

BLUE NOTE



Celebrating MLK Day

Dorchester Democrats recently participated in Martin Luther King celebrations in St. George and in Charleston. The St. George Chapter of the NAACP hosted a banquet in his honor, where inspiring speeches and music were served up along with a delicious down-home meal and DCDP's own Barbara Felder received their Image Award! We plan to participate in many more Dorchester County based events this year and look forward to your joining us.

NAACP
"Image
Award"



Barbara Felder (left) of WDCDC and other
Dorchester Democrats at St. George NAACP Banquet.

We're hoping for a year of accountability for the former president and his minions, of bi-partisanship in the US Congress, of shovels in the ground on infrastructure projects around the country and economic progress for the poor and middle class beginning with reduction in inflation and prosecution of corporations that are price gouging. Or will it be a year of bogus investigations, defaulting on our National Debt and a Red Circus on the floor of the US House of Representatives?

Rep. Clyburn, crediting de Tocqueville, gave this warning: "America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."





I am so proud of the effort the Dorchester County Democratic Party made in the 2022 Elections! We had over a 100 volunteers supporting our Candidates!! The Good News is we got Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Joe Jefferson and Deon Tedder re-elected! We fielded TEN candidates! But we did not achieve what we set out to do--so we need to do better in 2024. With this goal in mind, YOUR leadership met on January 28th for a 4 Hour Strategic Planning session and agreed on **2 Major Goals for 2023:**

1. Grow the Party!!! All of us can each bring in 5 new members!!! That way we will not have 100, but 500 volunteers in 2024!

2. Candidate Recruitment! We interviewed many of our candidates, and they all agreed we need to start sooner!! So we need to identify passionate candidates and have them start their campaigns by this summer!!
Come to the monthly general meetings and your precinct meetings and join this crusade to win in 2024!

ISSUES ARE OUR KEY

- Unlike the Republicans, we believe in a government that supports the people of our County!!
- Unlike the Republicans, we believe strongly in Public Education--no vouchers for the rich and their private schools which bleed public schools of needed resources.
- Unlike the Republicans, we believe that Medical Care is a right, especially for our Children!!!
- Unlike the Republicans, we believe in a Strong Infrastructure including decent roads and internet for everybody--including our rural areas.
- Unlike the Republicans, we support the PEOPLE of the COUNTY, not the Developers!

A MAJOR initiative is our Community Outreach Project--this is very exciting news--Dorchester County will know that the Democratic Party is alive and well and supporting them!!! We will join forces with the Community Outreach and Food Bank programs, and distribute food in our County to those that need it--in two locations in Dorchester County, monthly. We are talking 4 hours a month from you to make this happen--so please email me at rhayes73@aol.com as soon as possible and sign up to help with this important project! Thank you! and Go BLUE!!

Richard Hayes

DCDP GENERAL MEETINGS

In-Person
FEB 09, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Knightsville United
Methodist Church
1505 CENTRAL AVE.
SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483



Guest Speaker, Greg Perry, is chair of the Charleston County Democratic Party and a candidate for Charleston County Council. Come hear his secrets for improving the party and successful campaigning. General Business will be discussed and lots of volunteering opportunities. Please bring 3 cans, or items, of food for KUMC's Food Pantry.

The Next General Meeting will be on March 9. Check the DCDP website to signup.

SC RESULTS OF THE 2022 MIDTERM ELECTION

Total Voter turnout 50.86%

Ballots Cast 1,718,626

Registered Voters 3,379,089

Thanks to gerrymandering and low Democratic turnout, Republicans now have a supermajority (2/3) with 88 to Dems 36 seats, in the SC House. The 125th General Assembly is more white, more male and more extreme (including 14 new MAGA's). For expanded Voting Data go to [SCVotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

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**LET'S BOOST
DEMOCRATIC CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT IN 2023**
(We can't own the Public Square if we're not in it!)

