

REAGANITES of York County, SC



Thanksgiving 2021

Dear Fellow Reaganites,

COME TO OUR FOURTH QUARTER EVENT



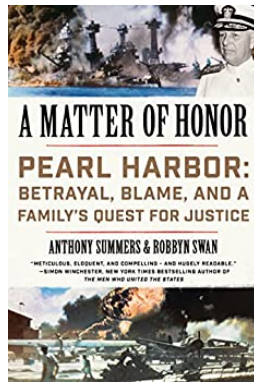
80th Anniversary
Attack on Pearl Harbor

FOURTH QUARTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 starting at 6:30 p.m.
1520 Carolina Place Dr.
Fort Mill, SC 29708-7051

Ft. Mill Hampton Inn (Lowe's Shopping Center)
MEMBERS and VETERANS: Free
ALL OTHERS: \$10

December 7, 2021 will mark the **80th anniversary** of the unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor and the Reaganites will be commemorating the occasion with a special presentation. **The four-star admiral in charge of Pearl Harbor** (and in fact the commander in chief of the entire United States Pacific Fleet) was Admiral Husband Kimmel. **Admiral Kimmel is the grandfather of WRHI radio Co-Owner and Managing Partner Manning Kimmel.** Manning has agreed to speak to our group about a fascinating book about his grandfather, the attack and its aftermath and his families efforts to clear Admiral Kimmel's name.



The book, *A Matter of Honor: Pearl Harbor: Betrayal, Blame, and a Family's Quest for Justice* is available at the York County Public Library and the Winthrop University library, or [here](#). The book is also available as an audiobook and would make great listening on a long ride on Thanksgiving weekend. Both Manning and I urge you to read the book before our December meeting. It tells in detail about the events leading up to and following the attack. The book details attempts by the Admiral and his sons and now his grandchildren, as well as numerous Navy admirals and veterans groups, to clear the Admiral's name.

TWO NEW REAGANITE DIRECTORS

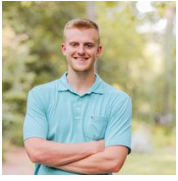


Rick Oehlhof

Rick Oehlhof has agreed to join the Reaganites' Board of Directors as an At Large member.

Rick currently serves as Vice Chair of the York County Republican Party as well as Precinct President for Ferry Branch in Rock Hill. He has been a resident of York County since 2017. Rick is a 23-year U.S. Army Veteran & Green Beret who retired in 2014 from Ft Bragg, NC and transitioned into civilian life & career. Over the course of his career, he deployed worldwide in support of U.S. National Security objectives across the spectrum of conflict. Rick said, "I've enjoyed being a member of the Acton Institute and the Russell Kirk Center, both of which helped me solidify my conservative conviction. My wife Christi & I have been married for 25 years and are the parents of three children, four dogs and a cat!"

Ever since retiring from the service, Rick has drawn closer to the political realm, out of a sense of duty. Rick studied diligently what it means to be an authentic conservative, but more importantly, why it's so important and why conservative policies are better for everybody. He believes duty is calling all of us now, in an extraordinary way, and we must work together and stick together.



Garrett Jackson

Garrett Jackson agreed to step up to the plate to fill the void, when Dustin Tant had to resign as the Communications Director of the Reaganites of York County to concentrate more on his college work. (We applaud Dustin's priorities.)

Garrett is President of the Winthrop University College Republicans. Many of you may have met this well-spoken young man at a YCGOP meeting. We will have more on Garrett's background in our next newsletter.

MORE REAGANITES VICTORIES

The Reaganites of York County is affiliated with the York Area Conservative Coalition ("YACC"). We had on our website links to the YACC-endorsed candidates for local office and they won! Congratulations!!!

The winners include two REAGANITES: Brittany Farr (Clover Town Council) and Tom Hyslip (Tega Cay City Council). We hope the other conservatives who won will join Reaganites too! People can join the Reaganites of York County by filling out the form [here](#) . Folks who join now will have their dues count for the rest of 2021 and all of 2022.

