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GREENVILLE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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



Greenville County Democratic Party and the Young Democrats joined in the rally to support Ukraine held March 5th in Downtown Greenville.

Photo by Karla Hancock

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## Message From The Chair

**BY AMANDA MCDOUGALD SCOTT**

CHAIR, GREENVILLE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Hello friends,

It is the beginning of a new journey together—in which I have the honor and pleasure of being elected as the new Chair of the Greenville County Democratic Party. Thank you to each of you who have encouraged and supported me to step up and run for Chair, and to all of you who have reached out to congratulate and show support for the new leadership team.

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## Chair's Message (continued)

We welcome our elected leadership from the Convention:

Jonathon Scott Sweeney – 1st Vice Chair

Sharon Garrett – 2nd Vice Chair

Kirsten Pruitt – 3rd Vice Chair

Mary Wright – State Executive Committeewoman

Kat Dunleavy – Alternative State Executive Committeewoman

Kwadjo Campbell – State Executive Committeeman

Hugh Owens – Alternative State Executive Committeeman.

As of last night, we also want to congratulate our newest officers, voted in at the April 13 Executive Committee meeting:

Treasurer – Kinard Johnson

Secretary – Kate Franch

Finance Director – Brittany Hilbert.

The ability to share our message in a clear, concise, and meaningful way is a top priority for this leadership team. Our focus on communications must be deliberate and integrated into all areas of our organization. The simple reason for this is that we cannot grow our network without a message. Without a network and a message, we cannot support our candidates.

Our candidates and volunteers must rise to the expectation that we will lead and govern based on our integrity, values, actions, and evidence-based policies. We will save our democracy by rising to the challenge and expanding our message to those who may never call themselves Democrats but will vote for our candidates because we share the same values.

We put people at the center of our policies.

We will stand up to extremism by not bending to the will of those who seek to divide us.

We will not allow extremists on our boards, commissions, General Assembly, Congress, or Senate to hold South Carolinians and Americans hostage to policies that we know are harmful for our people and our democracy.

Not only will we work to share our values with the people of Greenville County through our messaging, we will also strive to embody those values in our everyday life. We must be willing to exemplify the change we wish to see.

We invite every person who cares about our democracy and wishes to present a united front to join us. Every person has their own talents to bring, whether or not they have experience in the political arena. Let us help you find your place at the table. We won't make you bring your own chair. Welcome.



## Local Elections Matters

BY RUTH TODD, Former 1st VC GCDP 2020-2022

**Precincts matter! Working within your precincts can have a profound impact on winning elections.**

1. Make friends in your precinct and in neighboring precincts. In Travelers Rest, we formed a group in 2018, North Greenville County Democrats, and we have been working closely together to flip precincts.
2. Use Facebook and other social media for your group to get the word out, but keep it a closed page.
3. Work your precinct and know its boundaries.
4. When you get information from the GCDP to send out or make calls in your precinct, do it.
5. One benefit of your work will be a built-in network when someone from the group runs for office.
6. Remember, these are your friends, and everyone wants the same thing: electing Democrats.
7. Start with local nonpartisan elections in working your precinct to let the voters know that you have a great candidate.
8. Candidates running in a nonpartisan race can ask for help from the GCDP with lists/robocalls (candidate pays).
9. Candidates in partisan races pay to access the Votebuilder database. Make sure that all data is inputted.
10. Know your win numbers and target the Democratic voters in your precincts.
11. Once you start winning local nonpartisan races, your candidate(s) will get name recognition and "street cred" and the larger partisan races will be easier to win.
12. Have fun!

## GCDP New Leadership for 2022-2024



### GCDP Chair

**Amanda McDougald Scott, PhD** is the Director of the Responsible Action PAC and Artemis Consulting, where she currently works on building a statewide system for the recruitment, training, and platform for school board races. In addition, she researches, writes, and advocates for policy. Her particular areas of expertise are systems, health care, psychology, early childhood, and child care. For the past eight years, Dr. McDougald Scott has been a community and policy researcher, which fuels her advocacy for early childhood with a special focus on child care. She believes that kindergarten readiness is workforce readiness for children, families, and employers.

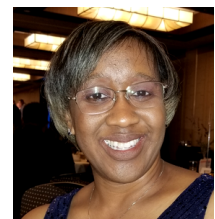
Dr. McDougald Scott has an array of both interests and areas of training, and her understanding of systems—that all areas of policy must work well with together to create a more meaningful whole—allows her flexibility in her approach to different topic areas. She also has much experience with building diverse and inclusive coalitions to work towards common goals.

