



Newsletter

WIN #10

CONGRATULATIONS TO WATTS HUCKABEE



TENTH REAGANITE-ENDORSED CANDIDATE WINS

You may recall that when Watts Huckabee began his campaign for the County Council seat being vacated by State Representative Brandon Guffey, Watt sent a special video message to all REAGANITES. That message resonated with our members – and Watt’s message of common-sense conservative government resonated with the voters of Council District 6. He won 65% of the votes (1317 votes to 711).

Even more impressive than his nearly 2-to-1 margin of victory was Watts’ campaign style. A gentleman in the truest sense of the word, Watts never stooped to mudslinging or negative campaigning.

Watts will be an asset to our outstanding County Council.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

As a “happy new year” greeting my great-grandfather used to say “*buona fine e buon principio*” (literally, “*a good end and a good beginning.*”) As so it is with the Reaganites – 2022 was a year marked with victories and advancements, and 2023 is off to a stellar start.

I am deeply heartened by the outpouring of activists who answered our call to serve as an officer for the Reaganites in 2023-24. As I mentioned, there will be vacancies in the office of President, Senior Vice President, First Vice President, Secretary and Communications Director.



But 2023 is off to a good start in other ways too. We started 2023 with a banner victory of Watt Huckabee for County Council. That comes on top of last year when seven Reaganite-endorsed candidates won election – bringing the total victories since the Reaganites started endorsing in 2020 to 10. Our school board endorsements were featured on “Queen City News” on Fox-TV 46 in Charlotte.



REAGANITES VP Mark Herring on Queen City News

And even in the few cases where our endorsed candidates didn’t win a primary, the winner was far better than the Democrat alternative, and the Reaganites got behind the Republican primary winner, for instance with our successful Campaign Kick-off picnic and rally.



At that rally we heard from one of the 17 “Reaganite Scholars” – young people we sponsored for the national Youth Leadership School. Young women and men from around the whole country gathered for the “campaign boot camp” and of the 50 students, 17 were ours! The future looks good!



The Youth Leadership School was put on by the Leadership Institute. Since 1979, “LI” has trained more than 250,000 conservative activists, leaders, and students. The Institute's unique college campus network has grown to more than 2,300 conservative campus groups and newspapers.

The Reaganites arranged for LI to have a campaign workshop in Ft. Mill in May, and we have been in touch with their senior staff about personal training for Reaganite-endorsed candidates in 2023 and beyond.

Besides the LI training, the Reaganites hosted or co-hosted several forums in 2022:

- A “debate” among the candidates for South Carolina Superintendent of Schools;

- Working in conjunction with the Oak Initiative and the South Carolina chapter of Parents Involved in Education (PIE), we co-sponsored the hugely successful event: **HOW TO FIND AND ERADICATE CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN YOUR SCHOOLS**.
- A **candidates forum** for the SC State House District 48 race;
- With Patriotic Students of America as the lead organization, the Reaganites joined several other groups in a **PARENTAL RIGHTS Summit**.

Parental Rights has been a key issue for the Reaganites. We made available to our members **two downloadable parent guides**. We also challenged the four school districts with FOIA requests on what indoctrination programs they may have in place. We also aided Reaganite member **Councilman Tom Audette in his successful efforts to get the York County libraries to have a balanced collection of books available**. Council member Audette has been the driving force in holding our public libraries accountable – and his efforts may soon lead to a statewide – or even national effort in that regard. (STAY TUNED!)



On the grassroots level, Reaganites were among the barage of people lobbying our legislators to “Save Women’s Sports.” We also surveyed our members on top legislative priorities in order to answer **Senator Wes Climer’s** and **Senator Michael Johnson’s** inquiry on what our members wanted to see get done in the upcoming General Assembly session. I also met with **South Carolina Speaker pro temp Tommy Pope** to share our priorities.

We also supported CONSERVATIVE Republican candidates with in-kind help (such as flyers and volunteers) and in some cases with cash donations. Moreover, we provided professional coaching and consulting where appropriate.

We tried to improve our newsletter, with more graphics and with features such as Job Openings for Conservatives, the Guest Essay of the Month, and Reagan Quotes of the Month, as well as a calendar of local Republican and conservative events. Just think, two years ago we didn’t have a regular newsletter.

And believing that politics always need to be fun, we added a “funny bumper sticker” segment to our newsletter, in addition to giving out hundreds of those “*I Did That*” stickers seen on gas pumps throughout the county.