REAGANITE DIRECTOR MARK HERRING PENS ANOTHER GREAT COLUMN

On the heels his October column in the Carolina Journal, entitled *Joe's dirty dozen...so far*, REAGANITES Board of Directors member, Dr. Mark Herring published another great column in the same journal. Both articles are available through our website: [here](#).

This month Mark writes about Critical Race Theory in his piece FETID LILIES:

Fetid Lilies

In sonnet ninety-four, Shakespeare turns his brilliance to youth and its fickleness, ending the sonnet with one of the most memorable of his couplets: "For sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds/Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds."

This couplet came to mind as the current controversy regarding Critical Race Theory (CRT) swirls madly about the country. Former President Obama, the recently deposed Terry McAuliffe, and all the other quacksalvers notwithstanding, CRT is no tempest in a teapot. It isn't a balefire that lights the way to a better future but a torch that incinerates our past while scorching our present. On the one hand, nothing could be more "sweet" than the idea of equality. On the other, nothing could be more putrescible than the idea that one race is better than another, but that is exactly what CRT teaches.

If any good has come out of the Wuhan Pandemic—and it's unclear that we can think in those terms yet—it is the realization of parents of school age children that public schools seek more to indoctrinate than they do to educate. This is not only apparent from deplorable reading and math scores that are regularly reported, but also from the fierce and unapologetic "wokeism" of the National Education Association (NEA), the national teachers' union.

The NEA—once referred to by Forbes magazine as the National Extortion Association—

READ REST OF THE ESSAY IN *Carolina Journal* HERE: <https://www.carolinajournal.com/opinion-article/fetid-lilies/>

SHORTCOMINGS OF ROCK HILL SOUTH-SIDE TIF

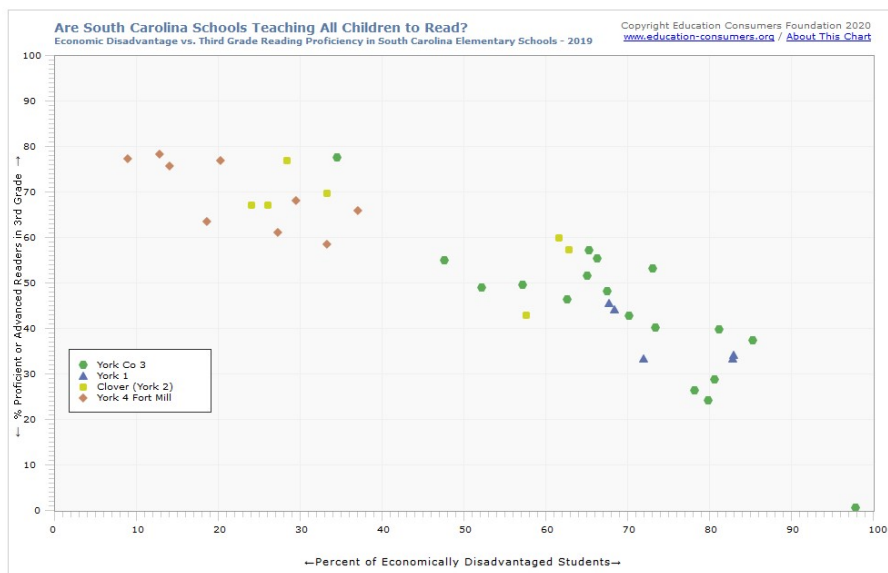
There is another Tax Increment Financing (“TIF”) district proposed for Rock Hill. A TIF is defined by the [Municipal Association of South Carolina](#) as “a public finance tool that municipalities use to help revitalize an area that has become, or is in danger of becoming, run down or blighted. A TIF allows municipalities to incur debt for the redevelopment of a project area and use the additional property tax revenue generated by the redevelopment projects to pay off that debt.”