Dr. McDougald Scott received her doctorate from Clemson University in the Institute on Neighborhood and Family Life, Master of Science from Augusta State University in Applied Experimental Psychology, and Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Carolina in Experimental Psychology. She is a researcher, advocate, mother of a preschooler, and former candidate for Greenville County Council. Dr. McDougald Scott's background in academia, starting non-profits, community engagement, volunteering, and passion for working towards big goals using strategic, actionable steps has led her to advocate for solutions that will make life more equitable for all.



### 1st Vice Chair

**Jonathon Sweeney** is a selfless community servant and advocate. He is a native of Greenville who has worked for and with the South Carolina Democratic Party. Jonathon has been an active volunteer with various national, state, and local campaigns. He was instrumental in chartering the Young Democrats of Greenville County back in 2014. Most recently, Jonathon has served as the 3rd Vice Chair of the Greenville County Democratic Party. In that role, he has engaged our young folks and helped ensure their voices are heard. Jonathon has done anything asked of him during this tenure to unite Greenville County Democrats and make us stronger as a party. Jonathon will continue doing this work as 1st Vice Chair.



### 2nd Vice Chair

**Sharon Garrett** is a substitute teacher with Greenville County Schools and is passionate about helping students get into college. She enjoys volunteering and helping in the community at all levels. Sharon is very concerned about fair voting in elections, affordable housing, adequate healthcare, good jobs for the 21st century, and the environment and climate change. Sharon would like to work to make Greenville an inclusive community for all of its residents in terms of jobs, education, homes, food, and leisure activities.



## GCDP New Leadership Continued



### 3rd Vice Chair

**Kirsten Pruitt** has been actively involved in the Greenville County Democratic Party since 2019 and has held various roles since that time. Kirsten is the immediate past president of the Young Democrats of Greenville County, having taken the helm in 2021. Prior to that, Kirsten served as the Secretary for YDGC from 2019-2021. Kirsten is also involved with the Young Democrats of South Carolina as Chair of the Rules Committee and Chair of the State Convention. She was appointed by the President of Young Democrats of America to serve as Vice Chair of the Credentials Committee for YDA as well. This past year, Kirsten completed the Clyburn Fellowship with the South Carolina Democratic Party and the Emerge South Carolina training program. In 2021 as well, Kirsten was one of the organizers for the Greenville Women's March to speak out against reproductive rights restrictions happening around the country. Kirsten cares passionately for the people of Greenville County and South Carolinians as a whole. She is dedicated to working hard to make sure she can make a difference in her community.

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### Female State Executive Committee

**Mary Wright** has served as an activist and community leader for more than 40 years in Greenville, bringing about positive change, energy, and a voice to issues that affect our community for fair employment and workers' fundamental rights, income inequality, affordable housing, and social and economic justice. Politics and public service is a thread woven through my life, and through those years, I have been a political volunteer for presidential, state, and local campaigns serving more than thirty candidates.

Mary is the current Past-President of the Democratic Women of Greenville County. She currently serves as Precinct President for Rock Hill precinct; is a graduate of the 2020 Class of Emerge South Carolina; has served as a member of Fair Fight and the SC Voter Protection Council, certified campaign organizer with the DNC/ASCD, organizer for women's marches and reproductive rights; and is a member of the League of Women Voters. Mary has been recognized for her fight against hatred and intolerance by the Southern Poverty Law Center and her name is on the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mary is an active member of the Greenville community, serving with several non-profit organizations, local boards, Board member of CAFÉ (Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment), United Way of Greenville County, past-president of Eastside communities, zoning initiatives, and served on the SIC for Greenville County Schools. She has actively worked with community leaders such as Mayor Max Heller, Hayne Hipp, Liz Patterson, SC Lieutenant Governor Nick Theodore, and many others leaders in working to build Greenville to the city that we are able to enjoy and experience today

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### Male State Executive Committee

**Kwadjo Campbell** is a teacher with Greenville County Schools, CEO of JC & Associates, Chair of Greenville County Democratic Black Caucus, Consultant or Campaign Manager/Director for the following: Councilor Lillian Brock Flemming, State Senator Karl Allen, US Senator Bernie Sanders, Former Congressman Joe Cunningham, and Jaime Harrison. Husband of Rashida. Dad of Nzingha, Asante, Malik, and Amina. Son of Larry and Barbara of Geechee & Creole Descent.

