



# Lancaster County Democratic Party Newsletter

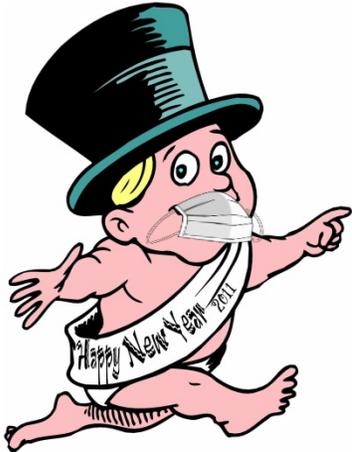


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The New Year hit the ground running to bring us another good year with a Democratic president.



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## Meeting and Events Calendar - 2022

<b>The Lancaster County Democratic Party</b>	Meets on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on <b>January 6 at 6 PM by Zoom</b> . Keith Grey, Chair, <a href="http://www.lancasterdemocrats.com">www.lancasterdemocrats.com</a> . If you would like the Zoom link, please contact <a href="mailto:lcdpscnews@gmail.com">lcdpscnews@gmail.com</a> . Guest speaker: Allison Terracio from Planned Parenthood will be speaking on how we can support good legislation
<b>LCDP Executive Committee Meeting</b>	Meets on the third Tuesday each month. The next meeting will be on <b>January 18 at 7 PM</b> .
<b>Sun City Democrats</b>	Meet by Zoom. For information, contact Jeanne Huber, President, Sun City Democrats ( <a href="mailto:jghswiss@aol.com">jghswiss@aol.com</a> ).
<b>LCDP Democratic Women</b>	Meet on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on <b>January 20</b>
<b>Dem Good Time Social</b>	Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on <b>January 26</b> .
<b>Visit by Angela Geter</b>	US Senate Candidate Angela Geter will visit Lancaster on <b>January 15, 4 PM, at Punky's on Main</b> .
<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday</b>	<b>January 17</b>

If you know of events that would be of interest to our members, please send them to the newsletter email to be included in the next issue. For current events and meetings, also check out the Events section on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterSCDems>

## State and Local Issues

**Note: Contact information for representatives in the SC Legislature and US Congress is in the [chart](#) on page 30.**



### South Carolina Legislation to watch

[H 4229](#)---FAIR Act, short for **Fairness, Accountability and Integrity in Redistricting** legislation. The bill is now in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Follow SC Counts on Facebook to stay engaged with the latest info on redistricting: [www.facebook.com/sccounts2020](https://www.facebook.com/sccounts2020). You can keep up with Senate redistricting on social media: <https://twitter.com/SCSenateRedist> and <https://www.facebook.com/SCSenateRedist>.

[H 4343](#)---“Academic Integrity Act”. H 4343 prohibits all South Carolina schools from including the tenets of critical race theory in any form in the curriculum, and from promoting the *1619 Project* in any way. To ensure compliance with this law, beginning with the 2022-23 school year, schools must list all of their instructional materials on the school website so that parents and any other concerned party may object. All instructional materials currently being used by schools must be reviewed to be sure they are in compliance with the law and replaced if they are not. Not only must there be a listing, but contact information and a procedure must be supplied to make it easy for objections to be filed. Schools that fail to comply will have funding withheld. Under section 59-29-630 of the bill. . If you would like to express your opinion on this bill to the House Education and Public Works Committee, there is a form at this link: <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/email.php?T=C&C=H2000000100>.

[S.811](#)---“Medical Ethics and Diversity Act.” This bill was introduced in May and is currently in the Senate Committee on Medical Affairs. According to the [Women’s Rights and Empowerment Network](#), this bill allows healthcare providers to discriminate against their patients and refuse care. Some examples they provide:

- Administrative staff could refuse to submit insurance claims for care to which they had an objection.
- A nurse could refuse to administer prescribed higher levels of pain medication because it could hasten the end of life for a terminal patient.
- A doctor could refuse to maintain hormone treatments for a Transgender patient needing inpatient care for an infection.

- A medical researcher could refuse to publish the results of a state-funded study because the scientific evidence conflicted with the researcher's beliefs.
- A health plan could require a woman to have routine sex with a man for a year before paying for fertility treatments with no exceptions for same-sex couples.  
The [scwren.org](http://scwren.org) lists information on the subcommittee members, should you wish to reach out to them.

[H 3050](#)---Police reform legislation. The bill was referred to a Senate subcommittee on July 16, 2021.

