

# BLUE NOTE 2.0



In honor of women  
everywhere....

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## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

On March 22, 1972, the **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)** was passed by the U.S. Senate and sent to the states for ratification. First proposed by the National Woman's political party in 1923, the Equal Rights Amendment was to provide for the legal equality of the sexes and prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

Amendments become law when 3/4 of the states (38)\* have ratified them. Virginia became the 38th, and now Congress only needs to remove the original deadline. The House did so in 2021, now it's up to the Senate. Please contact our senators and urge them to vote to remove the ratification deadline for passage of the ERA!

\*South Carolina is one of 12 states that have not ratified the ERA.



**MONTHLY DCDP  
GENERAL MEETINGS**

*Virtual*

**Tuesday, March 8  
7 to 8:30 PM**

Our guest will be Trav Robertson,  
Chairman of SCDP.

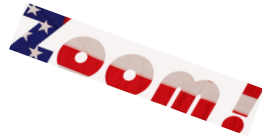
Click [here](#) to register.

*Virtual*

**Tuesday, April 12  
7 to 8:30 PM**

Guest TBA

Click [here](#) to register.



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**NEW MEMBERS MEET VIRTUALLY  
Dordems Coffee Talks**

Saturdays, March 12 and April 16  
10:00am-11:00am

Have questions about the Dorchester County Democratic Party? Want to chat with like-minded people? Bring your coffee and join us virtually, at 10:00am and chat with members of the Welcome Committee and other DCDP members.

Invite your friends!

Sign up for this event on our website  
<https://www.DorchesterDemocrats.com>

**Western Dorchester County**

**Democratic Club** meets  
the **4th Monday** of each month  
**In person!!**

Masks are highly recommended.

**March 28 and April 25,  
6:30 PM**

at

Betty Cain/CLASSY SASSY  
421 Parler Avenue,  
St. George 29477



February canvassers

**Dorchester Democrats have  
an excellent chance to  
Flip SC House District 97  
with ReZsaun Lewis**

**Join us to canvass precincts  
Clemson 1 and 2**

Saturdays, March 5, 12 and 26.  
We'll meet up at 9:45 each day,  
get brief instructions and pair up,  
then knock on doors until noon.

It's fun, anyone can sign up to help canvass!

Please send an email to John Mosier at  
[mosierjo@yahoo.com](mailto:mosierjo@yahoo.com)



*Virtual*

**DCDP Precinct Reorganization  
and County Convention,  
Saturday, March 19  
9 AM to 1 PM**

Precinct and County officers  
will be elected.

Please click [here](#) and  
fill out the form to participate.



## SUPPORT OUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

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Please click on the links for our candidates and support them in any way you can.

**[Dr. Annie Andrews for Congress](#)**

**[Rebecca Cingolani for Congress](#)**

**[ReZsaun Lewis for District 97](#)**

**[Michelle Brandt for District 114](#)**



[Michelle Brandt](#), candidate for House District 114, met with Dorchester Dems for breakfast, in Summerville.

Note: Some precincts, like Flowertown, will be able to vote for ReZsaun Lewis, D-97, in the May Special Election, but not in November, when the new maps will apply.

Your voter registration will keep you informed of your districts and polling place. Check it before elections at [www.scvotes.gov](http://www.scvotes.gov) or the LWV site.

**PARTY WITH THE PARTY  
AT OUR DCDP FUNDRAISING EVENT!**

March 19, 3 PM to 5 PM

Legend Oaks Pavillion

118 Legend Oaks Way, Summerville

Space is limited so RSVP [here](#).

The February, **[Gubernatorial Q & A](#)**, hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, featured SC Senator Mia McLeod. Click the link to open, then "Like" the page to access this informative recording. The January Q & A with Joe Cunningham is also posted.

**[Joe Cunningham for Governor](#)**

**[Mia McLeod for Governor](#)**

**[Krystle Matthews for US Senate](#)**



**[Angela Geter for US Senate](#)**

**[Catherine Fleming Bruce for US Senate](#)**



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# THE COURAGE TO RUN & THE WILL TO SERVE



## RUN FOR OFFICE IN DORCHESTER COUNTY

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### House of Representatives - NEW MAPS

Salary: \$10,400 per year  
Filing Fee: \$208.00

- District 94 - currently Rep. Gil Gatch (R)
- District 97 - currently vacant
- District 98 - currently Rep. Chris Murphy (R)
- District 102 - currently Rep. Joe Jefferson (D)
- District 109 - Currently Rep. Deon Tedder (D)
- District 114 - Currently Rep. Lin Bennett (R)
- District 95 - NEW DISTRICT added with new maps  
Currently Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter (D)

### Dorchester County Council - NEW MAPS


Salary: \$20,000 per year  
Filing Fee: \$900

- District 1 - Currently CM Harriet Holman (R)
- District 2 - Currently CM David Chinnis (R)
- District 3 - Currently CM George Bailey (R)
- District 7 - Currently CM Jay Byars (R)

### Non-Partisan

- School Board Dorchester District 2 - At Large
- School Board Dorchester District 4 - Seat 4 and Seat 5
- Soil and Water Commission - Vote for 2 - Currently  
Marien Dantzler and James Fender

***Filing Opens March 16th and  
Closes March 30th for  
everything but non-partisan.***



## STATE OF THE STATE

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The **State House** is in the second year of its 2 year cycle, and they are still voting on bills from 2021. They will begin hearing bills introduced in 2022, in April. For help tracking bills, go to **Open States** [here](#).