Kwadjo wants to add his experience and ideas in making our state Blue.

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## GCDP New Leadership Continued



### Alternate Female State Executive Committee

**Kat Dunleavy** has been an educator for seventeen years. She earned her BS predominantly through night classes with the help of her wonderful husband; is widowed and retired (early) and looking to give back and make a difference in the world. Kat was born in PA, but lived in four other states before finding her forever home in SC. Kat has lived in the Upstate since June 2019.

Kat is passionate about our party and our country. She wants to help preserve our democracy and move our country forward while espousing our Democratic values. Kat is the permanent "admin" volunteer at HQ, and she is currently the Secretary/Comms person for NGCDems.



### Alternate Male State Executive Committee

**Hugh Owens** wants to have a voice in Greenville County on matters that affect everyone. Hugh is a Precinct President and activist, and he is always willing to help when the need arises. Hugh helped with the remodeling of the GCDP HQ; he was also a contestant in the GCDP BBQ; and he has worked to get candidates elected. Hugh has also been a member of Tell them Tuesday and the North Greenville County Democrats.

## Meet The New DWGC President



Democratic Women of Greenville County is pleased to introduce Ashley Newton, the newly elected President of the Board. A Greenville native, Ashley and her twin sister, Alison, came into this world as Democrats, thanks to their solidly Democratic parents and grandparents. Ashley remembers that their childhood

often included volunteer activities, meetings, campaigns, conferences, and other Party-oriented events. Her interest in politics – specifically Democratic politics – was naturally formed at an early age. Newton recalls that she was also fortunate to have respected mentors such as Carol and Don Fowler, Dick Riley, and Liz Patterson who supported and nurtured that interest.

By her senior year at Berea High School, Newton knew she'd found her "calling" in the Democratic Party. After graduating from Columbia College with degrees in political science and women's studies, Ashley accepted offers of internships in Washington DC with both the Clinton White House and the

DNC. Her political education was expanded by her exposure to the inner workings of the national Party, and she met a number prominent Democrats who further inspired her career. In 1999, she brought this expertise back to South Carolina and accepted a staff position with Governor Jim Hodges's administration. In her subsequent twenty-year professional career in politics, she was challenged, enlightened, and galvanized by the campaigns she worked on and the inspirational, progressive people she worked with. After the disappointing 2016 Presidential campaign, and with her desire to be closer to family, Ashley made the decision to return to Greenville. Still vitally interested in public service, she began working as a corporate liaison with Greenville companies and local non-profits. She has remained committed to her Democratic roots and now, as President of DWGC, she feels she has come full circle. Ashley has an unwavering belief in the Democratic Party's values with its emphasis on community and individual rights and freedoms. "The Party's dedication to equality in education, healthcare, justice and voting rights is what I will continue to work for. We've accomplished a lot and I believe we can achieve even more." Thank you, Madame President.

## YDGC New Leadership

BY SHADAE BOAKYE-YIADOM, CHAIR YDGC



On April 6, 2022, the Young Democrats of Greenville County (YDGC) held their annual board elections. I'm extremely grateful for the huge showing at the last meeting. Special thanks to Jonathon Sweeney and Amanda McDougald Scott for coming to the meeting to show their support and discuss goals and initiatives for the next term!

The YDGC Next Level slate, which included myself as chair, Jonah Simmons as 1st vice-chair, Oscar Bennett as 2nd vice-chair, Justin Smith as treasurer, and Kelly Melton as secretary, was voted in unanimously by our members. The support was overwhelming and I'm super excited to continue working on new initiatives and projects with my dynamic team.

Our slate name is called "YDGC Next Level" because we're looking forward to continuing the momentum from this past year, but also elevating what we can accomplish to the "next level". We have plenty of goals and initiatives planned for the 2022-2023 term, but our main 5 initiatives are: increase chapter diversity and minority voter outreach; expand recruitment efforts; establish quarterly fundraising events and a solid budget; strengthen our social media presence; and work to seamlessly integrate politics and community service. To find out more about YDGC, the chapter's initiatives, and upcoming projects, visit [youngdemsgvl.com](https://www.youngdemsgvl.com)!