The Reaganites of York County didn’t have a website until the autumn of 2021. Gosh, have we come a long way. Through the herculian efforts of Reaganites Communications

Director, Tom Hyslip, our website was brought to a new level. It is now so good that REAGANITES.COM was given a score of 95% by GoDaddy, ranking it among the BEST websites they host! Additionally, we have a more robust Social Media presence thanks to Tom Hyslip.

Tom also brought our online membership payment systems into the 21st century. As a result our membership numbers have increased dramatically – totally offsetting the Covid decline we, as well as many other groups, saw.

I am am deeply grateful to all of the Reaganites who made these accomplishments possible – especially the officers who comprise the Board of Directors. I sincerely look forward to helping the new Board in whatever ways they ask.

While I intend to dedicate much of my freed-up time on certain religious and philanthropic endeavors close to my heart, I will not be stepping away from politics completely – helping groups which have been successful elsewhere (i.e., **The Fund to Keep America #1:** and, **PACK-UP: Political Action Committee to Kick-Out Unresponsive Politicians**) in establishing a presence in South Carolina.

2023 DUES

All of those accomplishment just listed were not free.

For instance just rental and insurance on the pavilion for the FREE Campaign Kick-off picnic was \$660. That doesn't count the food, the other supplies, and hiring of security. That is the equivalent of the full year's dues for 27 members under the 2022 dues structure – just for the venue for a single event.

So on January 4, your Board make the decision to increase dues to \$50 per member. While costs everywhere have been rising, Reaganites dues has NEVER been increased in the history of the organization.

For your convenience, we have also implemented an “anniversary date” dues where your dues pays not just for a calendar year, but for 12 months from the date of your payment.

Nevertheless, we recognize that with “Biden-inflation” times are hard for many people. So if you can't afford the increased dues, just talk – in confidence -- to any of the members of the Board you feel comfortable speaking with (names listed on the website and at the bottom of the newsletter) and you will be quietly accomodated.

Otherwise, you can pay online:

Renew Membership

*(If the blue button doesn't work for you go to our website:
<https://reaganites.com/product/single-annual-membership/>)*

Or mail your check to:

Dennis Getter, Treasurer
512 Cooleewee Court
Fort Mill, S. C. 29715

ELECTION OF 2023-24 OFFICERS

The Reaganites Bylaws state, “A nominating committee of at least three members shall present a slate of officers for approval by the board in February of each odd numbered year, to be confirmed or rejected by the membership at the first general meeting of the year.”

So keep your eyes for a notice of the first general meeting of 2023. The meeting notice will set forth the procedure to make sure that only members who are current in their 2023 dues can vote.

BUMPER-STICKER OF THE MONTH



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.

CONSERVATIVE JOB OPENING

The Ethics and Public Policy Council is seeking an Operations Assistant. It is a full-time post based in Washington, DC. Operations Assistant to carry out a range of administrative and program assignments. The position offers reasonable hours, competitive pay and benefits, and the opportunity to support influential scholars. More details see: [EPPC](https://eppc.org/about/employment-opportunities/). <https://eppc.org/about/employment-opportunities/>

WHERE ARE ALL OF THESE PEOPLE COMING FROM? (PART 3)

In our last two newsletters we told you which states the 19,267 people who made **York County their legal residence** from 2019-2020 came from based on our analysis of IRS records.

Most of the out-of-staters were from various counties in North Carolina but below is the list from other states.

<i>State</i>	<i>People</i>
NY	532
FL	481
CA	206
GA	154
CT	135
IL	68
TX	68
AZ	67
OH	67
NJ	62
VA	60
PA	42
MN	36
MA	32

We also give you a so here a county break-down of the new residents:

NY	Suffolk County	171
NY	Nassau County	84
NY	Kings County	84
FL	Broward County	80
NY	Monroe County	80
CA	San Diego County	76
CA	Los Angeles County	72
CT	Fairfield County	71
IL	Cook County	68
TX	Harris County	68
AZ	Maricopa County	67
FL	Duval County	67
OH	Franklin County	67
FL	Palm Beach County	65
NY	Queens County	64
CT	Hartford County	64
NJ	Bergen County	62
FL	Hillsborough County	60
VA	Fairfax County	60
CA	Orange County	58
GA	Cobb County	56
GA	Fulton County	55
FL	Pinellas County	53
NY	Orange County	49
FL	Brevard County	47
GA	Gwinnett County	43
PA	Allegheny County	42
FL	Orange County	41
FL	Miami-Dade County	37
MN	Hennepin County	36
MA	Worcester County	32
FL	Lee County	31

If you are interested in knowing which countries people immigrating to South Carolina are from [check this article](https://stacker.com/south-carolina/biggest-sources-immigrants-south-carolina) (https://stacker.com/south-carolina/biggest-sources-immigrants-south-carolina) which lists the top 50.

Here are the top 10:

1. Mexico
2. India
3. Honduras
4. Philippines
5. Columbia
6. China
7. Germany
8. Guatemala
9. Canada
10. Vietnam

Also, here is a chart from the *Wall Street Journal* showing domestic migration by state.

Ten states with the most and least net domestic population migration from July 2021-July 2022

Bottom 10		Top 10	
California	-343,230	Florida	318,855
New York	-299,557	Texas	230,961
Illinois	-141,656	North Carolina	99,796
New Jersey	-64,231	South Carolina	84,030
Massachusetts	-57,292	Tennessee	81,646
Louisiana	-46,672	Georgia	81,406
Maryland	-45,101	Arizona	70,984
Pennsylvania	-39,957	Idaho	28,639
Virginia	-23,952	Alabama	28,609
Minnesota	-19,400	Oklahoma	26,791

Source: Census Bureau

ESSAY OF THE MONTH

Education is upstream from any ‘red wave’

REAGANITES’ 2nd Vice President, Dr. Mark Herrin this month writes about the “Red Wave” that didn’t happen.

Most of us are, of course, more familiar with the thin blue line — law enforcement that protects us from one another, and even from ourselves. Politically, however, during the recent elections, many conservatives were hopeful for a thick red line to save us from ideological miscreants in Congress. The end result proved not more than a paper cut, the thinnest of red lines, if you will. And while political problems do loom large, believe it or not, the problem does not lie with

politics. It more lies with education — especially the higher education that forms those who lead nearly every profession in the nation.

The work to be done in education appears Herculean. Those who control what is taught and how, control what is thought and why. Right now, that control is tightly clenched by the oh-so-left in all schools of higher education, especially liberal arts ones. Ovid once warned that *abeunt studia mores*, or, “what one studies passes into character.” Given what is now going on in our colleges and universities, if that doesn’t chill your new year, nothing will!

The current liberal slant in schools and universities did not begin last week or even last year. The late William F. Buckley Jr. chronicled the rise of the left more than three score years ago. To be honest, the departure from what universities and colleges were supposed to do began even centuries before that. Luther, who could be brutal in his language, is alleged to have said that the intellect is the devil’s whore, or rather that reason is the devil’s greatest courtesan. Luther meant that only by the strictest of disciplines can one fight the inexorable urge to lean away from the right and the good toward the easy and the detrimental.

This dominant leftward slant of colleges and universities ensures us of every — every — profession coming away with a left-of-center focus. Universities now deem what conservatives say and/or believe as hate speech, by definition, which creates an environment of default leftism.

After 42 years in the universities, both public and private, I can assure you this is incontestably the case. My last few years as faculty advisor to the college Republicans at a liberal arts college in South Carolina proved this to be painfully so, as I watched firebrand conservative students frequently end up as liberal water carriers. College and university faculties know this too.

READ THE REST OF THE ARTICLE [HERE](https://www.carolinajournal.com/opinion/education-is-upstream-from-any-red-wave/).

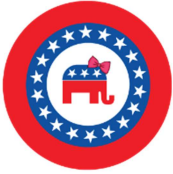
RONALD REAGAN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



OTHER LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS



York County Republican Party
WHEN: Thursday, January 26, 2023
TIME: • 7:00 PM - Meeting begins
COST: No admission charge



Clover- Lake Wylie Republican Women
DATE AND TIME
01/27/23 12:00pm - 01/27/23 1:30pm

LOCATION: PAPA DOCS!!! **NOTICE LOCATION CHANGED TO PAPA DOCS!!!**

Monthly luncheon: - Doors open @ 11:15
- RSVP w/ choice of entrée; - \$25 p/entrée; credit card service fee will apply
- Pay at the door



Republican Women Rising
WHEN: Generally last Monday of every month.
WHERE: The Glennon Center (next to the Tega Cay Clubhouse);15083 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay; meeting in upstairs ballroom.
TIME: • 5:30pm (Social) 6:30 (Meeting Begins)

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