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GLENN MCCALL, CINDY COSTA, WARREN MOWRY HIGHLIGHT SEPT. 25 MEETING

We are privileged to have as our guest speakers this month, Cindy Costa, Glenn McCall and Warren Mowry.

Cindy is our South Carolina Republican National Committeewoman. She has been active in the Republican Party for the past 25 years. On the local level in Charleston County, she has been the secretary, executive committeewoman and second vice chairman. On the state level, she has served as the SC GOP secretary, first vice chairman and the GOP Charleston County state executive committeewoman. She is a founding member of the Charleston County Republican Women's Club and is presently their chaplain. Cindy is the founder of the South Carolina Winning Women's Excellence in Public Service Series.

On the national level, she has been the South Carolina Republican National Committeewoman since 1996. She has been an alternate delegate or a delegate to the Republican National Convention since 1992. She is currently the vice chair of the RNC Rules Committee. She has been a fundraiser-contributor to the local, state and national candidates. She and her husband, Dr. Louis Costa, have four children and two grandchildren. She can best be described as loyal, committed and hard-working.

Glenn is our South Carolina Republican National Committeeman.

Katon Dawson, South Carolina GOP chairman, said this about Glenn's election as national committeeman: "There has been no leader in our party during my time as chairman who has been more passionate or authentic than Glenn McCall in living out the conservative ideals we hold dear. As an Air Force veteran, successful businessman and York County Republican Party chairman, Glenn's record of leadership and experience embodies an unwavering lifetime commitment to service. I have great confidence in Glenn's ability to make a real impact on our national party beginning on day one."

He is the chairman of the York County Republican Party and second vice chairman for the South Carolina State Republican Party. He is on the board of directors of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission,



Glenn McCall



Cindy Costa



Warren Mowry

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), and the York/Chester Counties chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a Christian Life Advisor at Central Church of God. Glenn has been with Bank of America since 1994, and he currently is senior vice president.

We will also hear from Warren Mowry, executive director for SC Victory 2008. He served for 12 years as a prosecutor in the Upstate, successfully prosecuting nearly 20 murder cases, then taught for 13 years as the head of the Criminal Justice Department at Greenville Tech and as a visiting professor at Clemson. Warren was the County GOP chairman for Greenville and a South Carolina delegate to the 2000 Republican Convention. In June of this year, Warren was named as executive director for SC Victory 2008.

I look forward to seeing you at our luncheon on Sept. 25. *Kathy Davis.*

Note from the County GOP Chairman

Republican National Convention

The Republican National Convention took place Sept. 1-4 in Minneapolis - St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Greenville Delegation consisted of Chairman Samuel Harms, Rep.-elect Wendy Nanney, State Executive Committeeman Doug Wavle and Sen. Mike Fair. The Delegation worked diligently to represent the principles and values of the Upstate. Chairman Harms served on the Committee on Permanent Organization and was responsible for selecting the convention officers, including the sergeant-at-arms Henry McMaster.

Sen. Fair served on the Platform Committee. He made sure the platform remained true to our conservative beliefs. The Delegation was assigned to the same hotel where Sen. John McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin stayed, so security was tight. People-watching was taken to a new extreme as people would stand near the elevators just to get a glimpse of the Palin family. The highlights of the trip were the acceptance speeches of Palin and McCain. Both gave electrifying speeches, and the crowds left the Excel Energy Center ready to work for the ticket. *Samuel Harms.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

What an exciting time! With the arrival of Sarah Palin, things have really been energized — to say the least.

We have an outstanding lineup of speakers for this month's program. Glenn McCall and Cindy Costa were two of the top elected Party officials representing South Carolina at the Republican National Convention in Minnesota.

A TRUE CAROLINA GIRL NANCEE LEE YEARICK

Highlighting members of GCRW — By Geri Warren



Nancee Lee Yearick was born, reared and has lived all of her life in South Carolina — and even more significant than that — she has lived her entire life in Greenville County.

Nancee Lee was born to Allen and Nancee Knight and grew up on the family farm with her two brothers and her grandparents living right next door.