Register : <https://www.youngdemssc.org/convention2022>

## Calendar of Events

### April - June

#### In-person Monthly Breakfast Meetings have Resumed

23

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Apr May June

GCDP monthly breakfast meeting, 9:00-10:30 AM, Upstate Circle of Friends, 29 Ridgeway Drive, Greenville, 29605 and via [Zoom](#)

In-person is tentative based on COVID transmission rates, etc. - watch for emails or check GCDP website for details

### April

19

Greenville County Council meeting, 6:00 pm at Greenville County Council Chambers. [Details here.](#)

21

Democratic Black Caucus Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Email: [greenilledbc@gmail.com](mailto:greenilledbc@gmail.com)

23

Young Democrats of Greenville County Voter Registration Block Party, 11 am-5 pm. [Register](#)

25

Greenville City Council meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm at Greenville City Hall. [Details here.](#)

26

Greenville County Council meeting, 6:00 pm at Greenville County Council Chambers. [Details here.](#)

26

Moms Demand Action State Wide United in Action Virtual Event. 7:00-8:30 pm. [Register.](#)

29

Young Democrats of SC Convention 8:00 am through May 1 @ 5:00 pm. Under age 30 and want to become more politically active? [Register here.](#)

30

North Greenville Cluster Precinct Officer Meeting. Email: [NGCDemse@gmail.com](mailto:NGCDemse@gmail.com) for details.

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District 25 Senior Symposium. Information on mental health, wills, final expenses, etc. 10 am-1 pm @ Upstate Circle of Friends. [adriene4district25.com](mailto:adriene4district25.com)

### May

01

Young Democrats of SC Convention continues through May 1 @ 5:00 pm. Under age 30 and want to become more politically active? [Register here.](#)

03

Greenville County Council meeting, 5 pm-7 pm at Greenville County Council Chambers. [Details here.](#)

04

Young Democrats of Greenville County monthly meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm at GCDP HQ. [Details here.](#)

07

North Greenville County Dems Monthly Meeting. Guest Speaker TBD. Swamp Rabbit Brewery, 26 S Main St. Travelers Rest. 9:30-10:30 am. [Details.](#)

09

Democratic Women of Greenville County LIVE IN-PERSON monthly lunch meeting, 12:00-1:30pm. Save the date, more details to come!

09

Greenville City Council meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm at Greenville City Hall. [Details here.](#)

14

Democratic Women of Greenville bi-monthly coffee meet-up, 9:00-10:30 am at Old Europe Pastries, 716 S Main Street. [More info.](#)

17

Greenville County Council meeting, 5:00-7:00 pm at Greenville County Council Chambers. [Details here.](#)

20

La Fiesta, a celebration of Hispanic culture in Greenville. Wyche Pavilion 6:30-9:00 pm. [Link](#)

23

Greenville City Council meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm @ Greenville City Hall. [Details here.](#)



A graphic for a breakfast event. It features a white coffee cup with dark coffee on a saucer, a croissant on a plate, and a computer keyboard in the background. The text is overlaid on this image.

**GCDP IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL BREAKFAST**

**FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER**  
**LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY ADVOCATE**  
**JOSHUA MALKIN**

WITH ACLU OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**APRIL 23 | 9 AM**

JOIN US IN PERSON AT  
UPSTATE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS,  
29 RIDGEWAY DRIVE, GREENVILLE, 29605

OR ON [ZOOM](#)

A graphic for a BBQ cook-off event. It features a cartoon pig wearing a chef's hat and holding a spatula. The text is in a bold, playful font.

**GCDP**  
GREENVILLE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

**2nd Annual BBQ Cook Off & Fundraiser**

**Save The Date**  
**June 4, 2022**

## June

- 01** Young Democrats of Greenville County monthly meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm @ GCDP HQ.
- 04** GCDP Second Annual BBQ and Candidate Fixin's Competition. It is June 4, 11 am-2 pm at Cleveland Park, across from HQ.
- 07** Greenville County Council meeting, 5:00-7:00 pm @ Greenville County Council Chambers. [Details here.](#)
- 09** Democratic Women of Greenville County virtual monthly meeting, 12-1:30 pm. Details to come.
- 10** South Greenville Democrats Monthly Meeting. Email: mcazessuse@gmail.com. 12:30-1:30pm, The Warehouse at Vaughn's in Simpsonville. [Details](#)
- 13** Greenville City Council meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm @ Greenville City Hall. [Details here.](#)
- 14** Statewide Democratic and Republican Primaries. [Details here.](#)
- 21** Greenville County Council meeting, 5:00-7:00 @ Greenville County Council Chambers. [Details here.](#)
- 27** Greenville City Council meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm @ Greenville City Hall. [Details here.](#)

A graphic for a voter registration event. It features a yellow background with a red and white striped border at the top. There are logos for YDGC and Upstate Circle of Friends. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is an illustration of hands holding up 'VOTE' signs.

