



# The Elephant's Ear

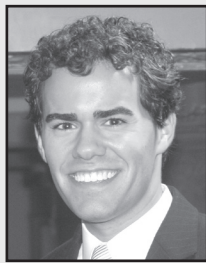
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## DICK JENSEN, AREA CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT JULY 24 MEETING



Dick Jensen



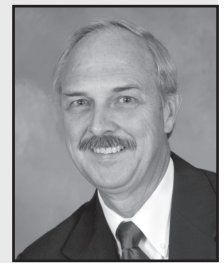
Taylor Hall



Eric Bedingfield



Liz Seman



Alan Kay

It is our pleasure to have Dick Jensen as our featured speaker for our July luncheon. Mr. Jensen is the founder and president of First Foundations, Inc.

FFI's and Jensen's mission is education on such basic treasures as the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. FFI publishes books and pamphlets, holds informational meetings and has distributed more than 60,000 copies of the U.S. Constitution. FFI has never received government funds or applied for a government grant.

Mr. Jensen is a veteran journalist and journalism professor, and in former years he was a television anchor and reporter for channels 4 and 7 in South Carolina and channel 12 in North Carolina. He is the author of three books and scores of published essays. He once served as press secretary for Billy Graham.

In recent years, Dick taught journalism at the University of South Carolina, North Greenville College and the University of Memphis. He has been a guest lecturer at universities in Russia and Lithuania as well as many American schools.

We are also honored to have Taylor Hall, chairman of the South Carolina College Republicans, who will be updating us on the statewide activities of the College Republicans and how our two groups can work together. Taylor is in his third term as chairman of the Furman College Republicans.

The Furman College Republicans have experienced significant growth and hosted many successful events including speeches by former Sens. Bill Frist and Zell Miller, Iraqi Gen. Georges Sada and Dr. Mike Adams. Plans are in the works for another nationally known conservative to speak in October. Stay tuned!

We will also be introducing Eric Bedingfield, incumbent candidate for South Carolina House of Representatives District 28, Liz Seman, candidate for

County Council District 24, and Alan Kay, candidate for County Council District 25. All of these candidates have a Democrat opponent in the November general election.

Rep. Bedingfield, a Greenville native, was elected to the House in 2006 and serves on the Education and Public Works Committees. Prior to being elected to serve in the House, he served on the Greenville County Council beginning in 2002. He is a businessman in the real estate field. His opponent is Jonathan David Smith.

Liz is the executive director for Meals on Wheels. Liz was recently appointed to the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority Board. She will be running against James Akers. This county council seat has been held by Cort Flint, who is not seeking reelection.

Alan is running against Lottie Gibson, who has held the seat for many years. He currently serves as chairman for the Parker Sewer and Fire district, where he has served for the past 13 years. He is the general manager at Chick-fil-A on Laurens Road. Alan is the father of GCRWC member Shelly Haddon.

I look forward to welcoming this slate of guests along with our featured speaker, Mr. Jensen, for our July luncheon. *Kathy Davis.*

### New GOP Headquarters Needed

Our County Republican Party needs to find a new headquarters. Our present location will soon have the monthly rent increased from \$800 to \$1,425. We simply can't afford that!

GOP County Chairman Samuel Harms has formed a Headquarters Review Committee, headed by Tom Mims. They are looking at various office spaces now, and if you have — or know of — an inexpensive office that we can use, please call Tom at 288-2162. We need your help now!! *Dennis Jones, Finance Committee Chairman.*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Thanks so much for all you do: Thanks for bringing items for our troupes. Thanks for being at our meetings when you may not feel "quite up to par." Thanks for making a concerted effort to make those appointments on days other than the fourth Thursday. Thanks for attending those County GOP functions even when the timing is not the most convenient. Thanks for telling your friends about our organization and encouraging them to come join you. Thanks for making GCRW

a priority. Our organization is just as strong as each member's dedication. Once again we are asking you to help us show the state and national federations just how hard working and dedicated our club is by counting those hours you have spent working for the Republican cause.

You might be surprised to realize that all of the following political activities count toward your volunteer hours: going to hear Ann Coulter at Furman University, attending Legislative Day, working on a GCRW committee (example directory, telephone, decorating, etc.), hours spent working on a candidate's campaign, attending GOP conventions.

And don't forget ... it's portal to portal!

Please don't hesitate to call Carol Cobb, Kathy Davis, Betty Poe, Joanne Meadows or myself if you have questions on how to calculate your hours.

Sincerely,

*Geri Warren*

## — GRASSROOTS: JANIE WYLIE —



Highlighting members of GCRW — By Fiona Davidson



Janie Wylie and her husband, Bill, live in Simpsonville and attend church at St. Mary Magdalene. Janie and Bill have been married for 48 years and raised three children, Kevin, Keith and Kelly. Janie and Bill also adore their 10 grandchildren.

Janie was born in Massachusetts and grew up in the city of Greenfield. Janie met Bill in Greenfield. After graduating from high school, Janie and Bill later married. Janie has enjoyed being a homemaker all of her life and raising her children.

Bill and Janie moved to Simpsonville more than 30 years ago. Bill has been successful in various business opportunities as well as holding significant leadership roles. In 2007, Bill retired as the CEO of Goodwill Industries of Up-

state/Midland SC.

Bill then embarked on a new career challenge. He ran in the South Carolina Republican primary as a candidate for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 21. On June 10, 2008, Bill was the victorious candidate. Janie said that campaigning was hard work, but they met some wonderful people.

Janie and Bill have traveled all over the world. Janie's favorite destinations have been Switzerland, Australia and most recently, South Africa. In her spare time, Janie enjoys playing cards, seeing friends and most importantly, taking care of her grandchildren. Janie also loves to bake cookies for her grandson, who is currently attending the Citadel. Janie joined the GCRWC this year.



