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Primary Newsletter

Part 1

Republican Primary

The Republican Primary is June 14th ("Flag Day"). The Reaganites of York County will play an active role in the primary. This newsletter and the May newsletter ("Primary Newsletter Part 2") will focus on some of our efforts.

ENDORISING PRIMARY CANDIDATES

As we did two years ago, all Reaganites who are current in their dues will be able to cast an “e-ballot” to help us decide which local candidates the Reaganites will endorse in the Republican primary. Here is the procedure we are following:

- As in 2020, the balloting will be done anonymously on the secure, cloud-based “[Election Runner](#)” software platform. It will run from May 3 - May 17. Results will be announced at the Reaganites SC Superintendent Forum on May 19 at Winthrop University and subsequently in an e-mail blast to the entire mailing list.
- If you have paid your dues and you do not receive an e-ballot by May 3, please immediately contact Frank Trotta (Frank.Trotta@Reaganites.com).
- A candidate must be interviewed by the Board (or a subcommittee of the Board) to get on the “Reaganites Primary” e-ballot.
- **But a candidate NEED NOT be a Reaganite member to be endorsed.** However, to prevent “raiding” where a non-conservative candidate get his or her supporters to pay dues just to vote in the “Reaganites Primary” e-ballot, the Board maintains a veto power over candidates who fail to demonstrate their CONSERVATIVE *bona fides*. Such candidates will not appear on our ballot.
- Candidates on the “Reaganites Primary” e-ballot get to post a video on our website which will stay there until the end of the “Reaganites Primary” e-balloting. (See [video section](#) later in this newsletter.)
- After endorsements are made only the video of the endorsed candidates will remain on the website.
- Also, until the end of the “Reaganites Primary” e-balloting candidates who are dues-paid Reaganite members gain access to our members up until the time of our endorsement. (E.g., We are printing in this newsletter and the next [bios of Reaganites](#) who are

running. We also will disseminate [campaign event information](#) for candidates who are members.)

- After the “Reaganites Primary” e-ballot is completed, whoever is endorsed -- member or not -- will have exclusive access to our members.

CANDIDATES TO SPEAK

The Reaganites of York County will be hosting two candidate-forums prior to the June 14 primary.

District 48 Forum, Wednesday May 11th.

We are amazingly fortunate to have THREE REAGANITES running for the 48th State House District which Bruce Byant so ably represented: (in alphabetical order)

- **Elizabeth Enns**
- **Brandon Guffey**
- **Jamie Henrickson**

Reaganites' Secretary Alice Brite, has arranged for all three candidates to speak at a joint forum on the evening of Wednesday, May 11.

(At the time of publication we are still searching for a location in the district to hold the forum. When the location is determined we will send a notice to members.)

South Carolina Superintendent of Education Forum, Thursday May 19th.

The other Reaganites Candidate Forum is being held in conjunction with the Winthrop University College Republicans. We will be hosting the candidates running in the Republican Primary for South Carolina Superintendent of Education. Five of the six candidates remaining on the June 14th ballot have agreed to attend:

- **Bryan Chapman**
- **Kizzi Gibson**
- **Lynda Leventis-Wells**
- **Kathy Maness**
- **Ellen Weaver**

(The sixth candidate has not responded to repeated communications.)

The South Carolina Superintendent of Education Forum will be Thursday, May 19 at Winthrop University, Dina's Place, 2020 Alumni Drive, Rock Hill. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and will run until 9 p.m.

The event is FREE --- ***BUT*** --- you must have a ticket to get in, under Winthrop University rules. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#). (Click on the word [Eventbrite](#), or scan the QR code below.) When you get to the [Eventbrite](#) website it will say there is a charge for the event; we did that to stop some abuse that was going on. Reaganites and other Republicans don't need to pay. Just e-mail mail@Reaganites.com and tell me you want to go and I'll e-mail you the "promo code" for that week to use at checkout on the [Eventbrite](#) website so it doesn't cost you a cent.

Our thanks to Reaganites First Vice President **Dennis Getter** for organized this forum as well as to the invaluable

help of Reaganites Second Vice President **Mark Herring** and our Communications Director (and Winthrop University College Republican President) **Garrett Jackson** for doing an incredible job in working through the university bureaucracy to secure us a great venue for the forum.

