

A letter from the SPCDP Chair

Thank you to the 170+ community members who joined our 2024 Democratic County Convention on March 2. It was the largest turnout we've had in decades, and a testament that what we are building together in this community has the support we need to move forward in this critical election year.

OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR DIVERSITY & OUR UNITY

I'm thrilled to share our newly elected Executive Board of Officers who along with thirty Executive Committee Members were voted in during the Convention. We look forward to working together in the coming year for the betterment of our community and the future of politics in Spartanburg County.

We also introduced our Priority Six Coordinated Campaign and the current slate of candidates for the 2024 election. You can learn more about them later in this Newsletter.

We have ambitious fundraising goals this year. An investment in your local party is an investment in our future. Join our Forward Fund today and consider a contribution to Priority Six to support our 2024 Candidates.

Priority Six:



Forward Fund:



Chair
Kathryn Harvey



1st Vice Chair
David Petty



2nd Vice Chair
Angelia Edwards



3rd Vice Chair
Caleb Mlicker

PRIORITY SIX CAMPAIGN

A coordinated campaign effort between the Greenville and Spartanburg County Democratic Parties. The campaign is meant to strategically target winnable, flippable races, or races that show potential for progress in the short-term for both counties. South Carolina doesn't move forward until the Upstate makes electoral progress, and this campaign is designed to do just that.



Dr. Octavia Amaechi
Senate District 12
Priority Six Candidate



Clemson Terrugano
House 33
Priority Six Candidate
www.clemsontsc.com



Sevi Alvarez
Senate 11
Priority Six Candidate
seviforsenate.com

2024 CANDIDATES



Angela Geter
Senate 11



Rep Henderson-Myers
House 31



Councilman Abusoft
County Council D1

WOMEN MAKING HISTORY EVENT

THURSDAY MARCH 28 6-8PM

CITIZENS & SOUTHERN EVENT CENTER

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE NOMINATIONS OPEN UNTIL MARCH 7

Join the SPCDP for a Spring Celebration honoring women advocates in our community with special guest SCDP Chair Christale Spain

Community Nominations are open through March 7 in the categories of Women's Rights, Common Gun Sense & Gun Safety, Civil Rights, Workforce Development, Education, LGBTQ Issues.

We'll also award the Inaugural Liz Patterson Humanitarian of the Year Award

NOMINATE NOW!



Honoring
Christale Spain
Chair SCDP

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND A
DRINK TICKET ARE INCLUDED.**

SAVE THE DATE

WOMEN MAKING HISTORY EVENT

March 28th • 6:00-8:00pm

Citizens & Southern Event Center



WOMEN MAKING HISTORY EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

\$2,500

Liz Patterson Humanitarian of the Year Award Sponsor

Includes social media, e-newsletter, event, and program acknowledgement & eight tickets to the event

\$1000

Advocate Award Sponsor

Includes social media, e-newsletter, website, event and program acknowledgement & four tickets to the event.

\$500

Democratic Supporter Sponsor

Includes social media, e-newsletter, website & event acknowledgment, and three tickets to the event.

\$250

GOTV Supporter Sponsor

Includes social media, e-newsletter, website and event acknowledgment, and two tickets to the event.

Donations can be made online at spartanburgdemocrats.com

Checks can be mailed to PO Box 2682 Spartanburg, SC 29304

Please contact Kathryn Harvey at spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com or call 646 234 0734

SPCDP 2024 CONVENTION RECAP



OVER 170 DEMOCRATS
JOINED THE CONVENTION

WE RAISED OVER \$2,300 AND
HAD OUR CONVENTION COSTS
COVERED BY BRENDA &
JEFFREY WRIGHT

\$2,392



SPCDP CHAIR
**KATHRYN
HARVEY**

SPCDP
**DAVID
PETTY**



SPCDP
1ST VICE
CHAIR

SPCDP
2ND VICE
CHAIR



SPCDP
**ANGELIA
EDWARDS**

SPCDP
**CALEB
MICKLER**



SPCDP
3RD VICE
CHAIR

LOCAL VETERANS LEAD US IN THE NATIONAL
ANTHEM AS WE KICKED OFF OUR 2024
COUNTY CONVENTION



KATHRYN HARVEY REELECTED CHAIR
DAVID PETTY ELECTED AS 1ST VICE CHAIR
ANGELIA EDWARDS REELECTED 2ND VICE
CHAIR
CALEB MICKLER ELECTED 3RD VICE CHAIR

SPCDP EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS
CELEBRATE POST 2024 CONVENTION

WOMEN OF THE YEAR



SC Rep. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers

Samantha Swann USA TODAY NETWORK – SOUTH CAROLINA

Rosalyn Henderson-Myers is one of USA TODAY's Women of the Year, a recognition of women who have made a significant impact in their communities and across the country. The program launched in 2022 as a continuation of Women of the Century, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote.

S.C. House District 31 Rep. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers says her main focus is to “make the lives of women better.” • A graduate of Tulane University, Henderson-Myers has practiced law since 1993. She lived in Louisiana and Pennsylvania before returning to her hometown of Spartanburg. She served on Spartanburg’s City Council from 2015 to 2017 before winning the District 31 seat in 2017. • “I vowed that if I came back home, that I would be very intentional about being involved in my community,” Henderson-Myers said. “So when the seat came open, I said, ‘This is my opportunity.’”