## Welcome New Members!

Shirley H. Anderson and Jo Dillard



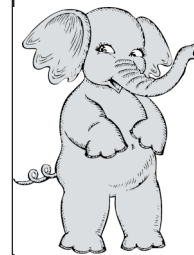
## Sunshine Report

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mary Carolyn Garton in the loss of her mother, Elva Gannon, who died on July 10. Mrs. Gannon was originally from West Virginia but moved to Easley about a year ago to live with Mary Carolyn.

We also extend our sympathy to Jamie and Adam Bach in the death of Adam's grandfather, the Honorable Stephen Bach of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, on July 2.

Please remember to keep Laura Richards in your prayers. Laura is still undergoing testing and pending surgery.

We are happy to report that Eleanor Lewis is recuperating nicely after undergoing surgery to repair her aortic valve about a month ago.



## Fill Your Trunks With Treasure at the Elephant's Auction Oct. 23

Wendy Foulke and Barbara Poole are chairing the GCRWC's Auction Fundraiser this year, and do they have some exciting plans in store!

We need your help to make this a really great success this year. It's not too early to ask businesses you patronize or smaller retail boutiques or spas for donations. Most would love the exposure — 50 to 75 percent off sale merchandise in home decor can make great auction items. Think unique! Dinners for two at newly opened restaurants are always popular items.

You may start bringing your articles to any upcoming meeting, and we will store them until October.

If you have questions or want to get involved, please contact Wendy at 414-7703.

We're not talking peanuts here!!!



# GCRW's Americanism Program: A Celebration of the United States of America



GCRW's Americanism program on June 26 was a grand way to "ring in" the Fourth of July celebration. We not only celebrated the founding of our great country, but we also paid tribute to the U.S. military for the untold sacrifices they continue to make to ensure that we remain a free and a safe nation.

Patty Stoner, Chairman of the Committee, did an outstanding job of planning the program and choosing the speakers, including Lt. Col. Clarence Bowser, U.S. Army, Dot Bishop, President of the Greenville Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers, and Jo Dillard, the mother of a U.S. Army specialist who recently returned from Afghanistan. Each speaker provided a meaningful message from his or her own personal perspective.

Upstate Young Marine Josiah Daigle, just 9 years old, standing at attention, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and impressed us with his recitation of the poem, "The Soldier." His willingness and courage to stand in front of such a crowd and lead us at his young age made us appreciative of the strength and abilities we are fortunate to have in our young, future leaders.

Our patriotic music was sung and then led by one of our own GCRW members, Nancee Lee Yearick. It was beautiful and inspiring. She was accompanied by Glenn Christianson, a professional pianist. Glenn entertained us with a piano prelude before the meeting and provided more music during the meeting. It was an impressive moment when all of our Club members rose and joined Glenn and Nancee

Lee in singing "America the Beautiful" at the close of the program.

Peggy Kirby, Chairman of our Decorations Committee, and Linda Bearden ensured that each table displayed the patriotic theme of the meeting. They created beautiful patriotic centerpieces consisting of blue hydrangeas, variegated vinca, curly willow, miniature American and South Carolina flags with red, white and blue ribbons. Peggy must have spent many hours planning, gathering the necessary materials, and decorating the ballroom with an array of flags and bunting, which added so much to our festive occasion.

We cannot forget to thank the many members who donated items and money for our troops. We had numerous items donated from the list we distributed, and some lucky military personnel are going to enjoy delicious homemade "aggression cookies" made by our own Betty Solesbee. ("Aggression" cookies because of how much you have to beat the batter!) Betty not only made the cookies, but she researched the proper way to package them to send overseas. The Blue Star Mothers will be distributing the donations to our troops, and Dot Bishop was thrilled with the number of donations. They filled her car! I'm proud to pass along her thanks and appreciation on behalf of the troops.

As you can tell, our Americanism program this year was truly a wonderful celebration of our great country and the men and women who protect us. Thanks again to Patty and everyone who worked to put together this program. Now I can hardly wait for next year's event! *Geri Warren.*

## GCRW Nominee Featured in NFRW Magazine

Virginia Boney, GCRWC's nominee and winner of the NFRW's Dorothy Kabis Internship, is featured in the summer edition of the NFRW's *Republican Woman* magazine ([www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org))



## A President once said ...



"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American.... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag.... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language ... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people." *Theodore Roosevelt 1907*



## Deadline Approaching!

Last year it was so exciting when Kathy Davis accepted the SCFRW award for our club's 19,000 volunteer hours. The state campaign chairman, Charm Altman, has requested that a report be sent to her from each local unit. The deadline for submitting volunteer hours is Thursday, July 24. Volunteer hours include the dates from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Please bring a list of your hours, and I will be happy to help get these transferred to your official sheet in the logbook. *Carol Cobb.*

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Join Us for the July Luncheon Meeting  
Thursday — Noon — July 24  
Poinsett Club downtown Greenville



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**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!**

Please e-mail Cheryl Pressley at [gcrwreply@bellsouth.net](mailto:gcrwreply@bellsouth.net) or call her at 246-6448 by noon, Monday, July 21. To avoid paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8 p.m., July 21.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 24	GCRWC: Noon at Poinsett Club
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Aug. 4	Greenville County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Verne Smith Auditorium, Greenville Tech.
Aug. 28	GCRWC: Noon at Poinsett Club
Sept. 1	NFRW Fall Board Meeting — Minneapolis, Minnesota
Sept. 1 to 4	National GOP Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Oct. 4	SCFRW Quarterly Board Meeting, Palmetto Club, Downtown Columbia
Oct. 23	GCRWC Auction Fundraiser Noon: Poinsett Club

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