S.C. Superintendent of Ed Forum

Thursday, May 19th, 2022
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Dina's Place at Winthrop University

Hosted by:

Winthrop University College
Republicans

York County Reaganites

Please visit our EventBrite link for more information and to RSVP!
Link: <https://bit.ly/3N2w03j>



Candidates

Cindy Bohn Coats

Sheri Few

Kizzi Staley Gibson

Kathy Maness

Ellen Weaver

QR Code to RSVP through
the Reaganites website



Tickets

REAGANITES RUNNING

There are several REAGANITES running for office here are some of their bios. (There are listed in alphabetical order.) More to be published in the May newsletter.



Pastor Elizabeth Enns

Elizabeth Enns is running for the 48th State House District. Elizabeth is a mother, educator, pastor, author, immigrant and now a proud U.S. citizen. She is the president and founder of Patriotic Students of America and also invests her time in teaching teens with a parent incarcerated to prepare them for success in college and post-secondary education. She also teaches the incarcerated parent how to connect with their children and build healthy relationships. Elizabeth actively studies current state legislative bills and how they will impact our communities and seeks to educate the community and be a conservative voice at the State House.

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State Representative Raye Felder

Raye and her husband Wayne have called Fort Mill home for over 40 years. She attended York Technical College, Winthrop University and is a Graduate of Limestone College. Raye was an Allstate Agency owner for almost 30 years in the Fort Mill and Indian Land. Her experiences as a small business owner instilled a passion to be a public servant and represent York County in the South Carolina General Assembly.

Representative Felder has been named the Citizen of the Year by the Fort Mill Chamber; as well as, Business Person of the Year and Insurance Women of the Year. Her insurance career was filled with community service and diligent efforts to protect the quality of life and education in Fort Mill. As a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, Raye serves on the Education and Public Works committee and chairs the K-12 sub-committee, the Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children.

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County Council Member Brandon Guffey

Brandon Guffey is running for the 48th State House District. He says, "I was raised in Rock Hill, went to school here, met and married my wife here, and we're raising our family here. This is where I learned the value of hard work. I have



built multiple small businesses in Rock Hill and work hard to give back to our community. I do the same in serving on the York County Council. I'm ready to work to represent the people I care about by serving them in the State House. Our country, state and community are at a crossroads and I'm running to take our common sense conservative values to Columbia.

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York County Planning Commission Chair Jamie Henrickson

Jamie Henrickson is running for the 48th State House District. Having lived many other places Jamie Henrickson knew that South Carolina was her true home and has been here for 13 years now. Jamie started her conservative roots early as a member of Young Republicans in high school. Jamie is deeply involved with the community. She has been a member of the Clover/Lake Wylie Republican Women since 2009, most recently serving as its president. She is also a member of the York County Republican Women, Republican Women Rising, and York County GOP as well as the Lion's Club. She is an unassailable supporter of the Second Amendment -- herself being a CWP holder and responsible gun owner. Jamie founded the Henrickson Group, LLC in 2017. She is currently Chair of the York County Planning Commission. Jamie and her husband are the proud parents of two teenagers.

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Former Tega Cay Mayor David O'Neal

David L. O'Neal is running for the newly created SC House District 66. He served in the US Army for twenty years and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He has been a resident of Tega Cay for over 21 years and served as the Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor for six years. He recently retired from the US House of Representatives where he served as District Director for the 5th Congressional District held by Congressman Ralph Norman. David is a graduate of Texas Christian University and Winthrop University and is married to Linda who is a York County native. Their two children attended Ft Mill Schools from K-12 and both attended Clemson University.

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State Representative Tommy Pope

Tommy Pope is the Representative for SC House District 47 representing primarily the York and Clover areas of western York County. A former law enforcement officer and prosecutor, Tommy currently is a managing partner at the Elrod Pope Law Firm. After retiring as Solicitor of the 16th Judicial Circuit, Tommy was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2010. In 2014, Tommy was elected by his fellow



Representatives to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore and continues in that capacity today. Tommy and his wife Kimberly reside in York, South Carolina and have four children and two grandchildren.

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Campaign Training Workshop

Run a Winning Campaign

The Campaign Training Workshop helps conservative leaders and activists identify the steps necessary to run a successful campaign. The workshop focuses on how to develop a unique, specific campaign strategy and message for a current or future campaign that is persuasive to voters.

Ideal attendees include current or future candidates, campaign management, and campaign staff (including volunteers).

