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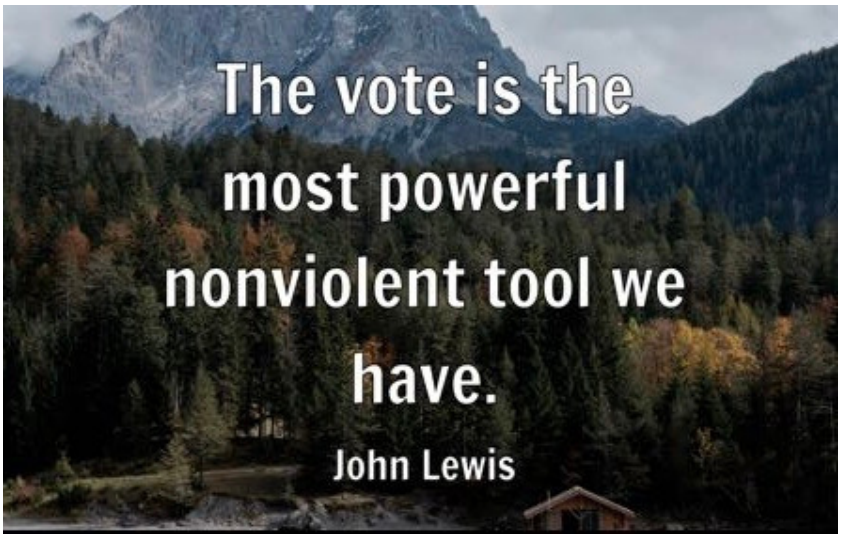

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Democracy needs YOU!!

Calling All Dorchester Democrats to Get Out The Vote

This Fall we will be focusing our efforts to carry our candidates over the finish line in November. We have a variety of activities planned.

In addition to attending our candidate meet-ups, we are canvassing, phone-banking, writing postcards, putting up yard signs, registering voters and poll watching. If you are a DCDP Member, email Debra Whitfield, the GOTV leader, here. Tell her what you want to do and she'll get you pointed in the right direction.

If you're not yet a member of DCDP, fill out our "Contact Us" form, on our dorchesterdemocrats.com website, and let us know how you want to get involved. You will be contacted by a leader in your area.

Also go to our website, to meet our new DCDP team and our Democratic candidates, read our informative and inspiring blogs and newsletters, stay abreast of events and register for upcoming DCDP meetings.

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Message from our new DCDP Chair

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The 2022 elections are now officially in full swing and we are energized in our march to turn Dorchester County ***BLUE.*** This is the TIME for you to get all of the Democrats in your precinct out to VOTE! Get with your district leader and volunteer your time to Get Out the Vote!!! Debra Whitfield is our GOTV Leader with District leaders Barbara Felder in the North, Gwen Greenwalt in the Central and Rose Holman in the Southern District of the County. ***We are off and running with our sights set squarely on the November 2022 elections.***

DCDP Chairman, Richard Hayes

Issues are our key--unlike Republicans, we believe in a government that supports the people of our County!!

Republicans are against everything except gun rights, starving government, and taking away Constitutional rights, such as privacy and a woman's right to make her own medical decisions. Otherwise, they are simply the ***Party of NO***. They have no plans, no integrity, and no hope for a better future. They have no agenda for helping solve the many pressing economic, climate, infrastructure, and social problems we face in Dorchester County.

In contrast ***Democrats are standing for:***

- Moving to clean renewable energy
- Reducing the deficit by requiring large corporations to pay a 15% minimum tax
- Ensuring women have the right to make their own medical decisions
- Providing the right and access to medical care for all, especially children
- Providing a strong Infrastructure including decent roads and internet for everybody, including our rural areas
- Supporting public education—no vouchers for the rich and their private schools.

We need YOU to join us in getting Dems out to vote on November 8th!!

Richard Hayes, Chair

For Our Full and Ever Growing Calendar of Pro-Democracy Events
and to sign up to participate, click here!