**YDGC** **UPSTATE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

**YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY PRESENT:**

**VOTER REGISTRATION BLOCK PARTY**

Hosted by Upstate Circle of Friends

**APRIL 23, 2022 | 11:00AM - 5:00PM**  
**29 RIDGEWAY DRIVE**  
**GREENVILLE, SC 29605**

**Special Guest Appearances from SC State House District 25 Candidates**

Come register to vote and enjoy good food, live music, and tons of family friendly fun! No tickets required.



## Calling all Candidates!

### SC House 25



#### Adriene Atkinson

Adriene Atkinson is a native of Greenville, SC, and the proud mother of four adult children and grandmother to two grandsons. It is Adriene's mission, passion, and goal to lead District 25's efforts to ensure that the district is a thriving, equitable place to live and work.

Website: [www.adriene4district25.com](http://www.adriene4district25.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AdrieneAtkinsonforDistrict25>

Instagram: [https://instagram.com/adriene4district25?utm\\_medium=copy\\_link](https://instagram.com/adriene4district25?utm_medium=copy_link)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AAtkinsonD25>

ActBlue: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/adriene=atkinson-1>



#### Justin Bennett

Born in Charleston, raised in Estill, SC. Lives in Greenville.

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/justin\\_congress](https://twitter.com/justin_congress)



#### Wendell Jones

Wendell Jones: father, business owner, Pastor. Founder of: Changing Your Mind Ministries, The Wendell Jones Leadership Institute, CYM Leadership Academy, Upstate Bible Institute, and South Atlantic BioCleaning & Janitorial Services. Class of 2009 Liberty Fellows. Former Vice President of Wachovia Bank. Recipient of 2021 SC Order of the Silver Crescent award.

Website: <https://www.wendellkjones.com/> Email: [info@wendellkjones.com](mailto:info@wendellkjones.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ElectWendellJones>



#### Derrick Quarles

Growing up in Greenville with his family, Derrick L. Quarles sought opportunities to be engaged in the community. As a community organizer and activist, Derrick saw a need to advocate for the community and has been instrumental in various social justice efforts. Throughout Greenville, Derrick has organized voter registration drives, developed programming for citizens review boards, hosted food giveaways, and more. In addition to his community work, Quarles has worked on university campuses in South Carolina and Texas and was employed by the South Carolina Senate.

Derrick is currently a candidate for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 25 and is looking forward to empowering the people of the district. He is due to complete his PhD in Urban Higher Education. Website: <https://www.derrickforsc.com> Email: [derrickforsc@gmail.com](mailto:derrickforsc@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/derrickforsc>



#### Bruce Wilson

Bruce Wilson was born and raised in Greenville County. Bruce is a single father raising three young kids. He's the Founder of FIT-Fighting Injustice Together, a non-profit organization that fights social injustice, based here in Greenville. As a former manager for the GGSC, I had the privilege to attend the SC Appalachian Council-On Government and, as such, completed the City/County Government Training Course. <https://www.bruceforhousedistrict25.com/>

## Calling all Candidates! Cont.

### SC House 7



#### Chris Salley

Born and raised in the Upstate, Chris graduated from BHP High School and studied finance and economics at New York University. After a stint on Wall St., Chris quickly pivoted to public service and, since returning to the Upstate, has been a fierce advocate for all South Carolinians.

Twitter: [@SalleyforSC7](#) [facebook.com/SalleyforSC7/](#) Email: [ChriseSalleyforSC7.com](mailto:ChriseSalleyforSC7.com)

### SC House 18



#### Michael Reitz

Michael Reitz is a candidate for the District 18 seat in the State House of Representatives. A resident of Taylors, he believes his community deserves better representation. He is passionate about access to the ballot and funding our public schools. He is a graduate of Clemson and Southern Wesleyan Universities, a hunter, and a car enthusiast who built and registered his own car.

Email: [mreitz29687@gmail.com](mailto:mreitz29687@gmail.com)

### SC House 23



#### Rep. Chandra Dillard

Representative Chandra Dillard started her public service in 1999 as a member of Greenville City Council representing District 3, making her the first woman to serve the District. After a distinguished service record of nine years on City Council, Councilwoman Dillard ran for and was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 2008 representing State House District 23. In the House, she serves on the House Ways and Means committee. Rep. Dillard has held leadership positions in both the House Democratic Caucus, South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, and the South Carolina General Assembly Women's Caucus.

