

**Upstate Republican Women
Established in 1989
Newsletter for March 2022**

**March Monthly Meeting!
This Month's Speaker for Luncheon
Monday, March 21, 2022 12 noon—Poinsett Club**

**Cindy Hipps
Tucker W. Hipps Memorial Foundation**

**Make Your Reservation Today
(Deadline is Thursday March 17th)
\$22 Members/\$24 Guests**
Cash or Check payable to: **UPSTATE REPUBLICAN WOMEN (URW)**
Credit Card via Square accepted (\$1.50 surcharge applies)
Luncheon Menu: Chicken Picatta
Vegetarian options are available **upon request in advance**

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[Click here to make a Reservation!!!!!!](#)



From the President's Pen

Dear Friends,
We all know we can stand on the sidelines of life and watch the world happen or we can step into the game.

One thing is for sure: you will never know if you can be that agent of change in our nation if you don't take that first step, attend that first meeting, or make that first phone call. Those of us who choose to be involved in the Upstate Republican Women (URW) all remember that moment when we knew we had to do something. We knew what was happening around us was bigger than us and we could not stand on the sidelines anymore. We talked to friends about our concerns. Together we attended political events and we sent letters to our elected official. We realized our voice and our vote mattered.

My moment was coming home from elementary school, and my mother being distraught over the Cuban Missile Crisis. All I really remember her saying was, "If congress would just do something, we would not have to be worried about going to war." And all I could think, who was or what was Congress? And why are we going to war? It was frightening. And that started me on my journey of always asking questions. I will ask anyone anything.

One thing I have learned in my many years of life is unity is what keeps people together! That's why I remain committed to the URW. We desire to come along side you, encourage you and motivate you so together we can go out and change our communities and nation. It starts with each one of us.

Please join us at our monthly meeting. This month we present to you an activist like Cindy Hipps. Cindy used the tragedy of the death of her only child on a college campus to become legislatively involved. Her journey has not been easy. She turned her grief into a movement that is so stirring it will save lives. Let's learn from her.

We don't want to surround ourselves with just problem solvers, but with people like Cindy who prevent problems!

President Biden's State of the Union Speech revealed the United States' challenges, his hopes, his dreams and his lack of understanding of the American people. We had hoped his words would reflect great wisdom and perspective. Even in an age of social media the formal, spoken word from the White House carries great weight. It can move, anger, disappoint or inspire us. That speech should inspire; inspire us to make sure we take back the White House in 2024.

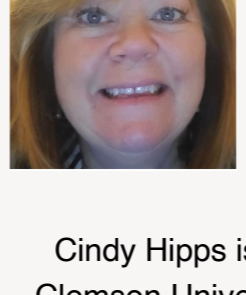
Let's make sure our next President reflects our dreams and hopes! That election starts now. In unity we can change our course. Stay involved, stay committed and keep asking those questions. Let's prevent the problems. Aren't you a little weary of constantly trying to solve his problems? Now is the time to take that first step and the next step and the next. Together we can lead lives with such purpose that we too out of our pain, disappointment and even our sorrow can start a God given, national movement to restore honor back to the White House.

"A people free to choose will always choose peace." Ronald Reagan

With appreciation, Lenna
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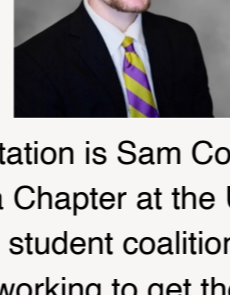
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**Luncheon Speaker
Cindy Hipps
Tucker W. Hipps Memorial Foundation**



Cindy Hipps is the mother of Tucker Hipps who died tragically while attending Clemson University while on a fraternity run. Even though there is great mystery surrounding Tucker's death, the belief is that his death was a result of hazing. Cindy is retired from medical imaging after working over 40 years in the Upstate, spending her free time working on fundraising activities for the **Tucker W. Hipps Memorial Foundation which has a mission of "Helping people help others."** Cindy currently serves on the Board for Crime Stoppers of Greenville and Miracle Hill Ministries. She is married to Gary for forty years and they reside in Piedmont. Tucker was their only child.

