

**UPSTATE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
*NEWSLETTER***

January 2022

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2022!

When I joined the Upstate Republican Women (URW) 28 years ago, I learned being part of URW or any other Republican women's groups, is about "boots on the ground." Women are tirelessly working to hold onto the values promoted by The Republican Party. I have learned from the best of leaders that the success of any organization is everyone working together and sharing opportunities to serve.

As CEO of Piedmont Women's Center for 26 years I knew success in any project working with volunteers, whether building a new facility or ministering to our clients, came because you loved people well. And you gave them many opportunities to use their talents and skill sets to join you, saying yes! The URW wants all our members to be able to say yes to serving with the URW. We are going to continue to take great care to train those who need, or ask for, training. We will respect businesses or skilled individuals by asking for their assistance only when needed. We will ask that Republican elected officials or leaders join us, teach us, learn from us and we will encourage each other. Unity and peace within the Republican Party is of utmost importance to all of us.

We, as women, will not give up or go away. Our grandchildren will know what WE were doing, and what WE were fighting for when generations look back in history. They will know how we gave of our time, resources, and energy to keep America a great county to live in and defend. They will be inspired to do the same.

Following my dear friend Phyllis Foster, past president, who led us well and held this group together during the height of the pandemic has been a great role model for me. This next year may be full of unexpected challenges, but I believe with God's help nothing is impossible! Let us love each other well as He has loved us. I look forward with great anticipation to serving with each of you! As Colossians 1:17 tells us, "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." ESV

Respectfully,
Lenna Fox Smith, President

This Month's Speaker for Luncheon



Tuesday, January 18, 2022

12 noon—Poinsett Club

Make your RESERVATION today!

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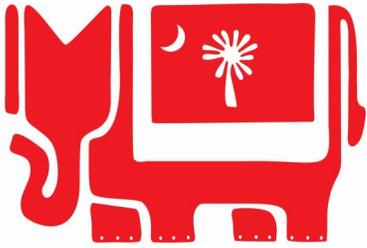
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Zhe “Jer” Fan has been a proud South Carolinian since 2018, living in Greer with her husband, Craig. As a born again Christian, Zhe believes in the power of connection, encouragement, service, and prayer. For the past two years, she and her husband have been volunteering for animal, veteran, first responder, and conservative causes working with local governmental agencies and private organizations.

Zhe has studied French, Paralegal, and Business Management at college and graduate levels. After 19 years working at Michelin, she is taking some time off and is now exploring creating a non-profit organization to connect conservative art and science lovers.

Chinese by birth, Zhe has lived in democrat run New York City for over a decade, as well as a year in California. These experiences have given her a unique perspective into world politics as well as an ability to recognize left-leaning “socialistic” and “communistic” trends that are currently emerging in the United States. Zhe applied for her US citizenship on July 4, 2021, and is looking forward to taking the Oath to become an American citizen, by choice!

Join us in welcoming our Associate member, Zhe Fan on Tuesday, January 18th!



MEMBERSHIP

I am Carole Balent and I am the new Chair of the Membership Committee. With the help of other members serving on this committee, Tami Cribb, Elisabeth Moore, Kaye Roozen, and Nancy Welch, we look forward to expanding membership by reaching out into our community, as we serve you, our fellow URW members.

We are stronger in numbers...I challenge each of you to bring another Republican women with you to our next URW Luncheon on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The Program starts promptly at 12 noon sharp, so come early for fellowship with other like-minded Republican women.

Just in case you've forgotten to renew your membership, it's not too late! Membership dues are only \$30 and Associate Membership is only \$25 for the year, which runs January 1 to Dec. 31. You can bring cash, or a check made out to "URW" to this meeting. If unable to attend, mail your check to: URW, PO Box 26342, Greenville, SC 29616. If you have any questions or concerns, you can text or call me at 864-444-3221.

Food for thought...."If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be one nation gone under." - Ronald Reagan

Thank you for your support. God bless each of you and our great nation!

Carole Balent, Chair Membership Committee

FUTURE LUNCHEON DATES

- *Tuesday - February 22, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- Monday - March 21, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- *Tuesday - April 19, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- Monday - May 16, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- Monday - June 20, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- Monday - July 18, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- Monday - August 15, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- Monday - September 19, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- Monday - October 17, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- Monday - November 21, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- Monday - December 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm

* Day change to Tuesday