



BLUE NOTE

SPRING 2026

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Hey Blue Note Readers!

I wanted to share a quick update on what we've been building together lately. If you've felt a shift in the energy around the Lowcountry, you aren't alone. Our hard work and consistent effort are really starting to pay off!

Before we look ahead to the midterms, I want to celebrate a few areas where we are seeing fantastic progress right now:

- **Full Representation:** For the first time in a while, we have a candidate running in EVERY SINGLE RACE! We're making sure voters have strong choices across the board.
- **Growing Precincts:** Our local presence especially around Summerville is growing incredibly fast. That isn't just luck; it's a direct result of you all showing up and getting involved.
- **A Successful Convention:** Our county convention was a huge success and gave us exactly the positive spark we needed for the upcoming cycle.

Speaking of the convention, I want to give a massive thank you to Rita Adkins, Alexia Niketas, Gray Somerville, Sara Geller, Jeni Atchley, and Tim Lewis. You all put so much time and heart into making the event look effortless. I'm incredibly grateful to be working alongside you.

Looking Ahead to the Midterms, we have a lot of momentum heading into 2026. To turn this wonderful enthusiasm into actual wins, our main focus has to be on voter turnout.

We'd love for you to share your time, resources, and specific talents with the team so we can reach as many people as possible. To keep things moving smoothly, we are looking for three people to help lead some important areas:

1. Volunteer Coordinator: We need an organized "people person" to help welcome our volunteers and make sure everyone is plugged into the right tasks.

2. GOTV Lead: This is the heart of our operation! We're looking for someone to help organize our "Get Out The Vote" efforts to ensure our supporters actually make it to the polls.

3. Youth Outreach Lead: We want to make sure we're connecting with the next generation of voters and bringing their fresh energy into the mix.

We have so much talent, so many fresh faces, and fresh ideas right here in Dorchester County that I know we have folks ready to step up. If you're interested in taking on one of these roles, or if you just want to help out in any way, please reach out to me directly.

We're just getting started and need you all in to win!!

With Gratitude,
Michael Fronk, Chair
Dorchester County Democratic Party
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Click [here](#) for Michael's Palmetto Podcast interview.

DCDP MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

May 9, June 13 and July 11
10 AM to 12 PM

This meeting is in-person and
online via **Zoom**

New Bethel Sounds of Praise Church
351 Greyback Rd., Summerville

Open to ALL members of the Dorchester
County Democratic Party. Please register on
the website, or click [here](#).

WESTERN DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB (WDCDC) MEETINGS

In-person, 4th Mondays

April 27, May 18 and June 22
6:30 to 7:30 PM

Open to members and aspiring members.

Classy Sassy Salon,
421 N. Parler Ave., St. George
Contact Tim Lewis for scheduled speakers,
at timlewis75@gmail.com

11TH ANNUAL DAY IN BLUE

Date: Wednesday, May 6
Time: 8:00AM to 3:00PM
Location: Blatt Building, 1105 Pendleton St.,
Columbia, SC 29201

Hear from influential Democratic voices, engage
in timely discussions, and connect with others on
issues key to our democracy. Register on the
DCDP website or click [here](#).

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Some DCDP leaders with Democratic candidates
at the County Convention, in March, 2026.

Dorchester County Makes History

For the first time in recent history, every open
seat for County Council and State House in
Dorchester County has a Democratic
candidate! That means:

- **No uncontested races**
- **Every district has a choice**
- **Every vote truly matters**

This is a powerful sign that our community is
in step.

Now the focus shifts to:

- **Helping our candidates**
- **Engaging in the process**
- **Showing up to vote**

This is what change looks like. Stay tuned for
more information.

Rita Adkins
DCDP's 2nd Vice Chair and candidate
recruitment lead.



For a full rundown of all of our candidates, their districts and important election dates, visit our website, DorchesterDemocrats.com, and request your copy of our most excellent **2026 Voter Guide!!**

Go to SCvotes.gov to make sure that your Voter Registration is up to date, see your polling place and your various districts of representation for all levels of government.

Don't let the name fool you, the **SAVE America Act** is a **voter suppression bill** that has been passed by the US House and is stalled in the Senate. Trump is pressuring Republicans to pass it but they don't have the 60 votes needed. The question is, will they find a work around? Click [here](#) for **Politics Girl's** rant on this bill.

THIS IS NOT A FAIR VOTER ID BILL

MOST PEOPLE DON'T MIND:

- Showing ID to vote
- Proving citizenship when registering

HERE'S WHAT THE SAVE ACT ACTUALLY DOES:

<p>FEDERAL TAKEOVER OF ELECTIONS Strips power from states — against the Constitution</p>	<p>PURGE VOTER ROLLS EVERY 90 DAYS Mass removals & constant churn</p>	<p>SEND PARTY DATA TO DHS Your party affiliation goes to Trump's DHS</p>
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<p>DO VOTER ID THE RIGHT WAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a standard federal voter ID card First one FREE at registration Replacements can have a fee Keep states in control 	<p>REAL ID ≠ PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> REAL ID = identity only Noncitizens can get REAL ID in most states Only 5 states issue Enhanced IDs that prove citizenship (MI, MN, NY, VT, WA)
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The Heritage Foundation found virtually no voter fraud in 20 years of data — less than 0.001%. This is a non-issue.

New Members' Lead

My name is John Ptolemy, I am a volunteer with the Dorchester County Democratic Party, and I have the honor of leading the New Member Welcoming Team. I am working closely with Gray Somerville and Rachel Taraski to build a more robust new member welcoming process with a goal to link new members' interests with the needs of the DCDP.

We are looking at metrics that show how new members are getting involved with the party and staying involved. Since February 12th, I have contacted 29 new members and have had 13 in-depth conversations which often led to new members being connected with various committees or activities.

John Ptolemy, ptolemy@hotmail.com
New Member Welcome & Onboarding Team

May Day Strong

**Workers Over Billionaires
Day of Action all over America
Friday, May 1st**

Click [here](#) for details.

In Summerville

**Gather at Hutchinson Square
from 4 to 7 PM, for**

- Labor-focused speakers
- End Right to Work Status in SC
- Connect with Labor focused groups
- Meet Labor friendly candidates

The organizers suggest:

**No School, No Work, No Shopping
#workersoverbillionaires
Text SOLIDARITY to 58910 for updates**

PARTING SHOTS

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Some of these signs are from **NO KINGS**, North Charleston, SC, where an estimated 7,000 protesters expressed their grievances on March 28, 2026.

For Susan Whitney's DCDP Blog click [here](#).



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"IF I VOTE, WE CAN WIN!"

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