



The

Elephant's Ear

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THE RACE IS ON . . .

FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL SEAT

Our speakers for this month are **Rep. Bob Inglis**, Fourth District incumbent, and **Solicitor Trey Gowdy**, who will be challenging him for his seat in the primary election.

Rep. Inglis was first elected to Congress in 1992 and was reelected in 1994 and 1996. In 1999 he returned to the practice of commercial real estate law at the law offices of Leatherwood, Walker, Todd and Mann, PC, until he was re-elected in 2006 and 2008. He serves on the Science & Technology Committee and is ranking member of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee.

He also sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee in the 111th Congress, as he did in the previous Congress. He chaired the Research Subcommittee of the Science Committee in the 109th Congress and served on the Judiciary Committee and on the Education and Workforce Committee. He co-chairs the House Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Caucus.



Rep. Bob Inglis
Incumbent

Bob is a 1981 graduate of Duke University and a 1984 graduate of the University of Virginia Law School. He and his wife Mary Anne have five children, ranging in age from 13 to 24.

Bob and his family are members of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Travelers Rest. He enjoys time with his family on their small farm in northern Greenville County, hiking, whitewater paddling, mountain biking and occasional trips to his hometown of Bluffton, S.C., where he enjoys sailing and waterskiing.

Trey Gowdy, Seventh Circuit Solicitor in Spartanburg, is one of the candidates who will be opposing Rep. Inglis in the next election. Trey graduated from Baylor University with a degree in history in 1986 and from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1989.



Solicitor Trey Gowdy
Challenger

After law school, he clerked for the late John P. Gardner on the South Carolina Court of Appeals and United States District Court Judge G. Ross Anderson Jr. in Anderson, S.C.

He then joined the law firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough in the Greenville Office before becoming a federal prosecutor in April 1994.

In February 2000 he left the United States Attorney's Office to run for seventh circuit solicitor. He defeated the incumbent solicitor in the Republican primary and was elected in November 2000 without opposition. He has been reelected twice — in 2004 and 2008 — without opposition.

He received the highest performance rating a federal prosecutor can receive — two years in a row.

Trey has been recognized statewide for his commitment to victims rights, drunken driving enforcement and nationally for excellence in death penalty prosecutions. He and his wife Terri have two children.

Ladies, this is a good time to meet the incumbent and to meet one of the challengers.

Please have your questions ready for these two candidates to help make your decision for the coming election.

The remaining three candidates for the Fourth District congressional seat, **Dr. Christina Jeffrey** (a GCRWC associate member), **Jim Lee** and **State Rep. David Thomas**, will be invited to speak at a future meeting. *Kathy Davis.*

About Our GCRWC Family

When it Raynes . . . things get done

GCRW member Chris Raynes may be new in politics, but that does not stop her from running for commissioner of Lake Cunningham Fire Department.

Chris has a new found love . . . politics! Why is she running? She wants to have a voice on how the taxpayers' money is being spent.

When asked about the new Obama administration, she said: "It grieves me. I feel that Obama is taking us down a socialist path." Her opinion on how we can help counteract this is to continue to let our voices be heard, be it through town hall meetings, tea parties or talking to our senators and representatives.

"We are down home American people, and we have a right to be heard, and our rights not taken away from us."

Chris grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She moved to Greenville after meeting her husband-to-be at a church revival in Pickens while visiting her cousin. She and her husband, Doug, have been married for 25 years and have four children, Stacy, Natalie, Adam and Emily.

Stacy is a graduate student at Crown University in Knoxville,



Chris Raynes

Tennessee. Natalie teaches at Mountain View Christian Academy. Adam is a student at Greenville Tech with a major in nurse anesthetist. Emily is a sophomore in high school and is being homeschooled. Stacy and Natalie have joined GCRW.

Doug is from the area and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Bob Jones University. He is the music minister at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Taylors. He also ministers to Hispanics and jail inmates and conducts couples retreats.

Chris has her own business, Palmetto Cleaning Service, which includes residential, commercial and construction. **Karen Crane.**

Legislative Corner

Health Care Reform: the Hot Topic of Summer Recess

The health care reform debate has intensified as members of Congress and Senators returned to their home districts during the August recess.



Representatives and Senators from both parties have been greeted by supporters and opponents of the health care reform proposals. Opposition at some meetings has been vocal and well publicized, and some mainstream media have characterized these district meetings as being mob-like and orchestrated.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi derided opponents of health care reform as Astroturf, not representative of true grassroots sentiment. Her characterization of grass roots American anger at the idea of socialized health care would be funny if it were not so ironic. During the presidential campaign, candidate Barack Obama touted his credentials as a community organizer as qualifying him for the presidency. A community organizer is basically someone who organizes people to go to government meetings to push their ideas. Funny how when President Obama does it, liberals swoon, but when conservatives do the same, they seethe.

More galling is the fact that these same Democrats are now pushing their health care agenda through Obama's multimillion dollar Organize America PAC. I guess when ordinary Americans take time off from work to make their own signs and show up at rallies opposing socialized health care, it's Astroturf, but when Democrats use George Soros' money to print focus-group-tested signs and pay staff to organize local unions and Democratic operatives, that's true American dissent.