Nancee Lee recalled that her mother, a longtime GCRW member, always worked the polls. Back in 1964, when Nancee Lee was in the second grade, her parents and one other family were the only Republicans to be found in her community.

Nancee Lee started coming to GCRW with her mother soon after she married Bob Yearick about 28 years ago. She and Bob met in Myrtle Beach when she was down there working after her freshman year at Clemson. Nancee Lee's mother told Bob that he should look up her daughter while he was there vacationing — and he did.

They have two daughters, Virginia, who is 16 and is home-schooled, and Mary, 23, who just recently got married.

Guess where Mary chose to be married — in the little white wooden church called Lickville Presbyterian Church, which has been their family's church for six or seven generations. The reception was held in the family home place that Nancee Lee's grandparents had built. How special and unique is that?

Besides being a full-time wife and mother, Nancee Lee is a multi-talented person in her own right. Not only is she a profession-

al photographer, specializing in weddings, but she is also an accomplished church and event soloist.

As a matter of fact, she performed the National Anthem at the Greenville

GOP Stump Meeting in May. She was also our featured soloist for our Americanism Program back in June.

In addition, Nancee Lee is an expert baker. Her specialties include sourdough bread, oatmeal cookies and pound cake. Besides all of these activities, she still makes time to volunteer at the Piedmont Women's Center.

As a longtime GCRW member, Nancee Lee has had a major impact on our organization. She has served as chaplain, vice president and program chairman. Back in the spring of 2002, she first urged our club to have an auction for our fundraiser. She then chaired the auction committee for the next three years. The auction was so successful that we've had one every year since!

At the present time, Nancee Lee is putting all of her energy toward the goal of "Winning Another Diamond" as the chairperson for the Awards Committee.

The Greenville County Republican Women's Club has greatly benefited from all of the talent, hard work and loyal support that Nancee Lee has brought to our club. Nancee Lee is an example of a true Southern Lady.



Nancee Lee Yearick

I can't wait to hear the exciting stories they have to share about their experiences at the convention as well as their insights into the upcoming election. You may remember what a dynamic and inspirational speaker Glenn was when he spoke to our club back in July '07. (I even heard several say he should run for Senator!)

We are also fortunate to have Warren Mowry, South Carolina's Executive Director of Victory 2008, to join us. You will want to make plans to come and hear all three of these Republican leaders at our Sept. 25 meeting.

Our club is taking an active role in this election. Our Executive Board voted to contribute \$100 to the Greenville Young Republicans and \$100 to the Furman University College Republicans. (Remember Taylor Hall spoke to our club in July?) These are two hardworking Republican groups that need some financial support. Also, we are making plans to mentor in some way to the Greenville High School Teenage Republican Club.

In addition, Nancee Lee Yearick has organized a voter registration drive at North Greenville University for the week of Sept. 22. **Nancee Lee, Faye Jay, Betty Poe, Patty Stoner** and myself will be working on campus two days that week hopefully registering conservative college students to vote in the November election.

The elephants are coming ... the elephants are coming ... to the Elephant's Auction Oct. 23. We need your support — we need items — we need big bidders — we need big spenders — we need lots of new members!

This is GCRW's only fundraiser this year. Let's make it the most successful one yet! Support your Republican Club that thinks like you do!

Sincerely,

Geri Warren

Sunshine Report

We extend our deepest sympathy to Connie Jones in the loss of her husband, Dennis.

Laura Richards is getting stronger while recuperating at home after successful surgery in August.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Lorraine Austell, GCRW president in 1972.

Legislative Corner

Governor threatens special session

Gov. Mark Sanford is threatening to call the legislature back into a special session to deal with across the board three percent cuts the legislature passed this session.

While the state deficit requires some reductions of government spending, Gov. Sanford argues that some agencies that provide essential services, such as SC Department of Corrections, are unable to continue to provide the same level of service with the across the board cuts.

The Governor is pushing the General Assembly to prioritize savings and make selective reductions in funding, paying special attention to those agencies that provide critical functions and those that are handling their money wisely. The General Assembly has yet to reverse course. *Jamie Bach.*



Dennis Jones Remembered

GCRW members were saddened to learn that Dennis Jones, a beloved associate member, died unexpectedly Sept. 12.