She is a hands-on advocate for her constituents who believes in the spirit of collaboration to solve community and state challenges. Over the course of her public service, she has secured millions of dollars to address human development, community development, affordable housing, and infrastructure needs. Chandra serves on a number of boards, one of which is the Nicholtown Child and Family Collaborative – an organization she founded to empower parents with young children to create a sustainable infrastructure for family success. Chandra is also the Director of Community Relations for Furman University. Additionally, she is a graduate of Leadership Greenville, Leadership South Carolina, and Furman's Riley Institute's Diversity Leaders Initiative. Email: [chandra.dillard@furman.edu](mailto:chandra.dillard@furman.edu)

### SC House 28



#### John "Fritz" Wiebel

My campaign is about three things:

- 1) Road money – We're now paying 8 cents on the gal. extra for roads. District 28 needs its share ASAP with what's coming.
- 2) Lower car insurance – With high gas prices and the pandemic, it is plain to see that driving is greatly reduced; therefore, we're paying too much. I say 20% reduction for three years.
- 3) Duke Power – Our electric bills are clogged with rates and fees that have nothing to do with saving all of us any money. They must be reeled in from their influence pedaling.

Email: [jfritz1313@gmail.com](mailto:jfritz1313@gmail.com)



## Calling all Candidates! Cont.

### County Council 17



#### Sheryl Guarniero

Sheryl Guarniero is running for Greenville County Council District 17 to help lead Greenville into a happy, healthy future with responsible growth, clean environment, and a balanced economy where the planet and profits can co-exist. Sheryl loves hiking or enjoying the green spaces downtown with her husband and dogs, Linus and Ruby.

Website: <http://sherylgforsc.com> Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/sherylgforsc>

### County Council 23



#### Alan Mitchell

Alan Mitchell is a seasoned professional. He holds a degree in architecture and has extensive experience in facility management, construction procurement and purchasing, construction management consulting, urban planning, FEMA and HUD inspections, photography, and finance. He is a native of Greenville and is seeking the County Council District 23 seat.

Facebook: [@AlanMitchellForGreenville23](https://www.facebook.com/AlanMitchellForGreenville23) Twitter: [https://twitter.com/AlanMitchell\\_SC](https://twitter.com/AlanMitchell_SC)  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/alanmitchellforgreenville23/>

Email: [alanforgreenville@gmail.com](mailto:alanforgreenville@gmail.com) Website: [www.alanmitchell-greenville23.com](http://www.alanmitchell-greenville23.com)

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/alanmitchell-for-greenville>



#### David Mitchell

Professional: President of a professional placement and staffing firm.

Education: BA/Limestone College, Master's Degree/Clemson University, Third year of seminary at Gardner-Webb University.

Service: Chairman of the Pleasant Valley Connection Board, Board of directors of the GTA/Greenlink, former chair of the Greenville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Past Chairman: GCDP <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/friends-of-david-c--mitchell-1>

### County Probate Judge



#### Deborah Faulkner

Faulkner received her undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina in 1979 and her J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1982.

Faulkner worked as an attorney in private practice in Greenville for thirteen years. She also previously served as an associate probate judge for the Greenville County Probate Court for four years.

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## Federal

### US Congress - SC 4



#### Ken Hill

First, you have to know what Ken Hill isn't. I am not a politician, or even a lawyer. I'm a working man. I'm a fiscal conservative, socially liberal father of 4. I support President Biden and the Democratic Agenda. I hope to advance that in Congress when I beat William Timmons like a drum! Website: [KenHill4America.com](http://KenHill4America.com) (coming soon!) [kenhill03@aol.com](mailto:kenhill03@aol.com)

## Calling all Candidates! Cont.

### US Senate Seat 2

**Catherine Bruce**



<https://catherineflemingbruce.com/>

Twitter: [@tnovsa](#)

**Angela Geter**



[www.geterforussenate.com](http://www.geterforussenate.com)

**Rep. Krystle Matthews**



[matthewsforsenate.com](http://matthewsforsenate.com)

### Governor

**Carlton Boyd**



**Joe Cunningham**



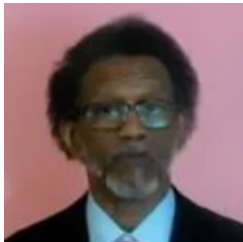
[joeforsouthcarolina.com](http://joeforsouthcarolina.com)

**Sen. Mia McLeod**



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**Calvin CJ Mack McMillan**



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**William Williams**



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### Secretary of State

**Peggy Butler**



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### Superintendent of Education

**Dr. Gary Burgess**



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**Lisa Ellis**



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**Rep. Jerry Govan**



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## Call to Action: Protect Abortion Rights And Your Doctor's Honesty

BY JONAH SIMMONS, 2ND VICE CHAIR, YDGC AND 1ST VICE CHAIR, SCDP LABOR/PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

Trigger Warning: This article references rape and incest.

