



# Lancaster County Democratic Party Newsletter

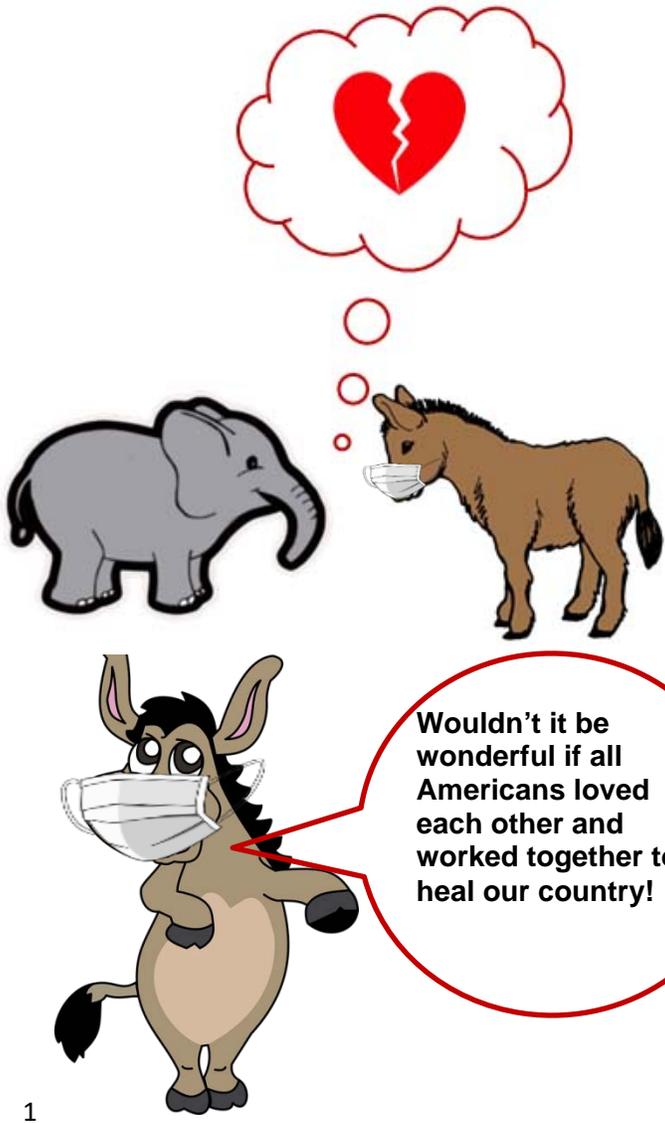


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Thank you to Jeanne Huber for her years of outstanding leadership of the Sun City Democrats Club.

## 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>February 3 at 7 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> .
<b>LCDP Executive Committee Meeting</b>	Meets on the <b>third Tuesday each month</b> . The next meeting will be on <b>February 15 at 7 PM</b> .
<b>SCCL Democrats</b>	Meet on the <b>second Wednesday of each month</b> in person or by Zoom. For information, contact Mike Diamond, President, Sun City Carolina Lakes Democrats ( <a href="mailto:jmikesccldiamond@yahoo.com">jmikesccldiamond@yahoo.com</a> ).
<b>LCDP Democratic Women</b>	Meet on the <b>third Thursday of each month</b> . The next meeting will be on <b>February 17</b> .
<b>Dem Good Time Social</b>	Meets on the <b>fourth Wednesday of each month</b> . The next meeting will be on <b>February 23</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 SC House accepted the redistricting lines as drawn by the Senate and [Governor McMaster signed the plan](#) on January 26. There was very little change made to the existing line, and the new maps will continue to ensure that most Republican incumbents will keep their seats, and there will continue to be a massive Republican majority in the SC Legislature.

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>.

Five bills that would limit what students are taught about race were [discussed in the SC House on January 26](#). Public testimony will be heard on Feb. 8. People can sign up to speak by calling 803-734-3035 or emailing [gin-gerlee@schouse.gov](mailto:gin-gerlee@schouse.gov).

[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>.

[S 0150](#)—The “South Carolina Compassionate Care Act” is a bill on legalizing medical marijuana. Debate on the bill began in the SC Senate during the week of January 24. The bill was first sponsored by Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, in 2015 and has support and opposition on both sides of the political aisle.

