turnaround: Anderson County Democratic Party; Democratic Women of Greenville County; Greenville Black Lives Matter; Greenville County Democratic Party; From the Ground Up; Indivisible SC4; Oconee County Democratic Party; Our Revolution-Greenville SC; Pickens County Democratic Party; Planned Parenthood South Atlantic; SC Equality; South Carolina Democratic Party; Upstate 100; Upstate Coalition for Equality; The City of Greenville; Chief Ken Miller, Captain Marty Wilkes, and the City of Greenville Police Department; Sarah Blackman; Sarai Bautista; Phil Chambers; Karen Datko; Nancy Dunn; Jalen Elrod; Jake Erwin; Kate Franch; April Fretwurst; Lucille Herwald; Sarah Ingraham; Andy Irwin; Carol Kerrigan; Inge Leland; Jack Logan; Todd May; Will McCorkle; Lucia Safran Messina; JoAnne Mitchell; Deb Morrow; Chirinjev Peterson; Matt Purinton; Trav Robertson; Cindy Rogers; Dari Seabrook; Susie Smith; Ruth Todd; Lee Turner; Lawson Wetli; Jarrod Wiggins; Whitney Wright; and Caitlyn Wyatt. WELL DONE! . . . Working together we will create a South Carolina and America that secures equality, justice, fairness, and opportunity for all citizens and those who seek a better life for their loved ones.

## Report from the SCDP Executive Council and Executive Committee Meetings

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

The Executive Council approved a budget for the state party through the end of 2017. The budget includes plans for paying off all debt by year-end. It includes modest compensation for the party chair. Additionally, benefits packages for party staff will be reviewed for possible adjustments going forward. The budget also includes funds for an initiative designed to improve the overall party message to South Carolina voters. The initiative involves focus groups, polling, and statistical modeling. These efforts will be concentrated in twelve “outcome” counties throughout the state. These counties, which include Greenville County, are areas where Democrats have struggled in recent years. The efforts will address both ensuring voter turnout among our existing base and increasing that base by effective messaging.

Executive Council members briefly discussed the Transition Committee report, potential candidates for the 2018 governor’s race, and preferred methods of internal party communications (e.g., email, snail mail, certified mail). By the end of October, standardized training on the VoteBuilder program will be available. (This was one of the recommendations from the Transition Committee report.)

Following this meeting, the members of the Executive Council were joined by additional members of the Executive Committee. Information that had been provided to the Executive Council was reviewed with the Committee. Committee members then rotated between two breakout meetings - one to discuss campaign efforts in 2018 and the other to discuss communications and the current state of party technology.

Future Executive Committee meetings are Saturday, November 4, 2017, and Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. County party chairs will join with the Executive Committee for the November meeting.

# City of Greenville Polling Sites- November 7, 2017

Greenville 01	1	<i>Stone Lake Community Club</i>
Greenville 03 @ Gvl 04		<i>Brutontown Community Center</i>
Greenville 04	1	<i>Brutontown Community Center</i>
Greenville 05	1	<i>Sears Shelter</i>
Greenville 06 @ Gvl 07		<i>W Greenville Recreation Center</i>
Greenville 07	1	<i>W Greenville Recreation Center</i>
Greenville 08	1	<i>West End Community Development Center</i>
Greenville 10	1	<i>Springfield Baptist Church</i>
Greenville 14	1	<i>Phillis Wheatley</i>
Greenville 16	1	<i>Augusta Rd Baptist Church</i>
Greenville 17	1	<i>St Matthew United Methodist Church</i>
Greenville 18 @ Gvl 16		<i>Augusta Rd Baptist Church</i>
Greenville 19	1	<i>Pleasant Valley Connection Center</i>
Greenville 20	1	<i>Trinity United Methodist Church</i>
Greenville 21	1	<i>Meals On Wheels</i>
Greenville 22	1	<i>Sanctuary Church</i>
Greenville 23	1	<i>Eastlan Baptist Church</i>
Greenville 24 @ Gvl 29		<i>Enoree River Baptist Association</i>
Greenville 25	1	<i>McCarter Presbyterian Church</i>
Greenville 26 @ Gvk 27		<i>Overbrook Baptist Church</i>
Greenville 27	1	<i>Overbrook Baptist Church</i>
Greenville 28	1	<i>Francis Asbury United Methodist Church</i>
Greenville 29	1	<i>Enoree River Baptist Association</i>
Dove Tree @ Mission		<i>Morningside Baptist Church</i>
Mauldin 1 @ Gvl 29		<i>Enoree River Baptist Association</i>
Mauldin 2 @ Gvl 29		<i>Enoree River Baptist Association</i>
Mission	1	<i>Morningside Baptist Church</i>
Rock Hill @ Mission		<i>Morningside Baptist Church</i>
Southside @ Gvl 16		<i>Augusta Rd Baptist Church</i>
Spring Forest	1	<i>Greenville Nazarene Church</i>



# **EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

South Carolina Senator Karl B. Allen  
With

S.C. Probation, Parole and Pardon

7th ANNUAL

**“A SECOND CHANCE FORUM”**

EXPUNGEMENT/PARDON WORKSHOP 10AM

JOB FAIR 11AM

Thursday, November 16, 2017

**JOBS – EX-FELONS – EXPUNGEMENT – PARDONS  
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW**

## **SPECIAL GUESTS:**

South Carolina Department of Corrections  
Greenville Technical College  
S.C. Probation, Parole and Pardon  
Greenville Chamber of Commerce  
Re-Entry Task Force  
S.C. Workforce  
U.S. Department of Justice

Last year over 40 employers who  
hire ex-offenders were on site!

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Communications Chair

## **Democratic Party Wish List**

As our Greenville County Democratic Party grows and activity increases, our office is in dire need of a facelift. We need numerous items from chairs, shelving, paper products and more. It would be well appreciated if you would like to support our renovation in the form of Staples or Office Depot gift cards. These would be used for office furnishings and supplies we need.

Karen Hahn

GCDP Office Coordinator



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**Thank you.**

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