Abortion rights are under attack. Politicians in the SC Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee are pushing multiple dangerous bills. There are two that are particularly concerning. One is an abortion misinformation bill (S.907). It would force doctors to lie to clients getting a medication abortion. Doctors would have to tell clients that the procedure can be reversed with an "abortion reversal pill." There is no evidence that this pill would work. However, it has been found to cause women to hemorrhage. The other bill is an abortion ban trigger (S.988). It would ban all abortions, some forms of birth control, and fertility treatments, if passed.

The abortion ban bills don't even allow exceptions for rape, incest, or pregnancies that threaten the health of the mother. Bills with exceptions are also problematic, though, because they would revictimize survivors who would be forced to tell their stories repeatedly to doctors, police, and the courts just to prove they should be allowed to get an abortion.

Right now, women and female bodied people still have access to the abortion pill (taken as instructed by your

doctor). Right now, you can trust doctors to give you honest information about how to take the abortion pills and to give you accurate information any time you visit them. How important is it, to you, to be able to trust your doctor?

These two bills could be devastating and have serious potential to kill people. Bill S.988 attacks the crucial precedent set by Roe v. Wade and birth control access. Bill S.907 would make it difficult to trust any information healthcare providers give you. Republicans in the SC Senate won't stop trying to pass bills like these. They have already tried at least fifteen times to date.

However, all hope is not lost – you can still stop these harmful bills. To help fight them, call and write our state senators and representatives. You can take part in or host letter writing or phone banking parties (can be virtual). Some organizations you can join are: Young Democrats of Greenville County, SCDP Labor and Progressive Caucus, Sunrise Movement (non-partisan), Women's Rights and Empowerment Network (WREN), or Planned Parenthood. You can also just sign up to receive updates and action requests.





## North Greenville County Democrats Meeting

BY EVELYN NOCELLA



It was wonderful to get together in person for the first time in a long while! North Greenville County Democrats met at the Travelers Rest City Hall on March 5, 2022 to host the Young Democrats. We heard from Shadae Boakye-Yiadom, Justin Smith, Kelly Melton, and Jonah Smith about the Young Dems' mission and recent successes. Members discussed the upcoming GCDP Convention and Precinct Reorganization, current active SC legislation, and local elections. We had

several new members in attendance and some folks joined us via Zoom. Many thanks to those who chaired, spoke, booked City Hall for us, brought flowers, and provided amazing refreshments. We welcome all to join us for breakfast at our next meeting at Swamp Rabbit Brewery on April 2, 2022 9:30-10:30. Contact info - email: [ngcdems@gmail.com](mailto:ngcdems@gmail.com); Facebook: [North Greenville County Democrats](#); Instagram: [@ngcdsc](#)

## South Greenville Democrats Meeting

BY MATT CAZESSUS



South Greenville Democrats resumed in person meetings to plan voter outreach, charity drives, and grassroots engagement. If you are in the Mauldin, Simpsonville, or Fountain Inn area - join us at The Warehouse at Vaughn's in downtown Simpsonville

every 2nd Friday of the month at 12:30 pm. Find us on "South Greenville Democrats" on Facebook and NextDoor. Next meeting is Friday, April 8. See you there!

## Greenville Shows its Support for Ukraine

BY KAT DUNLEAVY ALT. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN

Over a month ago now, Russia invaded the sovereign democratic nation of Ukraine. The war crimes and devastation we have seen have broken our hearts. We have been asking how we can help. We know what our country is doing to support Ukraine, but many want to individually do something, anything, to help. Of course, we can always research safe ways to donate money. Lots of folks booked AirBnBs in Ukraine and paid for them, without ever intending to stay. Very clever. Other organizations are collecting items for displaced families. With our access to social media, there is much we can and should do.