Her 2020 S.C. Lactation Support Act, which required employers to provide time and a private and sanitary space for breastfeeding workers to pump, was used to model the federal Providing Urgent Maternal Protections (PUMP) for Nursing Act, passed in December 2022. She was honored at the White House for her efforts last May.

In 2022, while establishing a six-month residency requirement for name changes in South Carolina, Henderson-Myers also created protections for victims of domestic violence and other forms of abuse, allowing those coming to the state for a fresh start to change their names with no wait time.

An economic champion for South Carolina, Henderson-Myers has spoken to the House of Lords in London and traveled to meet leaders in Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, and Guyana,



See the 60 honorees from across the U.S.

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South Africa about the growth and opportunities for international business in the state.

For her service, Henderson-Myers is the USA TODAY Women of the Year honoree from South Carolina.

This conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

When did you first decide to become an attorney?

I decided I wanted to become an attorney when I was in the 11th grade. I was on the Student Council, and Julian Bond came to speak for Black History Month. We had a program and took him out to dinner afterward. When we left to go back home, he stopped us in the parking lot and huddled us around. He said anything you can look at, there are rules and

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STATE HOUSE UPDATE & SURVEY



(Skylar Laird/SC Daily Gazette)

House GOP seeks to expand SC's K-12 private school choice program before it even starts



SC House, Senate ready to negotiate 'constitutional' or open carry of guns in the state

URGENT! After several weeks of inactivity, members of the SC House and Senate have kicked off negotiations on a dangerous Permitless Carry bill that would allow anyone as young as 18 to carry firearms without a permit, training or background check.

The SC House passed the bill in 2023, and a slightly different version of the bill recently passed the SC Senate. Now, a conference committee made up of six legislators has formed to work out the differences between the two bills.

🚨 This is our LAST CHANCE to make our voices heard before this bill gets to the Governor's desk.

With just two clicks, send a message to key lawmakers telling them you strongly oppose permitless carry now:



SEND A MESSAGE OF
LOVE + SUPPORT
TO TRANS YOUTH
IN SOUTH CAROLINA



SEND A MESSAGE



2024 LGBTQ Needs Assessment Survey

In partnership with USC Upstate, Uplift & PFLAG, this survey will gather information on the lives of LGBTQ people in Spartanburg County (and surrounding areas). This survey is for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ. This information will help funding agencies decide which services and improvements for the LGBTQ community in our area should receive money and support. The survey takes between 15-30 minutes and is anonymous. Our goal is 300 participants, so please pass this link along to folx in the LGBTQ community



2024 LGBTQ Needs Assessment for Spartanburg County!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



RSVP Wednesday, March 13
11:30am -2:30pm (lunch will be served)
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

Join Harold Mitchell and the Regenesis Institute for conversations about how to maximize the potential of recent federal grants to build a better community. Presenters will include federal government officials who will provide an overview of available federal grants that can help you meet your community's needs. Free Lunch will be served at 11:30am.

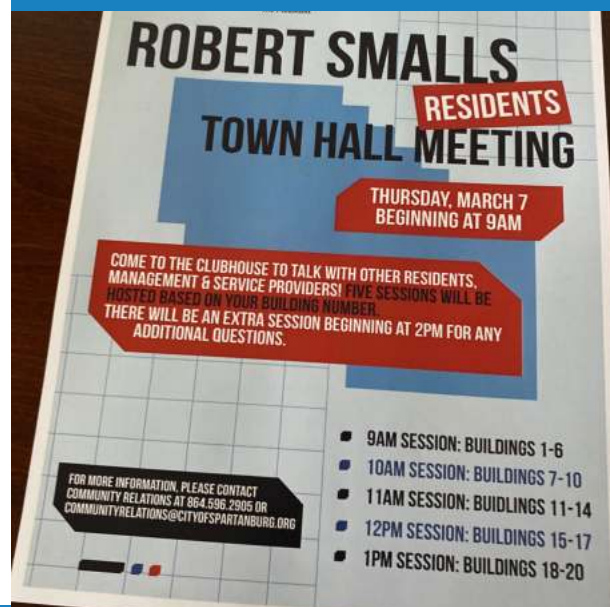
RSVP Now!



2024 SPCDP MONTHLY MEETING DATES: (FIRST MONDAY)

Dr. T.K Gregg Community Center

JAN. 9	MAY 6	SEPT. 9
FEB. 5	JUNE 3	OCT. 7
MAR. 4	JULY 1	OCT. 28
APR. 1	AUG. 5	DEC. 2



DEMOCRACY FOR ALL BALL

at the Chapman Cultural Center

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
OCTOBER 24**

honoring:
Chief Justice Don Beatty



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 15 – **Filing for 2024 Election Opens**
March 28 – **SPCDP Spring Celebration**
March 31 – **Filing for 2024 Closes**
April 1 - **Monthly Meeting**
April 2 – **Q1 Executive Committee Meeting**
May 6 - **Monthly Meeting**
May 18 – **State Convention**
June 11 - **SC Primary**