ATTEND DD2 SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Open to the public
District Office
815 S. Main St., Summerville
at 6PM
on the second and fourth
Mondays of each month.
Feb 13 and 27,
March 13 and 27.
You can watch live [here](#)

ATTEND DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS*

Meets on the first
and third Mondays,
at 6PM
in County Council Chambers:
February 6, Summerville
February 21*, St. George
March 6, Summerville
March 20, St. George
April 3, St. George
April 17, Summerville
Click [here](#) for the full list.

*Summerville Council Chamber
is at 500 N. Main St., Summerville
St. George Council Chamber
is in the Waggoner Bldg.,
201 Johnson St., St. George

*Meetings are held on Tuesday
if the prior Monday is a holiday.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year we begin Black History month in the wake of Gov. Ron Desantis' (FL) blatant attempt to censor Black history with a ban on Advanced Placement African American Studies. Civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump said Florida students will file a lawsuit. Read and watch [here](#).



DeSantis may be dragging Florida into an ugly civil rights fight

Civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump said Florida students will file a lawsuit if DeSantis doesn't reverse his ban on the course.

PURE THEATRE WORLD PREMIERE OF SEPTIMA Celebrate the life of Septima Clark

"Mother of the Civil Rights movement," (per MLK), sponsored by the LWV Charleston.

Written by Patricia Williams Dockery, directed by Sharon Graci.

For 12 nights, beginning on the Charleston native's 125th birthday, March 9 through April 1. Get your tickets [here](#). Use Promo code **LWV23** for a discount.

[Walter Edgar's Journal](#) is a weekly SC history program that airs Fridays at noon, on both SC Public Radio channels, then on 89.9 at noon on Sun, and 89.3 at 7 AM on Sat. The most recent episode is "Lincoln's unfinished work--the new birth of Freedom from generation to generation," that highlights the unfinished work of Reconstruction era. Click on the link to listen online, or go to the podcast at anytime.

BLACK HISTORY MILESTONES: A TIMELINE

From a 1619 journal entry describing the arrival of "20 and odd Angolans" kidnapped by the Portuguese, to the British colony of Virginia, to the BLM movement, this chronicles Black injustices, courage and victories, and celebrates Black achievements in the law, politics, science, sports, literature and the arts, as faith leaders, fashion icons, and national spokespeople.

THE 1619 PROJECT

is a docuseries produced by Oprah Winfrey, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning project from writer Nikole Hannah-Jones, that dismantles racial myths in the service of truth and understanding, for the greater good of our country. This is intensely patriotic. Streaming on Hulu. Go to YouTube to view the [trailer](#).

[Throughline](#) (NPR podcast), Ep. 225, "The Real Black Panthers," or click the link to listen online.

Sign up on Mobilize to watch the film "MLK: The Life of a Prophet." Click [here](#).

STATE OF THE STATE

WINTER 2023

In the first week of January,
The Courts Gave Dems Big Wins



First, in a 3 to 2 vote, our state Supreme Court overturned the state's 6-Week Abortion Ban on the grounds that it violated privacy rights protected in the state constitution. Read it [here](#).

Then...

Federal judges strike down SC's 1st Congressional District as racial gerrymandering

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A panel of federal judges in South Carolina has concluded that the state's coastal 1st Congressional District was drawn in such a way that it discriminates against Black voters and must be redesigned before the end of March.

Click on the box for the full story.

Unfortunately, redrawing the 1st Congressional District will not undo Nancy Mace's 56%/42% victory over Dr. Annie Andrews.

ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES.

If we want our candidates to win and our policies to see the light of day,
**DEMOCRATS NEED TO VOTE
IN EVERY ELECTION!!**

GOVERNOR HENRY MCMASTER SWORN IN FOR A 2ND TERM.

In his State of the State speech (1/11), he talked about his 3 E's: Economy, Education and Environment. He also championed Electric Vehicles, with E-car and E-battery manufacturers moving into SC. He boasted of the biggest state treasury ever (\$3.5B), all without giving a stitch of credit for the millions that came from Biden's Infrastructure Bill and the Inflation Reduction Act. Watch [here](#), 1hr.