**H 3025** "Con Con," is literally a bill to hold a Constitutional Convention to re-write the Constitution, with the goal of crippling the federal government, and funded by powerful special interests. It's now in the Senate Judiciary Committee (**S 133**). **Take Action** [here](#).

**H 3444**, New voting rules would create uniform election practices in all 46 SC counties which sounds reasonable, but this bill is a power grab by the governor and legislature to take over the State Election Commission.

**H 4568**, The bill would require that abortion pills come with information about how to "reverse" the outcome of taking the first pill, and a warning about the wisdom of the undertaking an abortion. Medical doctors have testified that this is misinformation and is meant to make it harder to obtain and use the morning-after pill.

**H 4245**, caps how much an insured person can be charged for insulin. This is a much needed reform and enjoys bi-partisan support!

**H 4919**, a bill to amend previous laws pertaining to Absentee Voting, requiring photo ID, and limiting reasons for voting absentee.

**Lynn Teague from the SC LWV reports on a flurry of anti-women legislation in 2022, designed to take us back to the 1950's. Click [here](#).**

A temporary blockage of SC's **Fetal Heartbeat Law** (which bans abortions after 6 weeks), has been upheld by 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Stephanie Thacker wrote that South Carolina's law is unconstitutional. Gov. McMaster pledges to fight in the courts--at \$1500/hr, this is pricey, Gov! What about our schools, roads, crime rate and health care? Not on the Repug list of priorities?

*The US Supreme Court is expected to overturn Roe v Wade this summer. If this happens, it will detonate draconian anti-abortion Trigger Bans in many states, including SC.*

### **Black Women Who Define(d) The Voting Rights Movement**

"As we applaud the decision to promote a Black woman to the highest judicial post in our nation, we reflect on the countless contributions Black women have made to our democracy since its inception." Click on the title link to read more.

### **Bi-Partisan Tax Cut**

Passed in SC House, 110-0! Top income brackets, would see a reduction from 7% to 6.5%, and all other tax brackets to 3%. It's projected to result in a 25% income tax reduction for most SC residents. The bill also allows for the Deduction of all Military Retirement Income.

It's expected to pass in the SC Senate with bi-partisan support, also.



## HISTORIC SCOTUS NOMINATION

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"Last Friday, President Joe Biden made the historic decision to nominate a respected jurist and former public defender, **Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson**, to fill the vacancy of the US Supreme Court created by Justice Stephen Breyer's announced retirement. This nomination makes Judge Jackson the first African-American woman nominated to our nation's highest court, a milestone that has taken far too long to occur, but must be celebrated nonetheless. Judge Jackson served as an editor on the Harvard Law Review, clerked for Justice Breyer, and has served on the federal judiciary for nearly nine years, currently serving on the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. This historic nomination has received backing not just from Democrats, activists, and liberal groups, but also from prominent conservative legal voices, who have fully endorsed the nomination and highlighted Judge Jackson's immense qualifications."

--CCDP newsletter. **Tell Senators Graham and Scott to confirm Judge Jackson!**

### Senator Lindsey Graham

(202) 224-5972

<https://www.lgraham.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=contact-form>

### Senator Tim Scott

(202) 224-6121

<https://www.scott.senate.gov/contact/email-me>

### **Senator Graham:**

I support President Biden's nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Please swiftly confirm the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Because you recently voted to confirm her appointment to the Court of Appeals, you have every reason to do so again.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

South Carolina Voter



### **KBJ, All the Way!**

Click the image for video.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is not only a brilliant jurist but a mom and loyal friend. Listen to this interview at **Strict Scrutiny**, a podcast about the Supreme Court 2/28/22, 1 hr.

**#SistersInLaw**, Episode 60, on 2/25/22, is a very exciting and historical podcast for us and for all women. In addition to the KBJ nomination, they discuss the resignation of prosecutors in the Trump business criminal case in NY, and other current legislative and legal issues. Hear it [here](#). The Transcript is also available.

### **Senator Scott:**

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Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

South Carolina Voter

# STATE OF THE UNION

Biden opened with the US's "unwavering resolve that freedom will always triumph over tyranny." He quoted President Zelenskyy, "Light will win over darkness." Through diplomacy, his administration has united democracies of the world to fight Putin and the oligarchs, by sanctioning their banks and going after their money and properties. This received a bi-partisan standing ovation.