The new Rock Hill TIF is proposed for the south-side, and according to many knowledgeable people there are several shortcomings of the proposed south-side TIF in Rock Hill. For instance the boundaries of the TIF have been broadened well beyond the blighted south-side to include rural areas the city had to annex just to include in the TIF. That dilutes the benefit to the south-side.

Even worse, the City refuses to say the money the TIF generates will stay in the south-side or even the extended TIF area. They reserve the right to use the south side TIF money for any area of the city -- including the Panther's project.

The City asked the County and also the Rock Hill School District to participate – essentially turning over the County and School tax revenues to the City. The County asked for more information.

The School District has so far refused to participate in the TIF and that is a good thing because the School Tax, which is by far the largest portion of your tax bill, needs to stay in the School District to help Rock Hill Schools. As you can see on the chart below which was calculated using tools on the [Education Consumers Foundation website](#), the Rock Hill Schools* are falling behind the other districts in York County. (*- the Rock Hill School District is legally known as “York County School District 3.”)



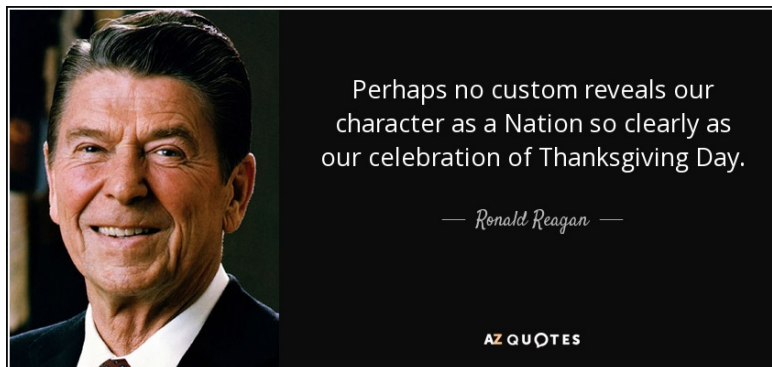
Source: Education Consumer Foundation

For more information on the TIF go to the [LINKS](#) tab on the [Reaganites](#) website and click on the [Citizens for the Preservation of York County](#) link.

RECODE YORK COUNTY

Lindsay Walker has been doing a major service for the Reaganites of York County by monitoring the progress of the RECODE YORK COUNTY effort on the County Planning Department. Most recently, Lindsay and his talented wife Linda sat through three and a half hours of very technical discussions with lots of important details. In December the County will start the approval process with County Council in a meeting that will be open to the public. Lindsay feels we should encourage Reaganites and others to attend the County Council meetings as they are going through the approval process. **As details become available we will let you know.**

RONALD REAGAN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Source: AZQuotes.com

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The Board of the Reaganites of York County wish all of our members and your families the happiest of Thanksgiving. In 1985 our 40th President went on television on Thanksgiving morning to address the American public. Here is what he said :

“Good morning, everyone. You know, the Statue of Liberty and this wonderful holiday called Thanksgiving go together naturally because although as Americans we have many things for which to be thankful, none is more important than our liberty. Liberty: that quality of government, that brightness of mind and spirit for which the Pilgrim Fathers braved the seas and Americans for two centuries have laid down their lives.

“Today, while religion is suppressed in perhaps one third of the world, we Americans are free to worship the Almighty as we choose. While entire nations must endure the yoke of tyranny, we are free to speak our minds, to enjoy an unfettered and vigorous press, and to make government abide by the limits we deem just. While millions live behind walls, we remain free to travel throughout the land to share this precious day with those we love most deeply – the members of our families.

“My fellow Americans, let us keep this Thanksgiving Day sacred. Let us thank God for the bounty and goodness of our nation. And as a measure of our gratitude, let us rededicate ourselves to the preservation of this: the land of the free and the home of the brave.

“From the Reagan family to your family: happy Thanksgiving and God bless you all.”

You can watch President Reagan’s brief talk [here](#).

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