



The

# Elephant's Ear

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## SOLD! TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL ELEPHANT'S AUCTION OCT. 23

A Good Elephant Never Forgets ... that to fill their trunk with treasures they must attend the Annual Elephant's Auction, Thursday, Oct. 23.

Arrive early to preview the fabulous items donated by local merchants, members and their friends. **Heidi Aiken** from B 93.7 will be our Mistress of Ceremonies. The auction will probably run longer than a normal meeting. Oh, and don't forget our 50/50 raffle. You keep half, the other half goes to support the Greenville County Republican Women's Club: \$5 for six tickets or \$1 each.

Chairs **Wendy Foulke** and **Barbara Poole**, along with **Ann Powell**, are hard at work to make this the best auction ever!

Some of the fabulous items to be auctioned include the following:

- Weekend at Edisto Beach
- Weekend in historic Alexandria, Virginia
- \$100 value dinner for two at Justin's Steak House
- Fresh water pearls from Abigail's
- Historic President Nixon portrait that hung in the Pentagon
- Hissy Fits — Purses with Pizzazz, \$65 value
- Scarlet Macaw dress shop item
- Joseph and Stephen Day Spa package



- Gift certificate Massage Envy
- Chloe and Grace — \$100 gift certificate
- His & Hers bomber jackets from Moxie Equestrian
- White House cuff links
- *Mischief in the Governor's Mansion* — signed by Gov. Mark Sanford and the boys
- Two cashmere pashminas
- Homemade apple pies

- Upstate Skin Kare Center & Spa
- *Canada: A Visual Journey*, signed by Ambassador and Mrs. David Wilkins
- Large assortment of elephants
- \$50 gift certificate to Monkee's
- Two homemade pecan pies
- \$100 gift certificate Garrison's Opticians.
- And much, much more.

In addition, this will be an opportunity to support the Greenville County Republican Women and pick up a little treasure for your trunk! We need all members to help acquire items for the October event by donating items in addition to asking for merchants they do business with in Greenville to donate.

Remember to invite friends, family, business associates and especially those who want the chance to bid on some fabulous items. Bid and bid often!

## Rules for the Auction

A. Bring a friend or relative to our auction (a shopaholic would be great).

B. Those friends or relatives who always brag about how much money they spend need to be there. Bring them on!

C. Use these standard excuses for spending too much money:

"I got a bargain"

"One less Christmas present to buy"

"I donated it for my country"

D. And above all — there are no best friends at this auction. If you want it, outbid her. If you feel bad later, give it to her for Christmas. *Kathy Snyder-Garrett.*

*You're Invited to . . .*

## Election Night Victory Party

GCRW along with the Greenville County GOP, Furman University College Republicans, and South Carolina College Republicans Federation will be sponsoring an Election Night Celebration Nov. 4 at the beautiful Younts Center on the campus of Furman University beginning at 7 p.m.

Taylor Hall, chairman of the Furman College Republicans, is organizing the event, and Congressman Bob Inglis is the major contributor. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

WOW! Didn't we have an exciting program last month. I think the speakers gave us a tremendous amount of information and created such excitement. On top of that, we had 16 new members join us! A special welcome to all of you.

GCRW members have been busy and active. If you were unable to join us for the Vice Presidential debate, you missed an exciting time. We had 180 true Republicans come out to the newly renovated, historic Taylor's High School auditorium, and we left truly re-energized by the outstanding job our GAL did in the debate. To be able to watch it on a huge screen with fellow Republicans was lots of fun.

A special thanks goes out to several of our GCRW members who came early and stayed late to serve food and then clean up. Many thanks to **Faye Jay, Virginia Waters, Pat Jenkins, Harriet Carmichael, Marlene and Bob Dowd, and Aurie Latham** for all of their help. The event would

not have been possible without your commitment.

On Sept. 29, many of us also attended the presentation given by Chuck Norris sponsored by the Furman College Republicans. These young people did a wonderful job of organizing and publicizing the event, and so many turned out that there were hundreds of people who could not get into McAlister Auditorium.

Thanks to our relationship with the College Republicans, we were given VIP seating and had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Norris and have our books signed before everyone else. Cheryl Pressley said that program alone was worth paying her dues! Thanks to Taylor Hall for his friendship and recognition of our Club's support.

On Oct. 23, we have our annual Auction, and you won't want to miss it! Co-Chairmen **Wendy Foulke** and **Barbara Poole**, along with **Ann Powell**, have really brought in some fabulous items that you will want to bid on. This is our primary fundraiser, so we need all of our members to bring an item to be auctioned, and come and

bid on the wonderful things we will have there. If you know a merchant or any business, most of them will donate to worthy causes if asked, so don't be bashful!

Please remember to invite your friends, family, business associates and everyone else you can think of who would like the opportunity to bid on the fantastic items we will have at the auction.

Hopefully, some of these guests will also recognize the value in joining our Club and supporting fellow Republicans. Remember, the free membership for 2008 is still available when you pay the \$20 dues for 2009. That's a real BARGAIN in and of itself.

See you at the Auction!

Sincerely,

*Gerri Warren*

### Bob Dill Donates Historic Nixon Portrait for GCRWC Auction

On Aug. 9, 1974 at noon Eastern Time, Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as our 38th president. The former president, Richard Milhouse Nixon, and his wife Pat just three hours earlier had boarded the presidential helicopter, given his famous final salute, and departed the White House South Lawn in the wake of the Watergate scandal.



Almost to the minute and in synchronized fashion, when the clock struck 12 p.m. and President Ford was sworn in, all the pictures of former President Nixon were taken down in a brisk manner from the walls of the Pentagon and quickly discarded as trash.