You will learn:

- Campaign Strategy and Messaging
- Campaign Planning
- Fundraising



Home2Suites/Hilton
1840 Coltharp Rd.
Fort Mill, SC 29708



Saturday,
May 14, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



\$20
(Lunch included)




Register Today

Register online at LeadershipInstitute.org or contact Kirsten Holmberg at KHolmberg@Leadershipinstitute.org or (703) 247-2000.



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CAMPAIGN TRAINING IN FT. MILL

The Reaganites of York County, through the efforts of **Reaganites Board member Rick Oehlhof**, have arranged for the nationally renowned [Leadership Institute](#) to have an all-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) campaign training session in Ft. Mill on Saturday, May 14 at **Home2Suites/Hilton Hotel, 1840 Coltharp Rd., Fort Mill.**

The [Leadership Institute](#) is a non-partisan, non-profit educational organization that trains conservative activists and leaders. While non-partisan, Republicans can advertise, promote, and recommend this outstanding training. I urge you to forward this information to all conservatives you know, and I urge you to attend as well.

DETAILS

By whom? The Leadership Institute...America's top training organization for conservative activists and candidates.

Instructor? Senior Vice President of the Leadership Institute, Steven Sutton, who has over 30 years of experience successfully managing and leading political campaigns, Capitol Hill offices, and political non-profits.

Topics to be covered?

- Campaign Strategy and Messaging - You will learn how to develop a unique, specific campaign strategy and message for a current or future campaign that is persuasive to voters.
- Campaign Planning - You will learn how to write a comprehensive campaign plan to bring order, organization, and discipline to a campaign. Voter contact methods, coalitions, and budgeting are among the subjects to be covered.
- Fundraising - You will learn how to raise money properly and successfully for a political campaign or non-profit organization to include specific, foolproof methods...guaranteed.

For Whom? Former, current, and future candidates...senior campaign staff/volunteers (such as campaign manager, volunteer coordinator, or finance director)...anyone who has volunteered in a campaign and wants to understand how a campaign should be properly run.

When? Saturday, May 14th, 2022 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where? Home2Suites/Hilton Hotel

1840 Coltharp Rd.,

Fort Mill, SC 29708

Cost? \$20 (which will include lunch) paid to the Leadership Institute.

Register



Tega Cay Mayor pro temp Tom Hyslip has joined the Board of the Reaganites of York County as an At-Large member.

Tom Hyslip joins Reaganites Board

Thomas Hyslip is an Assistant Professor of Instruction in the Criminology Department at the University of South Florida. He received his Doctor of Science degree in Information Assurance from Capitol College in 2014. His research focuses on cybercrime and cybersecurity, including computer hacking, malware, and DDoS attacks.

Prior to becoming a faculty member at USF, Tom served as a federal law enforcement officer for over 23 years specializing in cybercrime investigations and digital forensics. His final law enforcement position was the Resident Agent in Charge of the Department of Defense, Defense Criminal Investigative

Service (DCIS), Cyber Resident Agency. He was previously a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service and retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve. Tom was recently elected to the Tega Cay City Council in November 2021.

Already Tom has updated our website, and is working on installing an online dues-payment option on our [membership page](#). He is also automating our e-mailing capabilities, and will be sending a copy of this newsletter through that platform. Please let us know which format you prefer.

Candidate Videos

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Several candidates have been interviewed, but as of the time of publication only two have sent video links. These are [now up on our website](#).

Candidate Videos

Inside Rock Hill

Long-time Reaganite, and former Board member **Camille Livingston** is just completing a ten-week

city government class called “Inside Rock Hill.” She says it’s been “incredibly informative” and she highly recommends it.

Camille said the city is starting up a fresh series of classes September 8. There are 25 slots, and they are filled first come, first serve. No cost to sign up, but it is a ten week commitment. (2 hours, one night a week; mine have been Thursdays 6-8pm.) Dorene Boular runs the program. Her contact information is [\(803\) 325-2527](tel:8033252527); Dorene.boular@cityodrockhill.com . Applications can be submitted online.

[Submit Application](#)



BUMPER-STICKER OF THE MONTH

In Lake Wylie I recently saw a car with a California license plate proudly displaying a bumper-sticker with some liberal trope. We are seeing more and more cars with out-of-state tags driving around York County. They are easy to spot – most of them have “front” state-issued license plates, instead of just rear ones. They are often from “blue states” (New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and a surprising number from California).

Perhaps they are visiting, or more ominously, maybe they are thinking of settling here. I pray that those people from blue states looking to relocate here are, like me: **conservative “political refugees” seeking the political asylum from the “insane asylum” they are currently living in. We don’t want or need a “political climate change”** resulting from progressive voters bringing their liberal ideas and voting to our area.