Cindy has spent the last 7 years trying to "make a difference" in the lives of students by educating them and their parents on hazing. Cindy and Gary were instrumental in working to get the **Tucker Hipps Transparency Act** passed which requires universities to publicly display social organizations' infractions for anyone to see. She continues to work with state legislators and a student advocacy group on updating current hazing laws. Cindy is extremely passionate about students and their continued success and wants SC campuses to be a safe place for all to learn and grow as individuals.



Joining Cindy for this presentation is Sam Courson, Former Director of Risk Education for Delta Tau Delta Chapter at the University of South Carolina. He is one of the members of the student coalition, SC Student Coalition for Hazing Advocacy (SC SHAC) that is working to get the hazing laws in South Carolina strengthened. Sam is from Lawrenceville, Georgia and is a senior with a major in statistics and economics.

Only by the grace of God can ordinary people accomplish extraordinary things, affecting the lives of so many, after an unbearable tragedy!

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"Arise, shine: for thy light is come." Isaiah 60:1

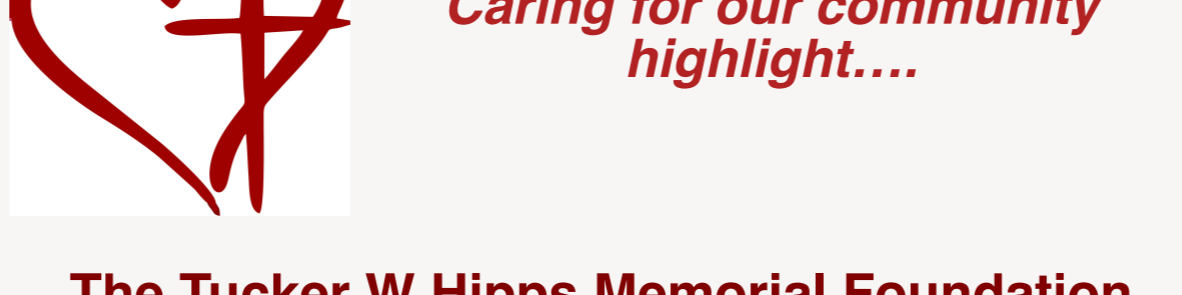
This should be my life verse, especially in these uncertain times...

On a dark morning, when perhaps going back under the covers seems the best of all choices, I imagine crawling back into bed when a heavenly messenger knocks on my heart and whispers, "Your light is here! Time to shine!"

If I really think about it, heavenly messengers do come every day saying just that. The sun comes up, the birds sing, the pets stir, and the trees and flowers wave that it's time to rise and shine; my Light has come.

Pray for the Light of Christ to reach the Russian Soldiers and their evil dictator.

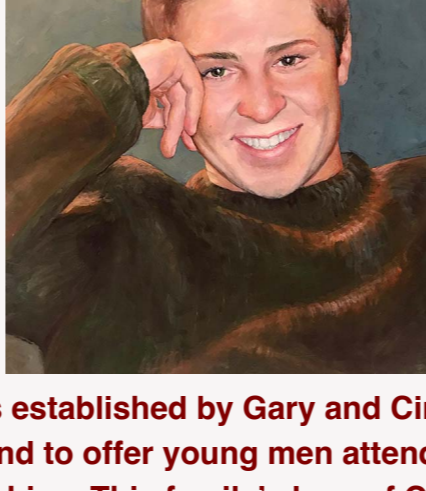
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Caring for our community highlight...

The Tucker W Hipps Memorial Foundation

This month we will be highlighting:
The Tucker W. Hipps Memorial Foundation. (link embedded)



This foundation was established by Gary and Cindy Hipps to honor the memory of their son and to offer young men attending Palmetto a Boys State with college scholarships. This family's love of Christ overflows to other organizations. Providing for the needy and less fortunate was Tucker's passion. Many non-profits who help to improve these lives continue to receive foundation gifts. This family offers eye opening truth to educate families about the culture of Greek organizations on college campuses. Cindy tirelessly promotes legislation to stop hazing on college campuses. The Upstate Republican Women are honored to have Cindy as a member and consider her a role model for all. We ask that you support this great foundation with your gifts and prayers.

Please ask Cindy for more opportunities to help with their annual fundraisers of a golf event or their fishing event held in the spring.