However, most telling and troubling, the issue he was most fired up about was the SC Supreme Courts' recent abortion decision. He vowed to do all in his power to make sure it's overturned.

SC'S JUDICIAL SELECTION

Justice Kaye Hearn, the only woman on the high court, and author of its 3/2 decision to overturn the SC Abortion ban, has to retire, due to her age (72)! In SC the Senate still decides on who will replace her.

The Judicial Merit Selection

Committee presented 3 candidates for the Senate's selection, but for reasons that are still unknown (and suspect) the two female candidates withdrew early, leaving only SC Court of Appeals Judge D. Garrison (Gary) Hill. This selection leaves SC with no women on its high court, for the first time in 35 years!

Follow developments [here](#), on "This Week in SC" (TWISC), online and on SCETV.

STATE OF THE UNION

This was President Biden's best speech yet! He was upbeat and unflappable though there was plenty of far-right heckling, which Speaker McCarthy had to shush several times. Biden enthusiastically recounted his legislative successes of the past two years, creation of the most jobs and the best unemployment in decades and falling inflation. This year much of what was passed last year is kicking in, beginning with capping insulin at \$35/month for seniors. Ground is being broken for Infrastructure, manufacturing and inflation Reduction projects.

He continues to be an ardent advocate for the middle class, which needs more good paying jobs, lower costs and safer communities. His mantra was "Let's finish the job!" He was enthusiastic about new bi-partisan legislation like the Junk Fee Prevention Act, Justice in Policing, an Automatic Weapons ban and protecting the Right to Abortion. His administration has reduced the deficit by \$1.7 trillion so far, and plans to lower it by another \$2 trillion in the next two years. Making billionaires pay their fair share is a cornerstone of his plan.

One commentator said Biden was "flexing the political and legislative muscles that he had honed over decades." He even birddogged Republicans into taking a public stand not to touch Medicare and Social Security!! Though we have many problems to surmount he ended on an optimistic note that the State of our Union is strong because the American people are strong! You can [watch](#), or [read](#) it.

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TWO YEARS OF PRESIDENT BIDEN DELIVERING RESULTS



SC WILL BE FIRST IN THE NATION!!

It's official, the DNC has decided to hold the first Presidential Primary in South Carolina!! Here's what SCDP's [Trav Robertson](#) said about why this is good for SC. DNC Chair [Jaime Harrison](#) explains his perspective.

