



The Elephant's Ear

August '07

— IN THE SPOTLIGHT —

WE HAVE ICE COMING TO THE AUG. 23 MEETING



Immigration is one of the most important and volatile issues facing our country and our state today.

We are bombarded with news reports, editorials and opinions virtually every day in print, on television, on the computer and in discussions with other concerned people. We have also sought to make our concerns known to local, state and federal representatives.

On Aug. 23, three agents from the Atlanta office of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) will be with us to present a program. ICE, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security, has more than 10,000 enforcement agents worldwide, and its officers assist in various operations and investigations, independently and with other law enforcement agencies. Because of ICE's efforts, nearly 175,000 illegal aliens have been deported this fiscal year, and 6,656 of those illegal aliens, the *Greenville News* reported, were in the Carolinas and Georgia.

Guest speaker

We are excited to have Brock D. Nicholson, deputy special agent in charge of the Atlanta office of ICE, joining us for our Aug. 23 meeting. Special Agent Nicholson is responsible for all ICE law enforcement and investigative efforts in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. He assumed this position in June 2006.

Special Agent Nicholson held a number of management and supervisory positions before assuming the position of special agent in charge of the Atlanta

Office. He was the first ICE OI Division 2 unit chief assigned as deputy section chief of the FBI Terrorist Finance Operations Section. He also served in Nashville, Tennessee, as the resident agent in charge with oversight of central and eastern Tennessee and northern Alabama; and in Dallas, Texas, as the HIDTA group supervisor. He began his federal career in 1987 in Brownsville, Texas, as a U.S. Customs special agent conducting a wide variety of investigations.

Immigration expert

We are fortunate to be able to have Special Agent Nicholson, one of the country's true experts on immigration, join us for our August meeting. Invite the friend you have been wanting to have join our club, and be sure and attend our August meeting to get the facts about this most important and critical issue. *Gerri Warren.*



MEMBERS, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

Members, please call the appropriate person below or e-mail Carol Cobb to make your luncheon reservation by **noon, Monday, Aug. 20.**

- Last Name • A — C: Nancy Cline 281-0534
- Last Name • D — F: Linda Slaton 288-0560
- Last Name • G — J: Ann Brown 295-3964
- Last Name • K — M: Lucy Kilby 233-6000
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Carol Cobb — e-mail: carolbcobb@aol.com by noon, Monday, Aug. 20. **Cancellations: Call 220-5068 by 8 p.m. on the Monday before the luncheon.**

Please note: You will be billed \$14 if you make a reservation and do not come to the luncheon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jane Cline, Gloria Cullins and Camellia Ploof.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

At our Aug. 23 meeting we will elect delegates to the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women's state convention in North Charleston, Oct. 18-21.

Each club is entitled to have one delegate for each 10 members. Come prepared to nominate someone who will want to serve as it is important that this person will attend the entire convention. If you want to serve, ask someone to nominate you. This is just for members, and associates are not eligible.

The GCRWC will pay the registration fee of \$125 for the delegates, however, delegates must pay for their own trans-

portation and rooms at the Sheraton.

At the Aug. 6 Greenville County GOP Executive Committee meeting, some of our members and associate members were elected to committees. Joanne Meadows was elected to the Rules Committee; associate members Bob Dill and Billy Mitchell were elected to the Candidate Recruitment Committee; and associate Dennis Jones was elected to the Finance Committee.

Our annual auction to raise funds for the club will take place at the Oct. 25 meeting. Save this date and start making things if you are the creative type.

Sincerely,
Betty Poe

— PROFILES: JOAN FOSTER NOVELLI —

Highlighting members of GCRWC — By Joanne Meadows

Joan Foster Novelli is a native of Greenville. She attended Hayne Elementary School on Toy Street and Greenville Junior High. She then moved to Seneca, where she graduated from Seneca High School.