We are women who care.

****Please note: URW will be putting cups on each table marked "CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY".**
If you would like, please come prepared to leave a financial gift for this month's highlighted ministry:
The Tucker W Hipps Foundation**

Membership

From your Membership Committee

A special thank you to all the members who attended our February luncheon and especially to those of you who brought a guest. We also thank everyone who **RENEWED** their membership at the luncheon and by mail! One member actually drove to the Poinsett Club just to bring us her renewal check, even though she couldn't stay for the luncheon. She said, "I wanted to be sure you received my check in time for the SCFRW state wide Membership Renewal Contest." Now that's dedication!! Considering we only found out about the contest on February 16, your Membership Committee called 71 unrenowned members over a three-day period. Draw McKissick, SCGOP State Chairman, in one of his newsletters once wrote, "many hands equal light work." Kudos to Tami Cribb, Elisabeth Moore, and Kaye Roozen for their help! If you haven't had a chance to **RENEW, it's never too late!**

We encourage each of you to continue bringing family and friends to become active members like yourselves to our next luncheon!

Food for thought...from the January 5, 1967 speech by President Ronald Regan, "Freedom is a fragile thing and it's never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. And those in world history who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again."

We've all heard the old cliché, "this is the most important election of our lifetime." The 2022 elections will determine if Joe Biden continues Obama's eight years of "fundamentally changing" our country, or not. Now isn't the time for us to become complacent and sit on our laurels if we want to keep "freedom" in our Nation! Let's help to elect conservative candidates at every level and sweep house to knock the Socialists out of office! This can't be done without your help. Find a cause or candidate to support and let's get our Country back!

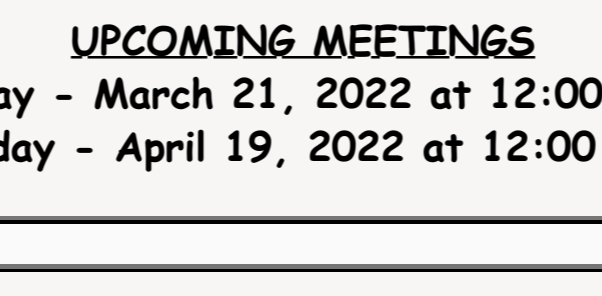
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/meetings.php?agenda=11610>
(The Agenda Page has details on upcoming legislation)

Call Representatives to encourage them to fight for the right things.
<https://www.scway.net/sc-elections>
(Find candidates to help in the upcoming election)

In God We Trust!
Your Membership Team....
Tami Cribb
Elisabeth Moore
Kaye Roozen
Nancy Welch
Carole Balent, Chair



- Nancy Welch 3/1
- Zhe Fan 3/3
- Diane Hardy 3/4
- Garry Smith 3/4
- Selena Riddle 3/7
- Morrison Moree 3/14
- Susan DeMere 3/19
- Phyllis Foster 3/20
- Ashley Quinn-Dill 3/21
- Martha Galloway 3/22
- Kathy Ball 3/25
- Angela Sox 3/30
- Cathleen Griffith 3/30
- Sheri Chavers 3/31



UPCOMING MEETINGS
Monday - March 21, 2022 at 12:00 Noon
Tuesday - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 Noon

Go-to Websites

We are trying to compile a list of your favorite go-to sites for current events. What is your favorite? Share the link with our Outreach Chair.

- Some of our favorites:
- South Carolina Republican Party - <https://www.scgop.com>
 - Elector and Voter Information - <https://www.scvotes.org>
 - Palmetto Promise - <https://www.palmettopromise.org>
 - The Nerve - <https://www.thenerve.org>
 - South Carolina Citizen's for Life - <https://www.scilife.org>
 - Defenders for Children - <https://www.defendersforchildren.org>
 - Numbers USA - <https://www.numbersusa.com>
 - Mom and Pop Alliance of SC - <https://www.momandpopalliance.org>

[Submit a website by clicking here.](#)

Campaign Hours for our Club.

Members and Associates can count their hours for our club awards. NFRW has a new way of turning in your hours. It could not be simpler. All the information you need is on this link!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NFRWCampCom>

- Your URW 2022-2023 Board Members**
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