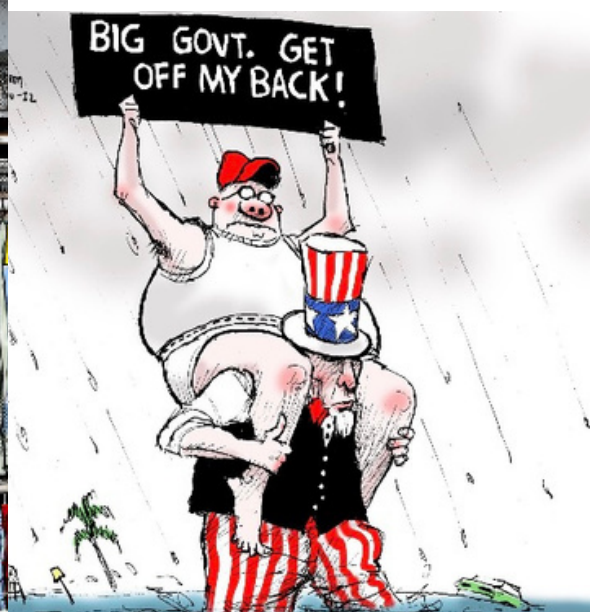
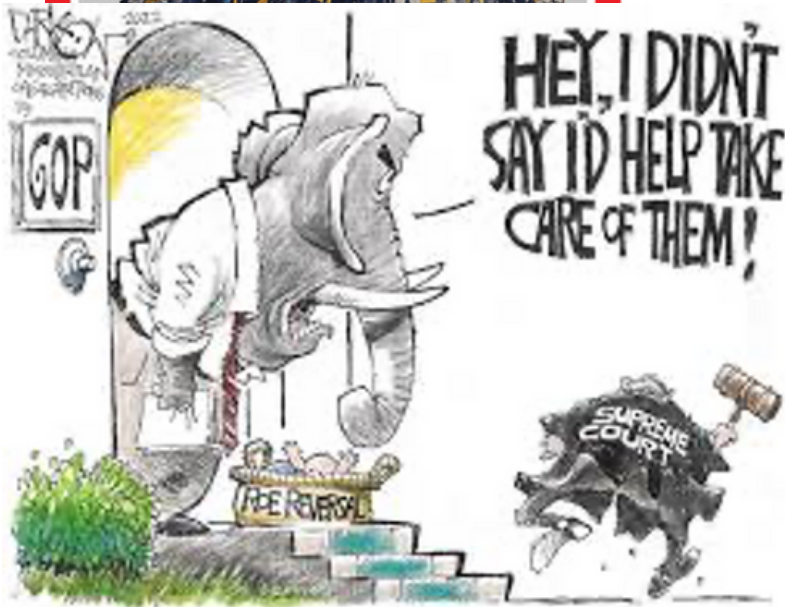
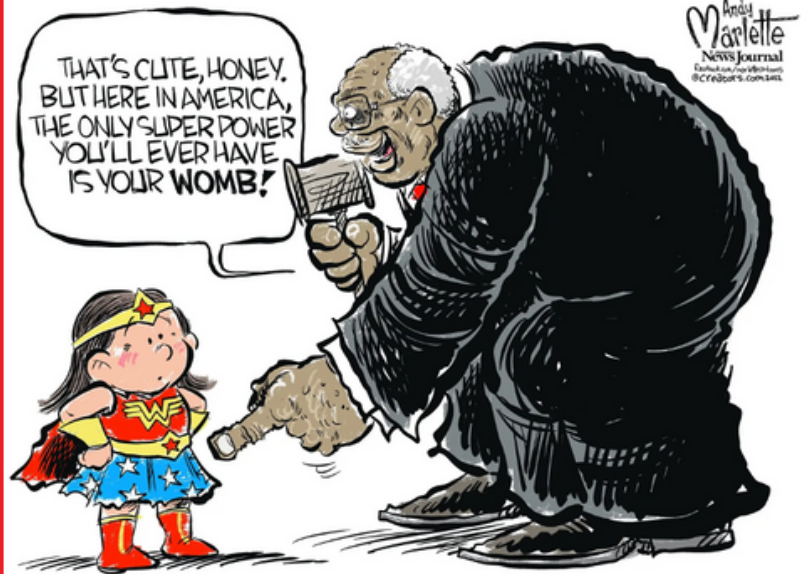
NEW US HOUSE LEADERSHIP

MCCARTHY'S CONCESSIONS

- SINGLE MEMBER VOTE TO OUST SPEAKER
- VOTES ON LAWMAKER TERM LIMITS AND BORDER SECURITY
- FREEDOM CAUCUS MEMBERS ON RULES COMMITTEE
- PRO-MCCARTHY PAC STAYS OUT OF 'SAFE' PRIMARY RACES
- SELECT COMMITTEE ON 'WEAPONIZATION OF DOJ'
- 72 HOURS TO READ BILL BEFORE GOING TO FLOOR
- REVEAL SALARIES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



THE [ABC'S OF DEMOCRACY](#)
BY HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
NEW DEMOCRATIC HOUSE LEADER
IN THE 118TH CONGRESS.



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Politics and Covid

States with Republican governors had the highest Covid incidence and death rates, [study finds](#).

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Americans are easier to mislead when we don't know how government works. Take advantage of the following free classes to brush-up on your civics and learn new information that will make you a more effective citizen.

- Take classes with the National Democratic [Training Committee](#).
- Study the Constitution [online](#).
- Become part of the Public Citizen Democracy Campaign. Take the "Birdogging" training to learn the art of getting elected officials on the record about the issues that we care most about. Sign-up on [Mobilize](#).



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OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!!



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~ W. E. B. DuBoise