[S 0200](#)---The law that allows South Carolina to resume executions. Death by firing squad was added as an option, but the state has not yet worked out a system for how to do that. The SC Supreme Court has banned the executions until the firing squad is available as an option or lethal injection becomes possible again.

[Fetal Heartbeat](#) signed into law in February 2021—Still blocked by the ruling of a federal judge.

Note: To find out what is happening in the legislature, go to <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/index.php>.

The SC Legislative session each year begins on the second Tuesday in January. This year that will be on January 11.

## SC News

**Nancy Mace and Marjorie Taylor Greene fight on Twitter.** We are not a fan of SC Republican Congresswoman Nancy Mace, but compared to Marjorie Taylor Greene she is golden. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Green of Georgia (queen of QAnon crazy conspiracies) tweeted that Nancy Mace is "[the trash in the GOP Conference](#)." She accused Mace of being pro-abortion, favored by Democrats, and not conservative. We would not call anyone "trash," but with Taylor Greene, we are tempted.

[Nancy Mace will face at least one Democratic opponent in 2022.](#) Dorchester County Democratic Party Chair Tim Lewis announced on December 16 that he would be running for her seat. In the proposed redistricting plan drawn by the SC House, [Mace's district would be redrawn](#) to give a Democrat a much better chance of winning. This proposal is vastly different from the SC Senate plan that, allegedly, protects the seat for Mace. In the House plan, despite the changes in Jim Clyburn's and Joe Wilson's districts, Mace's seat is the only one that would lose its protection.

**Redistricting.** [Two Republican and three Democrat SC House Representatives will lose their seat](#) due to redrawn lines that put two incumbents in the same district. One of these is Lancaster County Representative Republican Sandy McGarry (see local news below).

On December 17, [President Biden came back to South Carolina](#) for the first time since he was elected. He gave the commencement speech at South Carolina State.

South Carolina Republican congressman [Tom Rice is facing 10 GOP opponents](#) who will try to unseat him using his vote to impeach former President Trump as ammunition.

## Local

**Lancaster County Representative Sandy McGarry**, SC House District 44, will lose her seat due to redistricting. The redrawn lines put her home address within the boundaries of Richie Yow's District 53. McGarry has said that she is not happy about it, but she will not run for reelection against Yow because he is a fellow Republican and a friend. District 44 is being moved to the Indian Land area so someone from there will be elected (*The Lancaster News*, December 4-5, 2021).

Three Lancaster County residents died from the coronavirus during the second week in December. Local cases have filled the available beds in the Lancaster hospital so that most non-Covid emergencies have been sent or airlifted to other locations. Despite the spiraling infections and deaths in the state, SC Attorney General Alan Wilson and SC Governor Henry McMaster appealed the Biden vaccine requirement for federal contractors and won. Federal judges have sided with Wilson and McMaster and blocked the vaccine mandate (*The Lancaster News*, December 11-12, 2021). Not only has SC blocked the Biden administration vaccine requirement, but there is also proposed [legislation to prohibit employers from imposing a vaccine mandate](#) of their own.



## Editorial and Opinions Section

Please consider sharing your opinion messages as your time permits. I will put in comments and articles of any length. We need to share with each other. Your opinion and perspective are greatly valued here. Please submit to Attn: Associate Editor, Jennifer Jewett at [lcdpscnews@gmail.com](mailto:lcdpscnews@gmail.com). Thanks!!

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### Reflections

It seems to me that there is some encouraging news on the local front. Do you think our officials are making an effort to do a good job on redistricting? It seems to me that they are, though perhaps to keep down lawsuits. Also, local people are generous with their contributions to Give Local Lancaster.

As much as I hate to see the reports of the ambush of the Capitol, I want them repeated to remind people what the anarchists did. I was very sad thinking of all the good times I had there in Washington with my family and friends. I am truly disgusted at how people have no respect for our monuments and the traditions they represent.

**Jennifer Jewett, Editor,  
Editorial and Opinions Section**



SC 2022 Candidates  
For SC Governor

Former US Representative  
Joe Cunningham



State Senator Mia McLeod



Activist Gary  
Votour



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For the US Senate Seat of Tim Scott

Chair of the  
Spartanburg County Democratic Party  
Angela Geter



SC House Representative  
Krystle Matthews





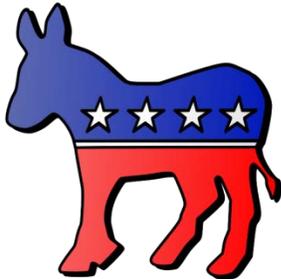
*The LCDP Brings the Candidates to You*

In 2022, we will continue bringing the candidates for you to meet and greet. We are working with campaign teams, and we will bring you local, state, and national candidates as they enter the various races. In 2021, we had the opportunity to meet SC gubernatorial candidates Joe Cunningham and Mia McLeod, and Senate candidate Krystle Matthews. This month you will have an opportunity to meet another candidate for the U.S. Senate, Angela Geter, and in February, another candidate for governor, Gary Votour, will be in Lancaster.