He followed with good news about the economy: how the **American Rescue Plan** has helped businesses and families, created 6.5 million new jobs last year (the most ever!) and a 5.7% growth in the economy, the fastest in 40 years!

Then he turned to *Building a Better America*, with the **Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Act**, which will create an "infrastructure decade." We will "build from the bottom up and from the middle out." **We will fight inflation by cutting costs and raising wages.** (He raised the minimum wage for federal employees to \$15/hr.)

Making more things in America will lower costs to businesses and insure that we are not dependent on foreign imports of critical goods. Intel will build a \$20 Billion semiconductor mega plant near Columbus, Ohio. It will provide 10,000 'good paying' jobs. Passage of the bi-partisan **Innovation Act** will encourage more projects like this, guaranteeing more Made in US.

He urged passage of legislation that will protect and advance freedom and liberty, and expand democracy, including: Freedom to Vote Act, John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, the Disclose Act, strengthening the Violence Against Women Act, protecting a woman's right to choose, Equality for LGBTQ and so much more!!

Biden ended with a reminder that, despite our differences, we are all Americans and, "The State of our Union is strong, because the American People are strong!" For the full speech, click [here](#), 1 hr., or read the **CNN Staff's annotated speech [here](#).**

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## Cracks in the GOP

Republicans begin to turn on one another: [Mike Pence](#) says, "Trump is wrong" in his speech at the Federalist Society; [Mitt Romney](#), says, "I've got morons on my team;" Kevin McCarthy and other GOP congress-men say there's no room for racists and anti-semites in the GOP; [Mitch McConnell](#) criticizes the RNC rejection of the Jan 6 Committee.

## Principles First—a ray of light!

For an insightful, hard-hitting and inspiring speech by Adam Kinzinger, one of two GOP members of the 1/6 Com., go [here](#).

For a break down in the recent developments in the prosecution of 1/6 insurrectionists, including John Eastman, The Ahmaud Arbery jury foreman interview and more, listen to [Episode 61, #Sisters In Law](#) podcast, 3/4/22.

**Stand with Ukraine,**  
sign this SCDP [petition](#).

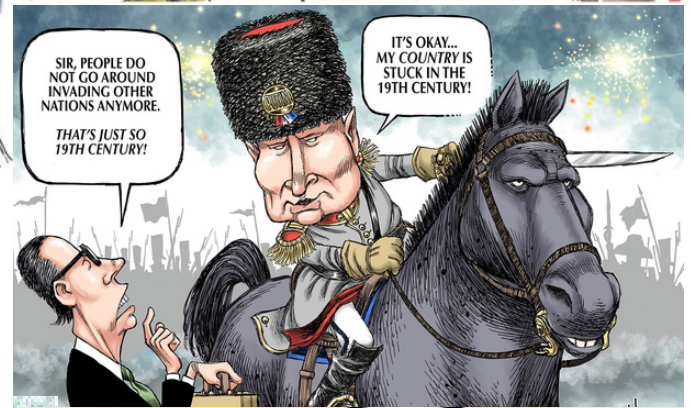


You can help Ukraine by giving to one of the organizations listed [here](#)

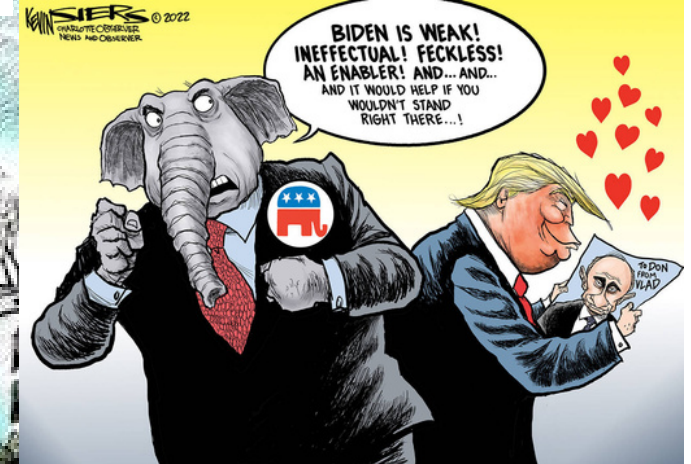


# STUMBLING BEAR, DEFIANT FOX...AND FRIENDS

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Republican plan for solving the Russia-Ukraine crisis...



"I need ammunition, not a ride!"—Zelenskyy's response to US offer to evacuate him.



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**New CDC Guidelines** suggest 70% of Americans can stop wearing masks and no longer need to social distance or avoid crowded indoor spaces. This is a county-by-county approach.

**SC DHEC** has begun to treat Covid as an endemic rather than pandemic and will go from daily to weekly Covid reporting.

### **Dorchester Schools**

For more detailed Covid info and guidance for DD2 click [here](#), and for DD4 click [here](#).

"We are living through a revolt against the future. The future will prevail."  
--Anand Giriharadas

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