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

## SC News

It appears that [Gov. McMaster will not face a Republican opponent](#) this year in November, which, unfortunately, leaves him free to build up his defenses against the three Democratic contenders.

Despite the skyrocketing virus cases in SC, Gov. McMaster announced on January 4 that he would not be declaring a state of emergency, closing schools or businesses, or imposing masks or vaccine mandates (*The Lancaster News*, January 8-9, 2022).

On the more positive side, [Gov. McMaster has proposed](#) a new formula for funding K-12 schools. Under his proposal, per-student funding for children in poverty would be more than doubled, the state’s share of staffing costs would be increased, and the state-set minimums for teacher salaries would be raised by \$2,000. It remains to be seen if the legislature will accept his proposal.

**Redistricting.** The Senate voted on January 20 to [reject the Democrats’ proposed map for redistricting](#), which would have made the districts held by Nancy Mace and Ralph Norman competitive instead of safely Republican.

## State of the state.

[In his state of the state speech](#) on January 19, Governor McMaster painted a rosy picture. In some of his points, he...

- claimed that the SC economy is booming due to his decision not to shut down business in the state during the early days of the pandemic.
- criticized President Biden, with whom he has openly warred through much of the pandemic over mask and vaccine mandates.
- talked about his plans for cutting income tax, establishing a full-day kindergarten, changing the procedure for funding the schools, and raising teacher pay. The school funding comes with strings. He said, “In exchange, every school district must disclose how they spend every dollar, be it local, state, or federal. This information must be published online by the state Department of Education, so parents and taxpayers will know where their money is being spent.”
- proposed using federal COVID relief money on infrastructure projects, including interstate construction, repairing or replacing crumbling water and sewer systems, and expansion of broadband services.
- proposed official audits at the state level to be sure elections were conducted without fraud.

To watch the speech on YouTube, go to <https://youtu.be/aqwxBCrjto>

SC House Rep. Spencer Wetmore gave the [Democratic rebuttal](#). In her speech, she outlined the Democrats’ vision for South Carolina. She said, “I call on my colleagues to reject bitter partisanship extremism and the harsh rhetoric that comes with it. These are strategies of yesterday, and we need leadership for tomorrow.”

To watch the speech on YouTube, go to <https://youtu.be/MumIX2kqaiMo>

## [Tuition Free Technical Colleges](#)

The program that Gov. McMaster announced last year to make tuition free to South Carolina technical colleges began this year. To qualify for free tuition, a student must maintain at least a 2.0 grade average and complete **one** of the following requirements:

- Be employed.
- Complete 100 hours of voluntary work in a nonprofit or service organization.
- Take a financial literacy course in the college.

The free tuition only applies to the fields of health care, manufacturing, IT, transportation distribution and logistics, computer science, and construction. Students also have to apply for federal student aid before they can receive the tuition.

## Local

Congressman Ralph Norman spoke to the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce on January 7. He said he is “worried about the future of the country.” Among his concerns (see Fact Check Below) were the migrants at the border who were allowed in and being shipped “all over the country” by the Democrats, the movement to defund the police, social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter supposedly censoring freedom of speech by conservatives, and a bill in Congress to “nationalize elections”. He complained that the For the People Act would abolish the requirement for voter ID, would allow voters to register on Election Day, prohibit witness signatures on absentee ballots, require states to accept ballots cast by voters outside of their precinct, and give convicted felons the right to vote immediately upon release from prison. He said this bill has already been passed by the House ([The Lancaster News](#), January 12, 2022).

Fact Check: 1. The For the People Act is likely going to be replaced by a more moderate bill called The Freedom to Vote Act, which also has little chance of passing the Senate unless the filibuster is abolished. Passing cloture is required to get past a Senate filibuster. Another bill on the table was The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which is an update to the 1965 Voting Rights Act. These two bills were combined by the House on January 13 into one bill titled The John R Lewis Freedom to Vote Act. There is a summary of this bill on page \_\_\_\_\_. We have not seen all of the details but of Rep. Norman’s list from the For the People Act, only the ability to register on the day of the election is mentioned in the summary. To do that, one would have to present a valid ID. The summary does say that documents that could be used for ID would be expanded and included on a national standard to validate every voter’s identity. 2. [President Biden does not support defunding the police](#). He supports a large investment in community policing, including the hiring of more police officers, but he would make some federal funds conditional upon a demonstration that they can protect the entire community. For most people, “defunding the police” does not mean abolishing police departments. It usually means using funds to retrain and reform the police, including redirecting some funds to other agencies that might be a better fit for some of the jobs police have to do. 3. The migrant situation is too complicated to discuss here. [This link](#) will take you to an article on what is currently happening at the border.