Dennis had been an active member of the Greenville County Republican Party for several years. In 2007 he won the Volunteer of the Year Award, and he was serving as Finance chairman at the time of his death. He was actively involved in finding a new headquarters location.

President Geri Warren said that "Dennis was always thinking about and working for the Republican cause — on the county, state and national level. In addition to his keen business sense, he was a team player and just an all-around good guy. We will miss his pleasant leadership."

Dennis was an avid New York Yankees fan, and he traveled to New York in August to attend a game with the Boston Red Sox.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Connie, and a son, Brian, serving in the U.S. Air Force in Germany.



Dennis Jones

Welcome New Members!

Tammy Barber, Virginia Boney, Nicole Cobb,
Tammy Garrett, Michell Moody,
Joe Dill (associate)



Fill Your Trunks With Treasure at the 2008 Elephant's Auction Oct. 23

Get ready to fill your trunks with treasure at the 2008 Elephant's Auction Oct. 23. **Heidi Aiken** from B-93 will be our mistress of ceremony.

The Auction Committee has been hard at work obtaining some fabulous items, including a gift certificate to Chloe and Grace, two homemade pecan pies, items from Pink Bee, Monkees and Pierce and Parker.

We need all members to help acquire items for the October event by donating items and asking for donations from merchants they do business with in Greenville and South Carolina.

The deadline for donations is Oct. 20. You can bring your items to the September meeting, call one of the committee members to have your items picked up or you can drop them off Monday, Oct. 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Greenville County Republican Party Headquarters.

Please remember to invite friends, family, business associates and especially those who want the chance to bid on some fabulous items. Stay tuned for more information at the next meeting. *Wendy Foulke.*

(Remember, there are no friends at the auction!)



Presidential and Vice Presidential Debates

First presidential debate

Friday, Sept. 26
University of Mississippi,
Oxford, Mississippi

Second presidential debate

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Belmont University
Nashville, Tennessee

Vice presidential debate

Thursday, Oct. 2
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Third presidential debate

Wednesday, Oct. 15
Hofstra University
Hempstead, New York

Victory 2008 Needs Volunteers

The Republican Party's Victory 2008 program needs volunteers to help elect McCain-Palin and assist the rest of the Republican ticket in South Carolina.

Victory 2008 is a combined effort among all Republicans seeking office. Victory 2008 is a branch of the South Carolina Republican Party, and in the Upstate this is the primary way of getting involved in the election. If you would like to volunteer, or are interested in acquiring campaign materials such as yard signs and bumper stickers, please contact Allen Klump, regional director for the Upstate, at 864-271-1100.

Volunteers are needed during the weekday and evenings. Bumper stickers are available at the Victory Office at 402 N. Pleasantburg Drive, and yard signs are expected to arrive Oct. 4. *Allen Klump.*

Election Day Poll Workers Needed

What will you be doing on Nov. 4? Hopefully you will be at the polls as a poll watcher or at the polls working.

Conway Belangia, director of Greenville County Voter Registration and Elections, said they still need poll workers. If you are willing to attend a three-hour training class, and be at polls from 6 a.m. to about 8 p.m. on Nov. 4, please call Laura Keck at 467-5972.

The pay is \$120. If you donate the money to GCRWC, you can count the 17 hours as volunteer hours.

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Join Us for the September Luncheon Meeting

Thursday — Noon — Sept. 25
Poinsett Club downtown Greenville



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MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

Please e-mail Cheryl Pressley at gcrwreply@bellsouth.net or call her at 246-6448 by noon, Monday, Sept. 22. To avoid paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8 p.m., Sept. 22.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 25	GCRWC: Noon at Poinsett Club
Sept. 29	Chuck Norris, McAlister Auditorium, Furman University, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	SCFRW Quarterly Board Meeting, Palmetto Club, Downtown Columbia
Oct. 6	Greenville County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Verne Smith Auditorium, Greenville Tech.
Oct. 23	GCRWC: Auction Fundraiser Noon at Poinsett Club
Nov. 4	Election day — Vote!

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