However, large groups of Greenvillians have found a very personal way to show love and support to the people of Ukraine and their loved ones. They have been gathering downtown for rallies. People (many of Ukrainian descent and proficient in the language) have dressed in blue and yellow, carried sunflowers, waved the flag of Ukraine, sung the Ukrainian national anthem, prayed aloud for Ukraine's citizens and marched along Main Street garnering enthusiastic fist pumps, horn blowing, and shouts of love and support from passersby. It is a lovely event to attend.

As soon as the members of the Greenville Democratic Party and the Young Democrats joined in the rally held on March 5th, we heard the sweet sound of singing. The flags alerted us to the exact location of the supporters and we followed both to 130 S Main Street. The crowds were wonderful and sunflowers abounded. At the organizers direction, we moved on down Main Street to Falls Park where people prayed again for Ukraine and its citizens. Afterwards, we were able to speak with some Ukrainian Americans who voiced how much the local support meant to not only them but also their loved ones so far away. They told us that the folks overseas are often able to see news via social media that lets them know they are not alone.

There was a non-political pro-Ukraine rally at the SC State House steps on April 2nd, where many speakers emphasized that they were not advocating for a political issue but rather a human one. And on April 6th, a pro-Ukraine Independence rally was held by Clemson students and community members on Bowman Field. You can stay tuned into more community efforts by joining the South Carolina Stands with Ukraine Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/southcarolinastandswithukraine/>





## ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR WOMEN & SMALL BUSINESSES

BY ADRIENE ATKINSON, CANDIDATE FOR SC HOUSE DIST. 25

### FAIR PAY

The cost of living for an adult with no children is \$35,115 and the cost of living for 2 adults with 2 children is \$73,813. This is in stark contrast to the median wage average in Greenville County. Median wages for 1 adult with no children are \$29,906, and for 2 adults with 2 children, it is \$51,015. That is a difference of \$5,209 and \$22,798, respectively.

I will support Rep. Wendy Brawley's H.313 Act to establish Pay Equity that is currently being debated. This act ensures that all employees are paid fairly at work and that no employees take home a lower wage as a result of their race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability status. Equal pay is not just a women's issue. When women are paid fairly everyone benefits—from employers to families.

### SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

At the beginning of the pandemic, federal funds were disbursed to states to help small business owners keep their doors open. However, there were no clear instructions on the process to obtain the funds, and many small business owners became disillusioned with the process. This feeling is not new to minority business owners, especially minority business owners. Oftentimes, minority business owners have felt left out of grants, loans, and other opportunities because of disproportionate access due to business size or minority status.

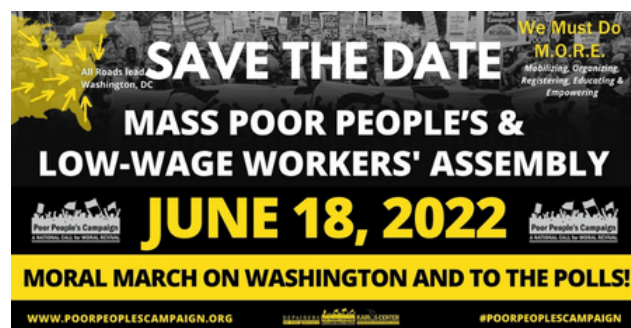
I will hold town halls, send communications, and make information available so that small business owners have the knowledge and resources necessary to apply for grants, loans, and other opportunities that may become available.



## CANDIDATES HELPING IN THE COMMUNITY

DERRICK QUARLES, CANDIDATE FOR SC HOUSE DISTRICT 25

Derrick is currently mentoring students in elementary thru high school at Legacy Early College. He mentors the students on the importance of leadership development, character building, and professionalism. Crediting mentors with helping him throughout his career and his life, Derrick hopes that his mentorship guidance will inspire the next generation.



**Gather 9AM, Program begins 10AM  
The Mall, Washington, DC**

Join the Poor People's Campaign, Rev. Barber, Rev. Theo harris, poor people, low-wage workers, and allies from across the US on the Mall in Washington DC for a Mass Moral March on Washington and to the Polls to upset the political status quo, a generationally transformative declaration of the power of poor people and the assembling of a movement to fully address poverty and the interlocking injustices of racism, militarism, environmental devastation and the false narrative of religious nationalism.

[RSVP/LEARN MORE](#)

**READY TO GO? GET ON THE BUS!**  
Book your seat on a [Rally.co Luxury Charter Bus](#) from South Carolina to DC.

*If you can't afford a seat OR can't go but want to help others?*  
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