Update Note: The voting rights legislation came to a vote in the Senate on January 19 and failed to pass.

[SC DHEC confirmed](#) 44,666 COVID-19 cases and 40 deaths between Friday, Jan. 7, and January 19. That total included 509 cases in Lancaster County.

## 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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I love Representative Clyburn’s January 6 *Lancaster News* column. I have a bias but can also speak as an English teacher. Clyburn’s column is straightforward and well-reasoned. He provides historical perspective and shows concern for the people of South Carolina and the United States.

### Clyburn column: Jan. 6, voting rights and the tyranny threatening America

On January 7, a column written by Congressman James E. Clyburn, D-SC, appeared in the *Lancaster News*. Congressman Clyburn compares the January 6 insurrection, what caused it, and the aftermath that continues to attack democracy to the attack on Pearl Harbor. He said, “Over the past year, we have witnessed loyalists of the 45th president work to unravel the threads that hold the fabric of our representative democracy together.” Rep. Clyburn explains what is going on in the country to suppress the right to vote, and the blocking of a bill to protect it by 50 Republicans and two Democrats. He says, “The right to vote is the most fundamental thread of our democratic fabric. Without it, our democracy unravels.”

He ends with a quote from the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the US who said, “a house divided against itself cannot stand” ([The Lancaster News](#)).

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In contrast to Clyburn, Lindsey Graham shows more concern for Donald Trump’s ego than for the security of South Carolina and the United States.

*American News Times*: “[Lindsey Graham criticizes Biden for ‘brazen politicization’ of January 6 with speech attacking Trump,](#)” January 7, 2022.

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In the January 12 [Lancaster News article](#) covering the speech Congressman Ralph Norman made on January 7 before the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce that is also covered in the local news above, Norman tries to sound like he has concern for all Americans, but his words are directed to Republicans. I don’t think he shows much interest about Democrats and Independents getting more involved in government at any level.

**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



(See next page)

For the US Senate Seat of Tim Scott

Chair of the  
Spartanburg County Democratic Party  
Angela Geter



SC House Representative  
Krystle Matthews





*New Candidate on the Scene. Meet Kevin Eckert for Congress  
(CD 5)*



Kevin Eckert was born in Rochester, NY, where he received an associate's degree in Environmental Studies from Finger Lakes Community College and a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Science from SUNY School for Environmental Science and Forestry. After graduation, he worked a series of wildlife research jobs, which included time in Tennessee working with golden-winged warblers, Hawaii working with Hawaiian honeycreepers, and South Carolina working with wild pigs. Kevin permanently moved to South Carolina in 2016 and took a job with the USDA Wildlife Services, which led him to Sumter. His job with the Wildlife Services involved him working in Clarendon, Calhoun, Sumter, and Lee Counties.

Kevin got involved with politics in 2018, first with his local county party, the Sumter County Democratic Party, along with Sean Carrigan's congressional race in the 2nd Congressional District. Since then, Kevin has served as the Third Vice-Chair of the Sumter County Democratic Party, helped start the Sumter-Clarendon Young Democrats, and continued his advocacy with the Young Democrats of South Carolina.

Along with his service to the Democratic party and his love of the environment, Kevin's passion lies with voting rights. He has led voter registration efforts, served as a poll worker in elections, and testified at the statehouse to fight against voting restrictions.

Kevin currently resides in Sumter, SC with his partner, Cat. He serves as the 2nd Vice President of the Young Democrats of South Carolina, along with serving as the 1st Vice Chair of the Sumter County Democratic Party. He also works as a consultant with JGS Strategies, a political consulting company that helps people get started with running for office.