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Monthly DCDP General Meetings

Virtual

Tuesday, September 13

7 to 8:30 PM

Presided over by our new DCDP Chair, Richard Hayes. Our guest speakers will be local candidates. Open to members and aspiring members.

Click here to register.

General Meeting

Virtual

Tuesday, October 11

7 to 8:30 PM

Meet more of our local candidates. Open to members and aspiring members.

Click here to register.

Western Dorchester County Democratic Club

meets In person for phone banking!!

Masks are highly recommended.

Sept 26 and Oct 24

6:30 PM

at

Betty Cain/CLASSY SASSY

421 Parler Avenue,

St. George, SC 29477

Errata

Correction from **May/June Blue Note**: The St. George Voter Registration table was attended by Mel Young and Dorothy Grayton (not Barbara Felder).

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Canvassing and Phone Banking Training

To support Democracy in your neighborhood, receive training to learn the tips and tricks of Door to Door Canvassing and Phoning for your Candidates. Contact Debra here to sign up.

Volunteer Experiences

"Our canvassing event was very successful. Our candidate running for St. George Town Council, Margie Ladson, was elected. It motivated and energized me. It was a rewarding experience to be a part of the Democrats' success!!"

--Barbara Felder, DCDP Executive Committeewoman

Postcard volunteer Miriam Birdsong just turned in 1,000 flyers with handwritten messages! Thank you, Miriam!

Our volunteers are working hard to *Turn Dorchester Blue in '22!!*

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Early Voting Days

Monday, October 24 through
Saturday, November 5
(Closed Sunday, October 30)
8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

For Spanish, ***Como Votar,*** click here.

Don't wait until the last minute. Make sure you're ready to vote.

Go to ***Vote Blue SC*** to check your registration or register. Click here.
If you have moved, you can update your registration online as well!
To register online you must have a valid SC Driver's License or ID.

You can also download your sample ballot at the ***Vote Blue*** link above.

For **Absentee Voting instructions** click here, or go to SCVotes.gov

To become a **Poll Worker** in Dorchester County, click here.

The deadline to register to vote is Friday, October 7 at 11:59 PM.

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Early Voting Places

St. George Civic Center
303 Ridge Street
St. George, SC 29477
Rollins Edwards
Community Center
301 North Hickory Street
Summerville, SC 29483.
Wescott Park
9006 Dorchester Road
North Charleston, SC 29420

Emergency Location Change for those voting at First Emmanuel Baptist Church, please use Old Fort Baptist Church at 10505 Dorchester Rd. in Summerville.

Stay Current with SC Politics

- Subscribe to **The State** newspaper and get ***The Buzz,*** a weekly SC politics briefing.
- Subscribe to the **Statehouse Report** and receive direct to your inbox every Friday. Sign up here.
- Get the **SC Legislature** Mobile app and follow your representatives and bills; watch debates at the SC Statehouse. Click here.
- **This Week in South Carolina**, from SCETV; click on the link for online access.
- **SC Lede**, is a twice-weekly podcast. Listen to the heated Abortion Debates here.
- **David Mack Radio Show**, Saturdays at 1 PM, WJNI-FM 106.3. On Facebook here.

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Our Democratic Candidates

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See our new, updated, easy-to-use DCDP website featuring our **Newly Elected Officers,** a reformatted **Events** page with easy sign-ups and our roster of **Candidates for the November General Elections**

Joe Cunningham for SC Governor

Read **Dr. Rubin's latest Blog** for the dirt on the issues, the candidates and the strategies. Know why you're voting Democratic in November!