She moved back to Greenville in 1968 to attend Greenville Tech, where she studied computer programming. She then moved to New York to train for her new job at Michelin. A few months later she returned to Greenville. She retired last year as assistant branch manager for the Michelin Credit Union at Donaldson.

She has one daughter, Kristy Chasse, who lives on Croft Street in Greenville.

Joan lives in Mauldin in Whispering Oaks Townhomes. Her husband, John Novelli, a Greenville High School graduate, is a truck driver for Wal-Mart. His daily route is from Laurens to Hope Mill, North Carolina, on I-95.

The Novellis are members of the Up-

state BMW Club. Three years ago they took their longest trip on motorcycles to Bar Harbor, Maine. The often enjoy rides on the Blue Ridge Parkway with their friends, the Egerts.

Joan has been involved in Republican activities since she was a member of the Seneca Teen Republicans. She campaigned for the Nixon-Agnew ticket. Becky Egert invited her to attend a meeting at the Greenville County Republican Women's Club, and she joined. For the past two years she has been willing to help at the check-in table at the GCRWC meetings.

One of Joan's hobbies is working with stained glass. She donated a beautiful piece to last year's auction.

The Novellis are members of Simpsonville Baptist Church.

The new Greenville History Museum will open in September, and Joan's family will be a part of that history. Her mother was in the first graduating class from the new "school on the hill."

Her maternal grandfather, Frank Bethea, built the first house on Laneau Avenue. He was part owner of the Ideal Laundry located at Echols and Buncombe near the Kash and Karry.

On Nov. 19, 1946, the laundry was destroyed by a propane gas explosion. Her grandfather was in Georgia that day on business. Her father was late returning from making deliveries for the laundry that day, and he also escaped harm. Six were killed; 150 were injured; and 10 homes were destroyed. Joan's mother thought she had lost her husband and her father that day.

2008-09 slate announced

In accordance with the club's by-laws, the nominating committee consisting of Cheryl Pressley, Faye Jay, Judy Cooter, Joanne Meadows and Mary Carolyn Garton met to select the slate of officers for 2008-09.

Chairman Cheryl Pressley will place in nomination the slate at the Aug. 23 luncheon. The election of club officers will take place at the October meeting.

GOP, NFRW Campaign management school

A Campaign Management School will be conducted by GOPAC and NFRW from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 19, before the official start of the NFRW state convention.

The event will take place at the Sheraton North Charleston Convention Center. The cost is \$75, which includes a campaign school manual, lunch, campaign advice, knowledge and networking.

Topics covered will be management and strategy, fund-raising, conducting opposition research, media and get-out the vote techniques.

Register now by sending an e-mail to msanchez@nfrw.org or by calling 1-800-373-9688. Please provide your name, phone number, e-mail address and location of school. Pay at the door

September meeting one week earlier: Sept. 20 at noon

The club's executive committee voted to change the September meeting to Sept. 20, the third Thursday of the month, instead of the fourth Thursday, because of President Betty Poe being in meetings in Atlanta and Geri Warren and Mary Carolyn Garton in Palm Springs, California, for the national convention of the National Federation of Republican Women.

DATES OF INTEREST

Aug. 23	Noon GCRWC at Poinsett Club
Sept. 20	Noon GCRWC at Poinsett Club
Sept. 20	Palmetto Family Stump Meeting and Straw Poll, Columbia Convention Center
Sept. 28-30	NFRW Convention Palm Springs, California
Oct. 18-21	SCFRW Convention Sheraton Hotel North Charleston
Oct. 25	Noon GCRWC at Poinsett Club

State convention

'First in the South: a First Look'

The 23rd biennial state convention for the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women will take place Oct. 18-21 at the Sheraton Hotel in North Charleston. The registration fee is \$125 per person, and the room cost is \$119 per night plus tax.

The theme, "First in the South: a First Look," reflects South Carolina's prominence in national politics.

The event will be hosted by the Berkeley County Republican Women. The honorary chair will be State Rep. Shirley Hinson of Goose Creek. Cheryl Ludlam, president of the Berkeley Club, will be the convention chairman.