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*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. We planned events with candidates Angela Geter in January and Gary Votour in February. However, the Omicron variant caused virus infections to soar again, so both events are on hold until numbers go down to a safe level. Between December 27, 2021, and January 9, 2022, there were 1,288 new infections in Lancaster County.



*Angela Geter,  
Candidate for US Senate*



*Gary Votour  
Candidate for Governor of SC*

## *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*

**The Virus**---By January 1, the US was averaging more than [386,000 new cases per day](#) and [continued to break records during January](#). On January 11, the evening news announced that more than 1.4 million new cases had been reported that day. The record for number of people hospitalized by the virus was also broken on that day. On January 14, 2021, there were a record-breaking 142,000 people in hospital because of the virus. [On January 11, 2022, there were 145,982](#). The Omicron variant was responsible for 98.3 percent of those cases. Responding to that, President Biden said on January 13 that he would make [free Covid tests and high-quality masks](#) available to all Americans.

**The Expanded Child Tax Credit** ended. The Biden administration hoped that it would be popular enough to be renewed, but that did not happen.

**The January 6, 2021 riot continued to be a topic of high interest** to Democrats in Congress and is making its way into midterm election strategy. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has proclaimed on its website that Republicans incited a riot and listed the 139 Republicans who voted to overturn the presidential election and those who promoted election lies. Liz Cheney and her father, former vice-president Dick Cheney, were [the only Republicans in the House](#) during the moment of silence on January 6.

**Democratic House Losses**---Adding to the challenge of keeping a Democratic majority in the House this year are not only the redistricting plans to keep Republicans in power but also the [Democratic House members who do not plan to run for reelection](#). Twenty-five Democrats have announced that they plan to retire and not seek reelection. Six more are planning to leave in order to run for the US Senate or for governor of their state.

**The Mask Mandate for Employees of Large Companies**---On January 13, [the US Supreme Court blocked President Biden's mask mandate](#) for businesses employing more than 100 people. The ruling said, "Although Congress has indisputably given OSHA the power to regulate occupational dangers, it has not given that agency the power to regulate public health more broadly." The Court did, however, allow a mask mandate for certain health care workers.

### **Bidencare**

Visit [HealthCare.gov](https://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 ended on January 15, but under special circumstances, you can still apply.



## *Voting Legislation*

There were two voting rights bills—The For the People Act that was introduced in 2019 and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act that updated the 1965 Voting Rights Act. The For the People Act was revised in the Senate and became the more moderate Freedom to Vote Act. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act was passed by the House, and Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, was a co-sponsor. Republicans have used a “secret filibuster” to prevent an open debate on these bills. On January 13, the House combined the two bills into one bill called Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act. As mentioned earlier, [voting rights legislation failed to pass in the Senate](#) on January 19 because 60 senators were required to pass it, and none of the Republican senators joined the 50 Democrats.

### The Freedom to Vote Act would include

- National standards for voting access to ensure equal access by all voters
  - States would be required to provide a minimum number of days for early voting and allow voting by mail for any reason.
  - A national standard would expand the type of documents voters could use for identification.
  - Election day would become a national holiday.
  - States would be required to keep voting lines to 30 minutes or less, which would limit a state’s ability to close large numbers of polling sites.
  - Penalties would also increase for intimidating and deceiving voters

- Voting hours would include weekends and evenings.
- Voters could register on the day of elections with a valid ID. Lying about voter ID would become a felony.
- Vote by mail, free of postage, would be allowed for any reason.
- Voter registration would be automatic.
- Voter rolls would be updated on a regular schedule to remove voters who have died, moved, or changed their name.
- All voting machines would be required to have a paper ballot and all voting machines would have to be made in America.
- Redistricting reform
  - Partisan gerrymandering in congressional maps would be prohibited and neutral redistricting standards would be required.
- Protection of election workers and records
  - It would be a federal crime to harass, intimidate, threaten or coerce election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers.
  - Voters would be able to sue in federal courts if they believed their voting rights were violated or their vote unfairly counted.
  - Partisan ballot reviews would be prohibited, but official audits would be required.
- Campaign finance reform
  - The disclosure of major donors would be required of those who spend more than \$10,000 in an election reporting cycle, and super PACs would have to keep their activities separate from campaigns.