*Meet Angela Geter*

Thursday,  
January 15  
4 PM

At Punkey's on  
Main  
In  
Lancaster



Angela Geter is the daughter of Gale Geter McBeth, Clarence Geter Jr., and Earnest "Hicks" McBeth (Sr). She was born and raised in Spartanburg, where she currently resides.

Angela is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having entered the service after graduating from Spartanburg High School in 1990. During her service, Angela served as a medical laboratory technologist and earned both her Associates degree in Medical Laboratory Technology from the Community College of the Air Force and a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Troy State University. After rising to the rank of sergeant and being awarded an Air Force Achievement Medal for Meritorious Service, Angela left the military and returned home to Spartanburg.

After leaving the Air Force, Angela worked in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors in financial management. Among other things, she worked in the corporate offices of Extended Stay Hotels as the senior accountant, as the Director of Finance and Operations for the Chapman Cultural Center, and as the Director of Finance for Piedmont Community Actions, Inc. In 2007, she earned a Master's degree in International Business from Gardner-Webb University while being inducted into the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in recognition of academic excellence in her program. In 2013, she returned to Gardner-Webb to earn a Master's degree in Finance.

Angela is chair of the Spartanburg County Democratic Party and served as the 2020 National Delegate for the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District at the 2020 Democratic National Convention. Angela also serves on the board of directors of Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union, Kiwanis Club of Spartanburg, the Institute of Management Accountants (Spartanburg Chapter), and Spartanburg County Zoning Board of Appeals. She is affiliated with the South Carolina Association of Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Previously, she served on the Human Relations Commission (City of Spartanburg), Accommodations Tax Commission (City of Spartanburg), Breakfast Business and Professional Women's Club, as Guardian Ad Litem, and a Juvenile Arbitrator for the Seventh Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Currently, Angela is the owner-operator of The Budget Imperative LLC, an accounting consulting firm based in Spartanburg.

## *Biden's Cabinet*

Office	Person	Office	Person
Secretary of State	Antony Blinken	Secretary of Treasury	Janet Yellen
Secretary of Defense	Lloyd Austin	Attorney General	Merrick Garland
Secretary of the Interior	Deb Haaland	Secretary of Agriculture	Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Commerce	Gina Raimondo	Secretary of Labor	Martin Walsh
Secretary of Health and Human Services	Xavier Becerra	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Marcia Fudge
Secretary of Transportation	Pete Buttigieg	Secretary of Energy	Jennifer Granholm
Secretary of Education	Miguel Cardona	Secretary of Veterans Affairs	Denis McDonough
Secretary of Homeland Security	Alejandro Mayorkas		
<b>Cabinet-level Officials</b>			
White House Chief of Staff	Ron Klain	US Trade Representative	Katherine Tai
Director of National Intelligence	Avril Haines	Director of the CIA	William J. Burns
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency	Michael S. Regan	Administrator of the Small Business Administration	Isabel Casillas Guzman
Director of the Office of Management and Budget	Shalanda Young	US Ambassador to the United Nations	Linda Thomas Greenfield
Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors	Cecilia Rouse	US Presidential Envoy for Climate	John Kerry
Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy—Science Advisor to the President	Eric Lander		
<b>Other</b>			
Chairman DNC	Jaime Harrison	Press Secretary	Jen Psaki
Deputy Chief of Staff	Jen O'Malley Dillon	Chief Medical Adviser	Dr. Anthony Fauci
Deputy Chief of Staff	Bruce Reed		



Get to know President Biden's cabinet and Staff  
 You will find information on all of them [on this website](#).

Note: All cabinet photos are public domain from [Wikipedia](#).

## *The Second Year – What will 2022 Bring?*

### *Looking back over the first year...*

- President Biden hit the ground running. Just as soon as his inauguration was over he went to the White House and began writing executive orders. He signed an order on clean energy, repealed the military transgender ban, signed an order to conserve 30% of America's lands and waters, stopped construction of the border wall, stopped US withdrawal from the World Health Organization, rejoined the Paris Climate Accord, required non-citizens to be included in the Census, required Executive appointees from acting in their own self-interest, and issued a number of other orders on immigration, equity, and pandemic relief measures. And that was just the first day.
- By Feb. 10, President Biden had issued 30 executive orders on issues such as prisons, worker safety, the federal workforce, the pandemic, immigration, the climate, ethics, equality, ending discrimination, Medicaid, and strengthening the ACA. The ACA survived the challenge in the Supreme Court and has been allowed to continue for all of the many Americans who would not have health insurance otherwise. President Biden reopened the ACA and extended the period to sign up through August 15.
- After 100 days, he was on track with keeping some of the promises he made for the first 100 days. He was making progress with rolling out the vaccines, fighting the virus, helping people who were struggling economically because of the pandemic, and he rejoined the World Health Organization. A third stimulus check was approved and began going out. He had taken steps to fight climate change, and he held a world summit on climate in April. He also tightened ethical standards in his administration.
- As a point from his American Families Plan, President Biden increased the child tax credit and extended it until the end of 2021. He also increased food stamp benefits.
- In July, President Biden signed an executive order to deal with the economy's competition problems. Among other things, the order made it easier to buy generic drugs, get a hearing aid without a prescription, and get money back from airlines when they lose your luggage,
- In the international arena, President Biden has brought back respect to the country from our allies. He was welcomed back into the fold at the summits of world leaders.
- In August President Biden ended the 20-year war in Afghanistan and brought the troops home. The evacuation was a messy process, and, tragically, 13 of our military plus many civilians died from an ISIS attack, but ending the war was the right thing to do.
- **Immigration** was a huge problem through all of the year and cost President Biden the loss of many approval points. Migrants massed at our southern border driven by harsh conditions in their own countries, desperation, and the belief that President Biden would view them more humanely than former President Trump. The majority of migrants have historically been from the Spanish-speaking sections of Latin American, but in September more than [12,000 people from Haiti gathered at the Texas border](#). The majority were turned away using Title 42 because the Justice Department said border facilities were not equipped to handle major influxes of migrants amid a pandemic. The Department of Homeland Security also released new guidelines that will prioritize certain undocumented immigrants for arrest and deportation, including terrorism suspects, people with serious criminal conduct, and recent unlawful border-crossers. On December 6, President Biden was forced by the courts [to reinstate former President Trump's "remain in Mexico" policy](#) for non-Mexican migrants awaiting a US immigration court hearing.
- On September 30, a government shutdown was avoided at the 11th hour after both the House and Senate passed a continuing resolution that funded the government through December 3. The bill also provided funding for resettlement of Afghan refugees and aid for areas affected by storms and wildfires. House Democrats had hoped to get the bipartisan \$1 trillion bill for infrastructure that had already cleared the Senate passed as well, but that was blocked by Democratic progressives who refused to vote for the bill unless the \$3.5 trillion spending bill covering health care, education, and social programs was not passed at the same time.
- In September, President Biden told the Labor Department to [require all businesses with 100 or more employees to mandate](#) that their workers are either vaccinated or tested once a week. By then, the color of the virus was becoming increasingly red as the majority of the people refusing to be vaccinated, becoming infected, and dying were Republicans. The date set for the deadline was January 4, 2022, but the 5th Circuit Federal Appeals Court blocked implementation nationwide. On December 17, [the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Federal Appeals ruled in favor of the Biden administration](#) and overturned the block. Opponents of the mandate have now vowed to take the case to the Supreme Court. The Biden administration requirement that all health care providers that receive funding from Medicare and Medicaid require vaccination of health care workers in their employ has already gone to the Supreme Court. On December 16, [the Justice Department asked the Supreme Court to allow implementation of](#)

[that mandate](#), which was at that time being blocked in half of the states. Opponents have also asked the court to overturn the mandate. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear [oral arguments on January 7](#).

- On October 4, President Biden reversed a Trump rule that prohibited federally-funded health care providers from making abortion referrals. Democrats searched for ways to provide more federal support for abortions as Republican-controlled legislatures have made it almost impossible to have the procedure. The Supreme Court is set to review a challenge to Roe vs. Wade this term. There is one positive bit of news. In December, the FDA allowed [abortion medication to be ordered by mail](#).
- **Climate**---President Biden made climate a top item on his agenda in the international forum. He hosted a climate conference here in the U.S. and made it a priority topic on his agenda during international summits. At home, he did what he could with executive orders, like restoring environmental protections to Bears Ears and two other national monuments, but failure to get approval in Congress for his ambitious infrastructure legislation slowed progress.
- **The Economy**---On October 12, [the International Money Fund lowered its 2021 growth forecast](#) for the United States by one full percentage point to 6%. The cut was caused by disruptions to supply chains and consumption factors.
- **Infrastructure**---The last week of October President Biden and the Democrats in Congress tried desperately to get something passed before the president left for the G20 and climate summits in Europe on October 29. It didn't happen. Progressives did not want to pass the bipartisan infrastructure bill unless the Democrat spending bill was passed along with it. The spending bill was pared down to a condensed core, but getting Senator Joe Manchin to agree with all parts of it before the president left the country was not to be. However, on November 5, the bipartisan \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that had already been passed by the Senate in August was passed by the House. The final vote was 228-206. Thirteen Republicans joined the majority of the Democrats, but six progressives voted against it. The Republicans were punished by their party. President Biden's \$1.9 trillion social safety net expansion bill was passed by the House on November 19 but still had to go to the Senate. The House vote was 220 to 213. All Democrats except Rep. Jared Golden of Maine voted for the bill, but not a single Republican broke ranks and joined them.
- President Biden attended a G20 summit in Rome at the end of October. Key topics were the international economy, the virus, climate change, the supply chain crisis, and high energy prices. After the G20 summit, President Biden traveled to Scotland for the COP26 UN climate summit. Chief topics were phasing out fossil fuels and containing global warming.
- **The Virus**---Near the end of November, [a new variant of the virus was discovered](#)—the Omicron variant. It apparently started in South Africa, and travel into the US from the African countries involved was restricted. However, on December 1, it was announced that at least one case had arrived in the United States, brought into California by someone who had recently returned from South Africa. By December 5, the virus had [spread to more than 40 countries](#) and was in at least 12 states in the US. By December 13, those numbers rose to [30 states and 69 countries](#). On December 14, MUSC discovered 4 cases in South Carolina—so it is here. The bad news is that this variant seems to be more able to infect fully vaccinated people. The good news is that symptoms appear to be less severe than with other variants. In response to the new variant and the sharp increase in the number of virus cases nationwide, additional [travel restrictions were enacted](#). Travelers coming to the US from other countries will have to test negative one day before boarding the plane. All foreign nationals entering the country must also be fully vaccinated, but the requirement does not apply to returning US citizens and legal residents. All travel from South Africa and seven neighboring countries was banned until December 31, except for returning Americans. There were [70,000 people hospitalized with Covid 19 as of December 22](#), and hospitals were filling up again. Omicron is now the dominant variant in the US, accounting for 73 percent of new virus infections.
- On December 2, the day before the government would have to shut down for lack of funds, there was still no agreement to keep it open. Some [Republicans threatened to let the shutdown happen](#) if there were no repeal of President Biden's mandate for large employers. The vaccine mandate had already been [blocked by federal judges](#), and at that time, its future did not look hopeful.
- On December 14, the [Senate voted to raise the debt ceiling](#) by \$2.5 trillion until after the 2022 midterm elections under a deal negotiated between both parties. Early on the morning of December 15, [the House also voted to approve the bill](#). On December 15, the country would have been in default and unable to pay its debts. The bill passed without Republican support so that the Democrats will have to bear alone the blame for adding so much to the nation's debt.

As we begin 2022, we are grateful there is a Democratic president in the White House, and that for at least one more year the Democrats have a marginal majority in Congress.

**Bidencare**

Visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to apply for benefits through the ACA Health Insurance Marketplace: **1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325)** Local help: <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov/#/>. Enrollment will end on January 15. More than [13 million people had already signed up for 2022 health insurance](#) from the ACA by December 23.

*International*

**China**---The [United States is building up its military forces in Guam and Australia](#) as a defense against China. Tensions with China are increasing because of the country's conflict with Taiwan and its efforts to build up its military. In protest of China's human rights abuses, the Biden administration has announced [a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Olympics in China](#). That means no US government officials would attend, but American athletes would still be able to compete.

President [Biden has threatened Russia](#) with economic sanctions if Russia decides to invade Ukraine. Russian President Putin has told Biden that he would like to meet for more talks.

The United States joined with its international allies to [impose sanctions on Belarus](#) for the country's cruel treatment of migrants at the Belarus border with Poland.

*News Points to Review*

**December 12, 2021**---A recent poll found that [more than 60% of Republicans](#) now believe the lie Trump told about the election being stolen from him. Using that public gullibility, many Republican-controlled states are passing legislation that will make it nearly impossible for a Democrat to win. Proponents of the "stop the steal" movement are seeking office in positions that control their state's election process. If a Democrat does manage to win, the Republican officials in that state can declare the vote invalid and give the win to the Republican opponent.

**December 14, 2021**---The House committee investigating the January 6 violence in the capital has [released information](#) that Fox News personalities and Donald Trump, Jr. tried unsuccessfully to get Mark Meadows to persuade former President Trump to stop the violence. The House committee voted to hold Meadows in contempt of Congress and to recommend that the US Justice Department pursue criminal charges. Republicans Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger voted in support of the charge. South Carolina's US House [Rep. Nancy Mace](#) voted against the contempt charge, although she previously voted in favor of the contempt charge for Steven Bannon. Republicans continue to punish members of their party who do not remain loyal to Donald Trump.

**December 17, 2021**---There may still be some justice in this Trump-damaged country. The Capitol rioter from Florida who assaulted Capitol police with a fire extinguisher, a wooden board, and a pole was [sentenced to five years in jail](#). Let's hope he does not appeal the sentence and wind up with a suspended sentence, a slap on the wrist, and an honored place in Trump's patriot hall of fame. In an effort to save himself, he recanted his belief in the stolen election and said he now believes former President Trump lied to his supporters.

**December 22, 2021**---Democratic Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia is sometimes a thorn in the side of his party. His vote is necessary to get anything passed by the Senate, but he is the moderate (and sometimes conservative) albatross around the neck of the progressive Democrats' agenda—most recently to the "Build Back Better Act". He is a rich man, with much of his wealth coming from the coal industry. However, on December 21, [the United Mine Workers of America put out a statement](#) praising the legislation and asking Manchin to reconsider his opposition. The legislation protects coal miners in several ways from abuse of their rights by their employers (the coal companies). The union also asked Manchin to vote in favor of voting rights legislation. Manchin has always been on friendly terms with the miners because he worked to protect their pensions and benefits, but a good deal of his money comes from the coal mining companies. It remains to be seen which way he will vote when the interests of the miners are in major conflict with the interests of the coal companies.



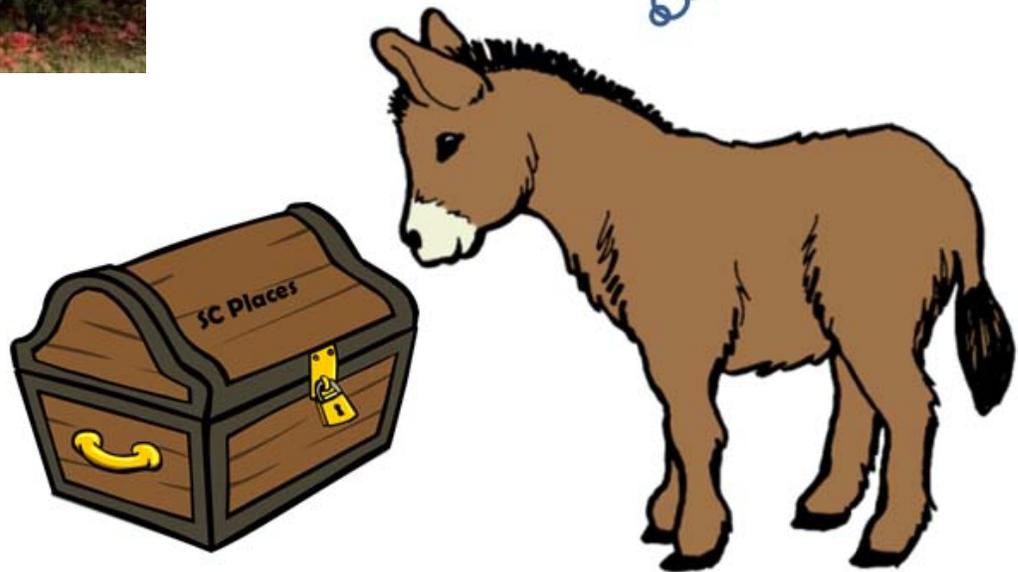
*Traveling Democrats by Jennifer Jewett*



Our camellia from several years ago seemed pretty enough to put in a Christmas and New Year's message. I will repeat a few things that I shared with my friends. We usually take a trip to the mountains in May and October each year but couldn't this year. We have enjoyed riding west toward Chester, and then north to Rock Hill, where we do a lot of our shopping. It was actually kind of a standing joke during the summer for Mike to propose a trip to Chester, but when the leaves began to turn, we actually went there.

I want to take this opportunity to say how much the Lindsay Pettus Greenway has meant to us and our neighbors. Mike and I take a short walk there every Saturday or Sunday. We often see our neighbors, and sometimes their family members, coming back from the Greenway.