The term of state president LaDonna Ryggs will end in December, so a new slate of officers will be elected at the convention to serve in 2008.

Registration begins Thursday, Oct. 18, from 2 p.m., to 5 p.m. A regents cruise is on tap that evening, when Palmetto and Crescent Regent level ladies will have a dinner cruise around Charleston Harbor.

Convention registration continues Friday. An optional Campaign Management School sponsored by GOPAC and NFRW takes place that day with a registration fee of \$75 (see box, page 2).

A Presidential dinner is set for Oct. 19 at 6:30 with guest candidates. A Presidential forum follows at 7:30.

The business session is scheduled for Saturday morning from 9 to noon. It will include election of new officers and any new by-law changes. This will be followed by the Republican Women's Caucus luncheon and forum.

On Sunday morning from 9 to 11, visit one of the beautiful gardens and commune with nature and God during our prayer breakfast.

Presidential primary set for Jan. 19

Katon Dawson, state GOP chairman, announced that the First in the South Presidential Primary will take place in South Carolina Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008.

GOP executive committee censures Sen. Lindsey Graham, reprimands state lawmakers

The Greenville County Republican Party Executive Committee met Monday night, Aug. 6, and censured Sen. Lindsey Graham and reprimanded state lawmakers.

A resolution proposed by Chris Golden would have asked Sen. Graham to resign as a member of the Republican Party, and not seek the Republican Party nomination for the U.S. Senate or any other office in the future. After extended debate, the resolution passed with an amendment that was a compromise between the original strong resolution and a much weaker one. The resolution follows:

Whereas, the 2001 Greenville County Republican Convention passed a resolution opposing any legalization of illegal immigrants;

Whereas, the Greenville County Executive Committee in 2004 and 2006 passed resolutions opposing any legalization of illegal immigrants;

Whereas, thousands of grass-roots, self-described Republicans, here in Greenville County have sent e-mails, faxes, letters, made telephone calls, and showed up at events to express their strong opposition to any legalization of illegal immigrants;

Whereas, U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham continues to adamantly support legalization of illegal immigrants in spite of the evidence stated above;

Whereas, U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham expressed contempt for grassroots Republicans, conservatives, and anti-illegal immigration activists by calling them "bigots" who will be told to "shut up," before the National La Raza Conference.

Therefore, let it be resolved: That the Greenville County Executive Committee respectfully requests, with sincere sadness, to censure Sen. Lindsey Graham for many of the positions which he has taken that do not represent the wishes of the people of South Carolina, such as:

Immigration, border security, McCain-Feingold, and participation in the "Gang of 14."

A resolution introduced by Evert Headley called for a public reprimand for members of the South Carolina General Assembly who cast votes for Justice-elect Don Beatty to fill the vacancy in Seat Five of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

The resolution alleged that as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, Judge Beatty cast numerous documented votes on taxes, gun control and the issue of protecting life, both born and unborn, contrary to basic Republican principles.

In part, the resolution that passed stated:

That the Republican members of the South Carolina General Assembly who cast votes for Judge Beatty should be publicly reprimanded for selecting a South Carolina Supreme Court Justice-Elect who has a measurable record of anti-conservative philosophy.

Be it further resolved that Republican members of the South Carolina General Assembly who cast votes for Justice-Elect Beatty and who previously took public positions favoring stances such as a right-to-life, Second Amendment rights, and tax reform, have a responsibility to communicate to their constituencies official explanations of rationale in voting for a judicial candidate who espoused views in the contrary to those supported by their district constituents.
Bob Dill.

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in beautiful downtown Greenville, S.C.*

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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND & BRING A REPUBLICAN FRIEND.

THE COST FOR THE LUNCHEON IS \$14 PER PERSON.

— REMEMBER —

**GUESTS NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS BY NOON
ON MONDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON**