

— IN THE SPOTLIGHT —

THE RACE IS ON — MITT ROMNEY TO SPEAK FEB. 22



MITT ROMNEY

Fellow Republicans, the race is on — the South Carolina presidential primary, that is!

Do you feel the electricity in the air? I don't mean static electricity, I mean the political buzz throughout South Carolina, as well as the nation.

With South Carolina being a key primary state, it seems that every day when you turn on Fox News there

is Katon Dawson with yet another presidential candidate who is throwing his hat into the increasingly crowded ring.

For our Feb. 22 meeting, the Greenville County Republican Women's Club is thrilled to announce that presidential candidate Mitt Romney, former governor of Massachusetts, will be our guest and featured speaker.

Have you been wondering if this one-term governor from our nation's bluest state is really a social conservative who opposes same-sex marriage and supports the sanctity of life? Jim Bopp, general counsel for the Right to Life Committee, is endorsing Mitt Romney. How does Gov. Romney plan to increase legal immigration while decreasing illegal immigration?

Did you know that Gov. Romney stepped up and took a stand just hours before President Bush addressed the nation in favor of the "surge" in boots on the ground in Iraq? What does the governor view as the major problems that need correcting in order for America to remain the leader of the Free World? These are major issues and major questions that face our nation.

What is the media saying about Mitt Romney? Fred Barnes of Fox News described Gov. Romney as "the candidate who's done the best among conservatives."

ABC's Nightline commentator, Terry Moran, described Mitt Romney as being "a formidable candidate. He's got the money, the skills, the looks, and the track record that might appeal to a lot of Republicans."

Conservative radio host Mike Gallagher spoke of Gov. Romney: "I like his ideology. He's right on the issues."

Will Mitt Romney be the person who can articulate our conservative principles and political ideas to the American people? Invite your husband, neighbor, friend or prospective member and find out why Gov. Romney has been called the "communicator in chief."

Let's fill the ballroom so there's standing room only as they did when he spoke in Columbia and Aiken recently. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet and hear this formidable presidential candidate. Let's show Gov. Romney a warm South Carolina welcome with a big dose of Southern hospitality on Thursday, Feb. 22, at noon at the beautiful Poinsett Club in downtown Greenville. *Geri Warren.*

MEMBERS, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

Members, please call the appropriate person below or e-mail Carol Cobb to make your luncheon reservation by **8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19.**

- 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
- Last Name • N — P: Karen Mims 288-2162
- Last Name • Q — R: Manisay Gabbard 335-8892
- Last Name • S — Z: Shirdale Hebert 268-2540

Carol Cobb — e-mail contact: carolbcobb@aol.com by 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19.

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!

BECKY FLEMING, SOMER GRASSER,
DENNIS JONES (associate)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Six GCRWC members attended the SCFRW board meeting Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia. They are Ann Brown, Mary Carolyn Garton, Joanne Meadows, Karen Mims, Betty Poe and Geri Warren.

It was a fun and informative meeting, and I wish all of you could have gone with us. Think about attending the legislative day and the convention.

New clubs are being organized in Aiken and Newberry.

The date for the SCFRW legislative day was announced as April 17.

The agenda will be:

10 a.m. — Brunch at the Governor's Mansion

Noon — Introductions to House and Senate

1:15 p.m. — Visit with Gov. Mark Sanford

1:45 p.m. — Visit constitution officers

The revision to the SCFRW bylaws about the nominating committee passed. GCRWC's past president, Joanne Meadows,

was elected to the SCFRW nominating committee.

SCFRW will conduct an essay contest for third graders on the Constitution. Constitution Day is Sept. 17.

The SCFRW biannual convention will be Oct. 19 to 21 at the Sheraton Hotel in North Charleston.

After the business part of the meeting, speakers were:

● Katon Dawson, SCGOP chairman

● Jason Miller, deputy chief of staff to Gov. Mark Sanford

● Rudy Guliani, former New York City mayor and candidate for president

● Representatives for presidential candidates Mitt Romney, John McCain, Duncan Hunter and Sam Brownback.

The luncheon speaker was Nancy French, author of *A Red State of Mind: How a Catfish Queen Reject Became a Liberty Belle*.

Sincerely,

Betty Poe

— PROFILES —

Highlighting members of GCRWC — By Joanne Meadows

If you call "Dr. Pat" and Patricia Bailey answers, don't hang up. Dr. Pat Rowe is her professional name at her chiropractor's office. At home she is Mrs. Gordon Bailey.

The Baileys live with their 20-year-old cat named Tom. Pat's holistic practice and training must have carried over to her care of Tom.

Pat lives north of Greer, gets her mail in Lyman, attends the Episcopal Church in Tryon, North Carolina, and works in Taylors. She and Gordon live on a 19-acre plot where they love the peace and quiet while enjoying the view of the mountains.

Gordon Bailey is a mechanical engineer with a specialty in aerospace. He works for Honeywell, Inc. She met her future husband at her office, where a co-worker introduced them.

Pat never outgrew her desire to dress up. Her latest adventure was attending the United Daughters of the Confederacy banquet in her ball gown. Another GCRWC member, Mary Drawdy, also attended the banquet. Pat is a member of the UDC and the Confederacy Museum.

Gordon and Pat recently returned from Lexington, Virginia, where they participated in the celebration of Robert E. Lee's 200th birthday. They were also in the Stonewall Jackson parade. She wore mourning clothes for the memorial service and a gown for the Southern

ball. Her friend and also a member of GCRWC, Beverly Mogensen, also traveled to Virginia for the events.

Pat really gets excited when Mardi Gras approaches. This year will be the 25th year for Gordon to dress up and ride a prestigious float in the New Orleans parade. His "krew" raised more than one-half million dollars last year for the children's hospital in New Orleans. His "krew" of businessmen and their families enjoy getting together each year. The Baileys love the true New Orleans, not the one depicted on television.

Pat enjoys a variety of activities including hot-air ballooning, four wheeling, cooking and reading history books. Her husband owned his own plane before 9/11. He sold the plane because of all the new restricted zones and regulations.

As GCRWC membership chairman, Pat has done an outstanding job. She has invited more women to the meetings than any other member. Thank you, Becky Egert, for inviting Pat to GCRWC.

Matters of the heart

The GCRWC extends deepest sympathy to Jane Piper in the passing of her mother.

Eleanor Ethridge fractured her back and is having a difficult time. Please continue to pray for her recovery.

2009: President Hillary Clinton?

One sunny day in 2009, an old man approached the White House from Pennsylvania Avenue, where he'd been sitting on a park bench.

He spoke to the Marine standing guard and said, "I would like to go in and meet with President Hillary Clinton."

The Marine replied, "Sir, Mrs. Clinton is not president and doesn't reside here." The old man said, "OK," and walked away.

The following day, the old man approached the White House and said to the same Marine, "I would like to go in and meet with President Hillary Clinton."

Again, the Marine told the man, "Sir, as I said yesterday, Mrs. Clinton is not the president and doesn't reside here." The man thanked him and again walked away.

The third day, the old man said to the same Marine, "I would like to go in and meet with President Hillary Clinton."

The Marine, slightly agitated, looked at the man and said: "Sir, this is the third day in a row you have been here asking to speak to Mrs. Clinton. I've told you that Mrs. Clinton is not the president and doesn't reside here. Do you understand?"

The old man answered: "Oh, I understand you perfectly. I just love hearing your answer!"

The Marine snapped to attention and saluted, "See you tomorrow, sir!"

DATES OF INTEREST

Feb. 22	Noon — GCRWC at Poinsett Club
March 5	Local precinct reorganization. (Pay to be delegate at GOP county convention and pay to be put on ballot for state GOP convention.)
March 20	Republican primary election for district 20
March 22	Noon — GCRWC at Poinsett Club
March 28 - 31	NFRW spring board meeting, Washington
April 17	SCFRW legislative day in Columbia
April 21	Greenville GOP convention, Palmetto Expo Center, 9 a.m. to noon. Elect county party officers and elect delegates to state GOP convention.
April 26	Noon — GCRWC at Poinsett Club
May 14	Silver Elephant Dinner, Columbia
May 15	Presidential debate of GOP can- didates, Kroger Center, Univer- sity of South Carolina
May 19	South Carolina Republican Party convention

Greenville County Republican Party Precinct Meetings

Greenville County Republican Party precinct meetings will take place Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

Go to the precinct where you vote (it may be a school, church or fire station).

That evening you will elect precinct officers, and you can sign up to attend the Greenville County GOP Convention on April 21 at the Carolina Expo Center (Palmetto Expo Center). Also you can sign up to be a delegate to the South Carolina GOP convention in Columbia May 19.

Take your voter registration card with you to the meeting.

For your conservative voice to be heard, you cannot sit on the sideline. Take action and get involved.

As a Republican woman and an active member of the Greenville County Republican Women's Club, it is important that you be at your precinct meeting.

You have volunteered your time for the party in many ways. Now you have an opportunity to be a decision maker on the future of the GOP. Please attend.

— INFORMED —

Local and National News Important to GCRW

Gov. Mark Sanford urges public to speak out on DOT reform

Gov. Mark Sanford traveled to three cities Monday, Feb. 5, to lay out markers for reforming the South Carolina Department of Transportation and to urge citizens to get involved in reform efforts.



An audit of the DOT revealed serious problems with spending at the agency, prompting legislative leaders to join the governor's longstanding call for making the agency more accountable to the Executive branch and the people of this state.

Several GCRWC members and associate members attended the governor's press conference at One Horse Auto in Greer.

Totalization agreement with Mexico

The Bush Administration has negotiated a "Totalization" agreement with Mexico that would put millions of illegal aliens into our Social Security system, allowing them to collect U.S. benefits after only 18 months work in this country.

Even this small amount of work was probably based on false or stolen Social Security numbers. (Americans have to work 10 years to earn Social Security benefits.)

Totalization agreements with other countries are totally different from the plan to include illegal aliens from Mexico. One of the dangers of this new plan is that it is scheduled to become law unless the House or Senate passes a resolution disapproving it within 60 days. This is outrageous and financially dangerous.

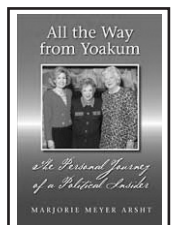
Sen. John Ensign (R-Nev.) has offered an amendment to the minimum wage bill, requiring all Social Security Totalization agreements to be treated as bilateral trade agreements and permitting a totalization agreement to go into effect only if affirmatively passed by both Houses of Congress. It would also require a report from the Social Security commissioner on the costs and number of persons affected by the agreement.

Regardless of your views on illegal immigration or how to save Social Security, we should all be able to agree that our Social Security system cannot bear such an additional burden.

Contact Senators Lindsey Graham and Jim DeMint and ask them to vote yes on the Ensign amendment! *Patty Stoner.*

Book of the Month

All the Way from Yoakum: The Personal Journey of a Political Insider by Marjorie Arsht. Marjorie Arsht is a 91-year-old member of the Magic Circle Republican Women's Club in Houston. She tells of her life and politics when there were few Republicans in Texas.



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Celebrate America!

If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter. George Washington.

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Join Us for the February Luncheon Meeting

Thursday — Noon

Feb. 22

*at the Poinsett Club (807 E. Washington St.)
in beautiful downtown Greenville, S.C.*

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND & BRING A REPUBLICAN FRIEND.

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

— REMEMBER —

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