## *International*

**Ukraine**---Causing tension for the US and on the international scene is [the situation between Russia and Ukraine](#). Russia appears on the verge of invading our ally Ukraine or wants the US to think they are on the verge of doing so. If Russia invades, the US will have a problem since support to Ukraine has been promised. On January 18, a bipartisan group of US senators met with the Ukrainian president to reaffirm US support. [By January 20](#), Russia had stationed 100,000 troops near its border with Ukraine and issued a list of demands to NATO. Russia wants a pledge that Ukraine will never be allowed to join NATO and a pullback of NATO troops in Eastern Europe to 1990s levels. President Biden said that Ukraine is not likely to be invited to join NATO in the near future, but a pledge that the country will never be invited is unlikely to be given. It is also highly unlikely that NATO troops will be pulled back.

**Honduras**---[Honduras has a new president](#). Xiomara Castro is the first female to hold that office. Castro is a democratic socialist, and she has promised to end the causes of poverty in her country, such as economic insecurity, inequality, corruption, and violence. These are the main causes of migration to the United States, so that will make her a potential ally for the Biden administration.

## *News Points to Review*

**January 8, 2022**---Conservative Republican Supreme Court Judge [Neil Gorsuch appeared in court](#) to discuss President Biden's mask mandate without a mask, which was surprising since all of his Republican colleagues were wearing one. Not wearing a mask is considered by many Republicans to be a patriotic act of rebellion against the tyranny of government control, but Gorsuch's behavior put the other justices in danger, including 83-year-old Stephen Breyer and 67-year-old Sonia Sotomayor, who has diabetes. Sotomayor sits next to Gorsuch, and she must have known he planned to appear maskless because she chose not to attend in person. Ruth Marcus of *The Washington Post* [commented](#), "His decision seems emblematic of a country where partisan loyalty can trump Covid reality. It also seems emblematic of a court on which the justices are increasingly willing to behave as partisan actors rather than impartial judges."

**January 13, 2022**---In a bizarre reversal of the war on masks and vaccines that he started, former [President Trump has come out in favor of booster shots](#) and said politicians who hide their vaccination status are "gutless."

**January 13, 2022**---[The RNC has announced](#) that Republican future presidential candidates will be prohibited from participating in presidential debates organized by the nonpartisan, nonprofit Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD). This ultimatum was apparently caused by former President Trump's claim that CPD was biased against him.

**January 21, 2022**---The investigation of the January 6 capitol riot goes on. [It has now been alleged](#) that Rudy Giuliani and President Trump's campaign team oversaw efforts to put illegitimate electors in place in the states that he lost, lined up Trump supporters to fill the slots, reserved places for them to meet, and forged drafts of fake certificates.

**January 24, 2022**---[The US Supreme Court has announced](#) that they will consider removing race-based affirmative action in college admissions. The justices will hear challenges to the policy in place at Harvard and the University of NC in the session that begins in October.

**January 26, 2022**—Liberal Supreme Court Justice [Stephen Breyer has announced he plans to retire](#) at the end of this term. This will give President Biden his first opportunity to nominate someone to the Supreme Court. It is not good news to be losing one of the only three liberal judges, but he is 83 years old. If President Biden can manage to replace him with another liberal judge, that person could remain on the court for decades. President Biden has promised that his nominee will be an African-American woman. Congressman James [Clyburn is lobbying](#) for that judge to be South Carolina Justice J. Michelle Childs.

**January 28, 2022**---[The G.D.P. increased 5.7](#) percent over the last year. This is the biggest annual increase in economic output in years. However, high inflation is keeping the country from seeing the benefits of that good news.



## *Traveling Democrats by Jennifer Jewett*



### *Rock Hill, SC*

In our travel section this month, we take you to our nearby neighbor Rock Hill, a convenient place to go for everyday chores and medical services, and sometimes for escapes from the ordinary. While you are there, you might visit historic [Winthrop University](#), the graceful old [White Home](#), or any number of its charming parks, streets, or restaurants. One of my favorite of those restaurants is [Amélie's French Bakery and Café](#) at 157 East Main Street, a place with funky decor containing mementos of Paris. They have french pastries and internationally themed sandwiches and soups. I especially love their tartines, which are open-faced sandwiches. The ham and gruyère tartine is one of my favorite foods.

In keeping with my international slant, Rock Hill has a big [festival on Main Street on St. Patrick's Day](#), with food, live performances including Irish dancers, music, crafts, and other entertainment.

[Glencairn Garden](#), located at 725 Crest Street, perhaps the brightest jewel in the Rock Hill crown of beautiful parks, also has an international name. Although the 11-acre park was established in 1928 by a Rock Hill couple named David and Hazel Biggers, the name is a Scottish surname, and it is also the name of a Scottish whisky. In the spring, there are azaleas, camellias, and flowering trees. Summer brings daylilies, and in early fall annuals and perennials still flourish. At any time of the year, a walk through this oasis of nature in the middle of the city will restore your soul.

[Fountain Park](#), located at 300 East Main Street, is also worth a visit. The park contains a large fountain, green space, and a small performance stage.

Both Congressman Ralph Norman and Senator Lindsey Graham maintain offices in Rock Hill. I have participated in a protest here in front of Lindsey Graham's office, and some of you have also done that as well. If the office is open inside, the staff is very gracious and more accommodating than Graham himself.

[The Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections archive website](#) at Winthrop University has valuable records about the history of Winthrop University and South Carolina, especially relating to the Catawba Region (Chester, York, Union, and Lancaster counties). It is very informative and offers lots of help. I plan to use it soon to research my ancestor Newman Robinson.

Located not very far from Rock Hill and Lancaster is the [Anne Springs Close Greenway](#) (2573 Lake Haigler Drive, Fort Mill, SC). This is a huge nature preserve that Anne Springs Close provided for the people of South Carolina. Close loved to spend time in the Greenway. Sadly, the event that led to her death at age 95 was a tree on her property falling and injuring her. Visit the Greenway for your own benefit and as a memorial to her.

Finally, York County is also a great place to buy peaches and summer vegetables. We buy peaches and summer vegetables in McBee and Filbert, near York. Those at Filbert are a little better. The Peach Tree farm also has a good variety of ice cream flavors. Here are links to the [Bush-N-Vine Farm](#) in York but with produce also in Rock Hill and on Lake Wylie, and the [Peach Tree Orchard](#) at 2077 Filbert Highway near York, SC.



**Glencairn Garden  
in the Spring**



## Rock Hill, South Carolina

1. Main Street
2. Tillman Hall, Winthrop University
3. Scholar's Walk
4. The Historic White Home
5. St. Patrick's Day Festival





*Events*

*Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King*

The following letter was written for *The Lancaster News*



LANCASTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL

**"Democratic Women's Council Salutes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday"**

The Lancaster County Democratic Women's Council celebrated the legacy of Dr. King by participating in the Lancaster MLK Parade on Saturday, January 15, 2022. It was a brisk, clear winter day, and we were so happy to be among the dedicated individuals, churches, and organizations that joined the parade. One of Dr. King's quotes was proudly displayed: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

The Lancaster Democratic Women's Council's primary objectives are to uphold democracy for everyone and increase the education and participation of women in the political process. Its vision: "We envision a compassionate community where all persons will unequivocally benefit from a democratic process in all aspects of society." Values: "We believe in liberty, justice, and equality for all persons."

Members who represented the Council in the parade were Christian Garcia, President, Verta W. Looper, Dr. Zora S. Denson, Gail McClenic, Rita Kimmel, Rita Mitchell, and Marla Sullivan.

For more information about the Council, please review its webpage: [www.lancasterdemocrats/lcdwc](http://www.lancasterdemocrats/lcdwc).

Christian Garcia, President  
Verta W. Looper, Secretary  
January 17, 2022

*The Lancaster Parade honoring Dr. Martin Luther King on January 15*



The LCDP Democratic Women's Council



The Lancaster County Democratic Party



## *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

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##### 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.)



<https://www.lancasterdemocrats.com/> Webpage



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Newsletter—sent out by e-mail subscription and posted on website .  
<https://www.lancasterdemocrats.com/newsletters>

*Political Cartoon*

*I love you, America,  
and I'm trying to do  
my best for you.  
Happy Valentine's  
Day.*



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**Happy February!**



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