Shortly after I saw the California bumper-sticker I saw the one below which succinctly summarizes my feelings on the matter.

If you see a clever bumper-sticker which reflects our conservative values, please send a photo of it to mail@reaganites.com for us to publish in a future newsletter. Feel free to write a commentary about it too.

Submit Bumper Sticker



VOLUNTEER TO CAMPAIGN

Under our bylaws, the Reaganites Senior Vice President is charged with the duties which include volunteer recruitment for the grass roots campaigns of supported candidates. Our current, Senior Vice President, **Sharon Bynum**, is seeking your help. If you want to help campaign for conservative office-seekers, please reach out to Sharon via email.

[Email Sharon](#)

PAY YOUR 2022 DUES NOW!

Membership dues runs on a calendar year basis. So your 2022 dues may be due if you haven't paid already. (We did have a significant number of members pay for 2022 in December of 2021.) Single membership is \$25.00 person or \$40.00 for a couple. Make check payable to:



Reaganites of York County and send them to our **Treasurer, Michael Cox** at 755 East Rambo Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730.

Remember, you can't vote in our primary endorsement e-balloting unless your dues is fully paid. Dues is not pro-rated, so people who join in June still will have to pay the full year's dues for 2022 – so you're not saving any money by waiting.

Additionally, as a South Carolina PAC we raise money to help candidates. If you are interested in helping us fundraise please e-mail Frank.Trotta@Reaganites.com and PLEASE consider making a contribution to our PAC. Contributions in any amount can be sent to Michael at the highlighted address above.



RONALD REAGAN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Inflation is as violent as a mugger, as frightening as an armed robber and as deadly as a hit man."

ESSAY OF THE MONTH

Reaganites Second Vice President, Dr. Mark Herring,

talks about what exactly is “wearing your Sunday best” nowadays.

The phrase that headlines this piece is from Cole Porter’s song that was also the name of his 1934 musical, “Anything Goes.” Written almost 100 years ago now, Porter predicted our decorum plight without knowing it, a better scryer than those with crystal balls.

One of my favorite lines runs, “Good authors, too, who once knew better words,/ Now use only four-letter words/ Writing prose, anything goes.” Look up the rest for his astonishing prophecy, though it’s certain that Porter only wanted to make light of the rich and famous. Read today; he makes fun of all of us. It isn’t just authors who once knew the right words; it’s every Tom, Dick, and Harry in the mall or the grocery using every four-letter word they know or using the only words they know that are but four letters long.

It should not surprise us. Since Porter’s song, the degrading of culture has only worsened over the five decades. And it is evident everywhere: movies, television, songs, politics, the cesspool we call the internet, and, yes, even dress. Cicero warned that, “[i]f we are forced, at every hour, to watch or listen to horrible events, this constant stream of ghastly impressions will deprive even the most delicate among us of all respect for humanity.” It certainly has when it comes to dress. Take a tour of any public place—and I mean any—and you’ll see what I mean.

READ THE REST OF HIS ESSAY [HERE](#).

OTHER LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS



April 29

Clover- Lake Wylie Republican Women

WHEN: Friday, April 29

WHERE: River Hills Country Club

TIME: • 11:30 AM – Registration

COST FOR LUNCH: \$25

SPEAKERS: All three candidates for 48th State House seat

April 25

Republican Women Rising

WHEN: Monday, April 25

WHERE: The Glennon Center (next to the Tega Cay Clubhouse);15083 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay; meeting in upstairs ballroom.

COST FOR DINNER: \$12 per person plus gratuity and tax.

TIME: • 5:30pm (Social) 6:30 (Meeting Begins)

SPEAKER: Congressman Ralph Norman



April 28



York County Republican Party

WHEN: Thursday, April 28

WHERE: The Ft. Mill Hampton Inn

TIME: • 7:00 PM - Meeting begins

COST: No admission charge

SPEAKER: Several Republican candidates

April 26

CANDIDATE FUNDRAISER*

WHEN: Tuesday, April 26

WHERE: The Rive Place, 453 Glynwood Forest Drive, Ft. Mill

TIME: • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

COST: No admission charge

SPEAKER: Elizabeth Enns



**As mentioned in our endorsement policy at the top of this newsletter, until the time of our official endorsement the Reaganites of York County will post campaign event information provided to us by candidates who are Reaganites.*

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