Our State Candidates

(Go to our website for photos)

Joe Cunningham for Governor and
Tally Casey for Lt. Governor

Rosemoundo "Peggy" Butler for Secretary of State

Lisa Ellis for Superintendent of Education

Ilene Davis for SC House 94

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter for SC House 95

ReZsaun Lewis for SC House 97

Sydney Clinton for SC House 98

Rep. Joe Jefferson for SC House 102

Rep. Deon Tedder for SC House 109

Michelle Brandt for SC House 114

Our County Candidates

Tim Lewis for County Council District 1

Carlisle Harrison for County Council District 3

Our Federal Candidates

Krystle Matthews for US Senate

Dr. Annie Andrews for US House District 1

Congressman James Clyburn for US House District 6

Click on the links above to learn more about our candidates and donate to their campaigns.

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State of the State

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Pro-Abortion Rights demonstration, in July.

When the US Supreme Court overturned Roe, in June, Governor McMaster brought the General Assembly back for the most hotly debated issue in recent SC history!

The SC House passed H. 5399, on 8/31, an abortion ban with exceptions for rape and incest, but not for the health of the mother. See *The Washington Post* article here.

The Senate's 6-week abortion bill, passed on 9/8, includes exceptions for rape and incest (up to 12 wks), for the health of the mother and for fatal fetal anomalies. Men and women on both sides of the aisle are enraged! Read *Post and Courier* article. The bill will now go back to the House.

Republicans' House Divided

On September 7th, three Republican women took a stance against the bill, saying, "it doesn't respect women and it doesn't respect life." See *US News* article here.

Per Senate Minority Leader Brad Hutto, Democrats didn't help Republicans out of their box, making "an awful bill a very bad bill."

SC Could Pay for Birth Control for public sector workers' families

The health insurance plan for more than 500,000 South Carolinians tied to the public sector specifically bans covering birth control for employees' children. That could soon change. Read the Post and Courier article from August 28, 2022 here.

The SC Supreme Court halted the enforcement of the Heart Beat Abortion Ban, on 8/20/22, because it violates ***privacy rights*** established in the SC Constitution. Thus abortion is still legal in the state up to the 20th week of pregnancy.

"*Yes, I'm pro-life. I'm also pro-life for the mother, the life she has with her children who are already born. I care about the children who are forced into adulthood, made up by a Legislature full of men so they can feel good about it*," Republican Sen. Katrina Shealy (longest serving woman in the Senate).

Go to the Archives of the Senate Medical Affairs Committee, for 6-hours of impassioned debates on abortion rights, on 9/6/22. Click here.

Joe Biden is "Dark Brandon"

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Repugs created the "Let's Go Brandon" slogan to mock/insult Joe Biden, but Democrats have embraced *Dark Brandon* (a take-off on Dark MAGA) and endowed him with laser eyes and super powers!!

How Dark Money* Built the Current Supreme Court of the United States

In a series of speeches, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse describes the scheme to capture the Supreme Court. For **Scheme 14: Attacking Roe**, click here. (YouTube video, 21 min.)

**DM is a way billionaires go under the radar to assert their anti-democratic agenda. They want a US Oligarchy, where we all do their bidding and they "trickle down" wealth to us. Dems aren't buying it!!*

Take Action: Root Out Dark Money
Tell our Senators to vote for
The Disclose Act.

Click here to send a letter prepared by the League of Women Voters.

Joe-Mentum--Pres. Biden is on fire!
When he said the F-word recently, calling MAGA's **"semi-Fascists,"** the internet lit up as folks googled it.

For Biden's full **Speech to the Nation** from Independence Hall, Philadelphia, 9/1/22, click here.

"Biden laid the trap. Trump walked into it."
For ***The Atlantic*** article, click here

Nikki Haley humiliates herself in defense of Trump, a Brilliant takedown by a **Meidas Touch** contributor here.

DNC Summer Meeting, at National Harbor, MD, on 9/8. **For DNC Chair Jaime Harrison's** and **President Joe Biden's speeches** go to **C-span** coverage here.

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Public Health Updates

For SC Covid-19 statistics, to schedule a vaccine or booster, or to order free tests go to SC DHEC here.

For the M-Pox vaccine also use the DHEC link above.

Parting Shots....

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