This is how it was witnessed by Lt. Col. Bob Dill, staff officer in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, United States Army, assigned to the Pentagon, in Washington, D.C., from 1971 to 1974.

This picture of President Nixon that had proudly hung on the walls of the Pentagon had been taken down in disgrace and placed in a trash can.

The picture was being transported to a nearby incinerator when Bob Dill, the fu-

ture founder and editor of *The Times Examiner*, rescued it and saved it from destruction. Is this not an amazing story!

The picture of President Nixon includes a notarized letter of authenticity. The GCRWC truly appreciates our associate member Bob Dill's generosity and unselfishness in donating this special picture of history to be auctioned off on Oct. 23. *Gerri Warren.*

### Sunshine Report

**Laura Richards** is gaining strength and hoping to be driving soon. She will be starting radiation treatments next week.

**Mary Carolyn Garton's** husband **Charlie** is recuperating at home and asks for your continued prayers as he awaits test results.

Please keep **Andy and Susan Douglas** in your prayers as they travel to Charleston for more testing for Andy.

Please remember **Karen Mims'** sister, **Trudie Frost**, who returned home after a five-week hospital stay. She will receive dialysis treatment three days a week.

## Legislative Corner

### Transparency in Government

Gov. Mark Sanford and several legislators visited the Upstate Sept. 24 on a statewide tour to push for more transparency in government by supporting a bill proposed by Rep. Nikki Haley that would mandate legislators to record votes.



Proponents of this bill argue that citizens should have the ability to know how their legislator voted on an issue, particularly when spending taxpayer dollars, vs. the majority of voice votes that occur in the statehouse.

The SC Policy Council, which was also on hand to support this measure, said that the SC General Assembly roll-called votes only 5 percent of the time. While this seems like a simple measure and an obvious move toward transparency, this bill has received some opposition from members of the House and the Senate. Supporters of transparency ask that you call your state representative and senator to let them know you support this bill. *Jamie Bach.*

## Welcome New Members!



Amonda Hancock, Loretta Van Ostenbridge, Margaret Gatch, Kathy Hoagland, Susan Douglas, Tracey Parker, Charlene Kelley, Rachel Howell, Sylvia Bass, Cheryl Teague Cuthrell, Cynthia Goodwin, Elaine Brown, Eleanor Weiler, Andrea Pisaracik, Martha Boling.

Associate members: Joe Dill and James Gibney.

## 100! Voter Registration Drive 100! at North Greenville University

The GCRW registered 100 new voters during a voter registration drive at North Greenville University Sept. 22 to 24.

We were at the school for three days, nabbing students as they headed into the cafeteria for lunch. Many students were eager to register and exercise their privilege and right to vote.

A big THANK YOU to those who took the time to help — **Shelly Haddon, Faye Jay, Joanne Meadows, Betty Poe, Patti Stoner and Geri Warren.**

We appreciate NGU allowing us to be there and especially appreciate **Lisa Van Riper**, who teaches political science at the school, for being the facilitator and even helping us work at the tables.



Geri Warren, Lisa Van Riper, Patti Stoner

We'd also like to thank any and all who got busy and took the initiative to get their (hopefully conservative) friends, neighbors and relatives registered this year.

Thanks to everyone's help, we made progress toward one of the goals for which our organization exists — to bring conservative minded citizens into the political and voting processes in the hope of keeping freedom alive in America. *Nancee Lee Yearick.*

Note from the County GOP Chairman

## Vice Presidential Debate Watch Party



The Greenville County Republican Party hosted a Vice Presidential debate watch party Oct. 2 at the Logos Theater at the Academy of Arts in Taylors.

More than 180 people attended the event and cheered Gov. Sarah Palin and jeered career politician Joe Biden. The Victory 2008 campaign distributed 400 yard signs and 400 bumper stickers. Duke Sandwiches fed the crowd. It was a fantastic and fun time for all.

Also, the executive committee was treated to pizza, chips and drinks at the Oct. 6 meeting. The last of the 1,500 bumper stickers were distributed, and the last of the 800 yard signs were taken by the crowd.

Good news though for those who don't have a yard sign yet. I picked up a batch of another 800 yard signs in Columbia, and they are at the party headquarters at 402 N. Pleasantburg Drive (near the Carolina First Expo Center). Come and get your yard signs before they disappear. *Samuel D. Harms.*

## Victory 2008 Campaign Update

The Republican Party's campaign efforts have been in full swing over the past month. Victory 2008 is proud to announce that since early September the Greenville GOP office has made well over 30,000 phone calls and recruited more than 500 new volunteers.

While these accomplishments are to be commended, we must do even more if the Republican Party is to be successful in November. I am sure most of you have heard reports on the organization called **ACORN**, and their efforts to undermine the integrity of this election.

Victory is currently recruiting poll watchers to volunteer on Election Day to prevent Chicago style politics from influencing the election in South Carolina. Additionally, Victory needs more volunteers to assist us with our day-to-day operations at our office at 402 N Pleasantburg Drive.

If you or a family member would be interested in volunteering as a **Poll Watcher**, or as a volunteer at our office, please call us at 864-271-1100 or e-mail us at [aklump@scgop.com](mailto:aklump@scgop.com). The time to act is now, and the way to get involved is through Victory. Thank you for all that you do for the Republican Party. *Allen Klump.*

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*Join Us for the October Luncheon Meeting*

Thursday — Noon — Oct. 23  
*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, Oct. 20. To avoid paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8 p.m., Oct. 20.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 23	GCRWC: Auction Fundraiser Noon at Poinsett Club
Nov. 4	Election day — Vote!  Election Night Victory Party 7 p.m. Younts Center Furman University
<b>No GCRWC meeting in November</b>	
Dec. 4	GCRWC Noon at Poinsett Club

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