I would be delighted to hear about your favorite places to take walks, either in Lancaster or in places you lived before Lancaster. We have so much natural beauty available to us in South Carolina and the nearby states. Let's share in 2022.



[South Carolina on My Mind](#)

At the foot hills of the Appalachian chain,  
Down through the rivers, to the coastal plain,  
There's a place that I call home,  
And I'll never be alone,

Singin' this Carolina love song  
I've got South Carolina on my mind  
Remembering all those sunshine Summertimes,  
And the Autumns in the Smokies when the leaves turn to gold  
Touches my heart and thrills my soul to have South Carolina on my mind,  
With those clean snow-covered mountain Wintertimes  
And the white sand of the beaches and those Carolina peaches,  
I've got South Carolina on my mind.

I'm grown now with a family of my own  
In a place that all my kids are callin' home.  
And I love this life I'm livin',  
And thank God for all He's givin',  
But my heart sings a Carolina love song.

I've got South Carolina on my mind  
Remembering all those sunshine Summertimes,  
And the Autumns in the Smokies when the leaves turn to gold  
Touches my heart and thrills my soul to have South Carolina on my mind,  
With those clean snow-covered mountain Wintertimes  
And the white sand of the beaches and those Carolina peaches,  
I've got South Carolina on my mind.

Please click on the title to hear the lovely SC state song.



## *LCDP Action Teams* *By Jennifer Jewett*

Thanks to those who have stepped up to lead the action teams and to serve on them.

*Jennifer*

### 2021 Team Directors

Fundraising	Ken Gillis
Events	Position Open
Social Media	Ira Bass
Webpage	Terry Pytlarz
Newsletter	Judy Langston
Email Notifications	Joel Schaffer
Membership	Lea Gillis
Get Out The Vote	Fred Whittles
VoteBuilder Administration Action Team	Bonnie Peterson
Community Action Team	Keith Grey



If you have comments or would like to serve on one of these teams, please send that information to us at [LCDP-SCnews@gmail.com](mailto:LCDP-SCnews@gmail.com).

### ACTION TEAMS

#### ACTION TEAMS

##### Budget (Ken Gillis)

The budget team is responsible for raising money for the LCDP. They will work under the supervision of the Treasurer. Some examples are phone solicitation, mailings, and hosted events.

##### Events (Position Open)

This team seeks out public events that we can participate in, like the Martin Luther King Parade, the Red Rose Festival, and the Indian Land Festival. These events are primarily for exposure of the county party.

##### Social Media (Ira Bass)

The social media team will be responsible for all postings to social media accounts. Each account is assigned to one primary administrator. These accounts are Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

##### Web Page (Terry Pytlarz)

The web page action team is responsible for all posting to the web page for the LCDP and will also host a blog on our page.

##### Newsletter (Judy Langston)

The Newsletter Team will produce and publish the LCDP monthly email newsletter.

##### Email Notifications (Joel Schaffer)

This Team will be responsible for all distribution of emails to our membership.

##### Membership (Lea Gillis)

The membership team is responsible for seeking out new volunteers and for increasing the LCDP membership at meetings and events. The team will coordinate volunteers for specific phone banking, mailing, and canvassing events. They will maintain all attendance records of meetings and events and update new members to the email notifications team.

**GOTV (Get Out the Vote) Team (Fred Whittles)**

This team will implement the criteria for LCDP campaigns and work with both the VoteBuilder team and the membership team. The GOTV team will request a list to the VoteBuilder team and coordinate with the membership team to get the volunteers to complete the task. The GOTV team would supply the list and scripts and materials to the membership team. The membership team would distribute to volunteers.

**Vote Builder Administration Team (Bonnie Peterson)**

This team will need to learn VoteBuilder and be proficient on the computer. VoteBuilder is a program we have access to through the state. The VoteBuilder team will create lists requested by the GOTV team. They will also update VoteBuilder and maintain our database.

**Community Action Team (Keith Grey)**

This team will reach out to organizations in our community with whom we may wish to partner to show our support, either financially or physically. Examples are working with Promise Neighborhoods or our donations to NAACP.



## LCDP Media and Social Media

We are working hard to maintain a presence on the Internet, so please drop in to visit us at any or all of our media below. We would welcome comments, suggestions, and especially contributions of content to post—videos, photos, links to articles, information on coming events, or anything else that would be of interest to our followers. Our YouTube channel needs 100 subscribers to get a more manageable URL, so if you would be willing to subscribe, that would be very much appreciated. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to visit us as well. If you have something you would like to share with us, please send it to [LCDPSCnews@gmail.com](mailto:LCDPSCnews@gmail.com), and we will see that it gets to the appropriate place. (FYI: Check out the [video](#) of LCDP members picking up roadside trash on our YouTube Channel.)



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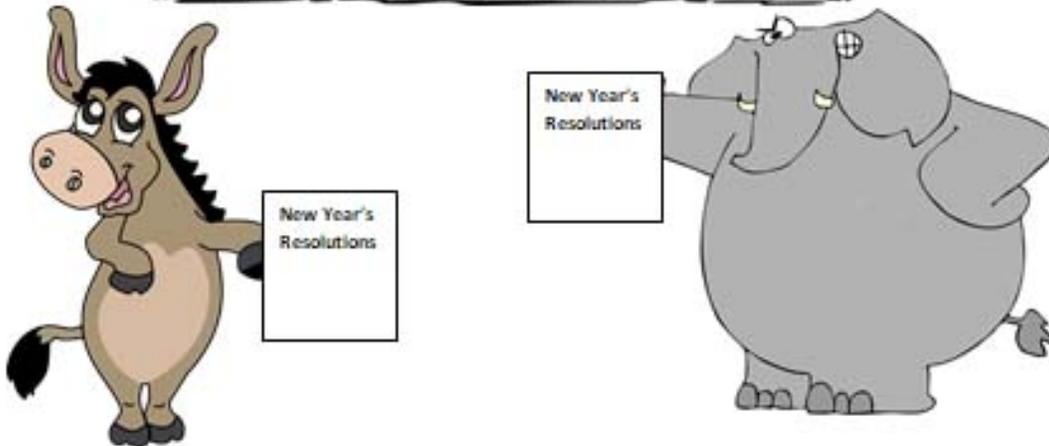
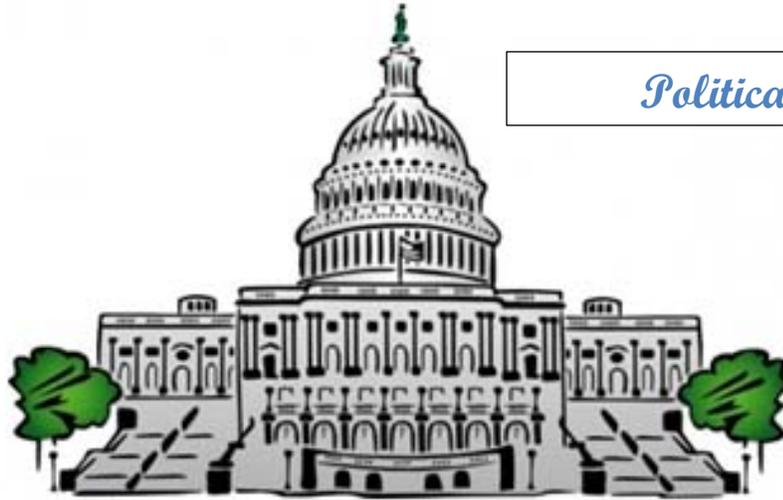


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**New Year's Resolutions**

**Protect the right to vote.  
Retain control of Congress.  
Protect all Americans with vaccines.  
Protect pro-choice rights for women.  
Pass commonsense gun legislature.  
Punish criminals who attacked the capitol on Jan. 6.  
Work to stop climate change damage.  
Plan for immigration reform.  
Spend to repair the infrastructure of the country and to help struggling Americans.**

**New Year's Resolutions**

**Gerrymander and make voting laws so only Republicans can win.  
Regain and expand control of Congress.  
Block and undermine Democrats in every way possible.  
Keep Americans free from masks and vaccines.  
Pass strict abortion laws in every state.  
Put a gun in the hand of every Republican American.  
Exonerate the patriotic Americans who fought for President Trump on Jan. 6.  
Lie about science and say climate change is a hoax.  
Send all migrants at the border back home and deport all who are in the country.  
Keep taxes low for rich Americans and corporations and blame all debt on the Democrats.**

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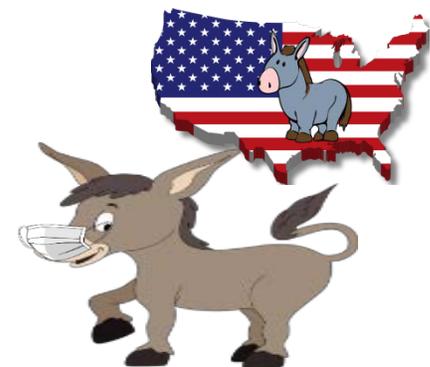


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