Oh well, Democrats do bureaucracy and hypocrisy best. Poll numbers demonstrate that conservative protests of Obama's socialized health care are galvanizing opposition and gaining traction all over the country. A Gallup poll showed that for the first time since 1994, self-identified conservatives outnumber self-identified liberals in every state. Two high profile races this year, the New Jersey and Virginia gubernatorial races, have Republicans way up for the first time in many years. And I am sure you have all seen that Barack's numbers continue to fall as he pursues his long-discredited liberal agenda.

Sen. Jim DeMint and Rep. Bob Inglis have conducted town hall meetings in Greenville County to hear from constituents on these critical issues. Write your representatives and make your voices heard at every opportunity. Remember, no government program ever dies, so we must defeat health care reform now, before it is too late. *Jamie Bach.*

Aug. 3 Greenville County Executive Committee Meeting

Precinct Enhancement Program



All precinct officers were invited to the Executive Committee meeting. The chairman presented his Precinct Enhancement Program in executive session. The idea is to energize and activate each precinct to be more effective in upcoming elections.

Voter Registration by Party

It was decided at the June 1 Executive Committee meeting that a special committee was to be designated to review a recent South Carolina decision and then refile the lawsuit after the complaint is revised.

A committee made up of attorneys Stephen Brown and Todd Kincannon, and Peggy Payne, who is a legal secretary, was appointed by the Greenville County Chairman.

At the Aug. 3 Executive Committee meeting, Stephen Brown reported that the committee had not yet met.

Todd Kincannon said that he planned to wait until January to file the suit. He said he wanted to wait to file the lawsuit during an election year.

Greenville GOP Membership Dues

As a means to raise money, the Greenville County Executive Committee approved **annual membership dues of \$25 per member.**

GCRWC members in attendance: Patty Stoner, Karen Mims, Pat Arceneaux, Pat McManaway, Janet Callaway, Joanne Meadows, Gisela Dales, Anne Danciu, Marlene Dowd, Kathy Davis, Shelly Haddon, Elizabeth Wilson, Geri Warren, Betty Poe, Julie Hershey, Faye Jaye and Linda Slaton.

Associate members: Steve Mauriello, Bob Dill, Bob Dowd, Tom Hanson, Willis Meadows, Jan Williams, Patrick Haddon, Larry Schilz, Billy Mitchell, Joe Dill, Glenn Hamilton, Suzette Jordan, James Gibney, Thomas Baker and Phil Bradley.

GCRWC Business and News



GCRWC Nominating Committee to Report

GCRWC's Nominating Committee, consisting of **Patty Stoner, Karen Mims, Gisela Dales, Pat Jenkins** and **Kathy Snyder-Garrett**, chairman, has met several times since being elected to serve at the April meeting.

The slate of officers they have selected for the 2010-2011 term will be announced at our Aug. 27 meeting.

Many thanks to these members for the time and effort they have spent on this important task.

Sunshine Report

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of GCRWC's faithful and loyal member **Jane Hansley**, who passed away Aug. 7.

Best wishes and congratulations are in order for **Mr. and Mrs. David Boyd (Cheryl Pressley)**, who were married Aug. 1 in Charleston. We celebrate with you!

GCRWC Business Meeting

After we have heard U.S. Rep. Bob Inglis and his challenger, Solicitor Trey Gowdy, speak and answer questions at our Aug. 27 meeting, we will ask our members to stay for a short, but important business meeting.

We will begin our business meeting by presenting the top two winners of the membership contest: first place, a \$65 gift certificate to Soby's, and second place, a \$40 gift certificate to City Range. We will then have an exciting wildcard drawing for third place, a \$25 gift certificate for Mary's at Falls Cottage. (The more new members you have brought in equals the more chances you have to win.)

The nominating committee will present its 2010-2011 GCRWC slate of officers.

Next, GCRWC members will **elect delegates** for the SCFRW Convention in Beaufort, Oct. 16-18. (Check your calendar!) We want to take the largest delegation, and GCRWC will pay for each delegate's registration fee of \$100. (This includes a Friday night dessert party and Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch and Saturday Awards Banquet and Sunday breakfast.) So your cost will be for gas and two nights of hotel accommodations. It will be a lot of fun.



GCRWC Has Entered the 21st Century!

Yes, it's true. The Greenville County Republican Women's Club is now on Facebook!

Wanda Rabenda has been suggesting and encourag-

ing us to have a Facebook page for several months . . . so your persuasiveness has paid off Wanda!

Check out the Greenville County Republican Women's Club at www.Facebook.com soon and often.

Greenville County Republican Women's Club

Global

Basic Info

Type: Organizations - Political Organizations
Description: Women who educate the electorate, involve women in government and decision making, and work to support Republican goals.

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Join Us for our August Luncheon Meeting

Thursday — Noon — Aug. 27
Poinsett Club downtown Greenville



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MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

Please e-mail Cheryl Pressley Boyd at gcrwreply@bellsouth.net or call her at 609-0500 by noon, Monday, Aug. 24. To avoid paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8 p.m., Aug. 24.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 27	GCRWC, Noon at Poinsett Club
Aug. 31	S.C. Energy Citizens for Jobs & Affordable Energy Forum Carolina First Center, Greenville, 5:30 to 7 p.m. RSVP to scenergycitizen@gmail.com
Sept. 10-13	NFRW 35th Biennial Convention Orlando, Fla.
Sept. 19	Constitution Celebration Senior Action Center, Simpsonville
Sept. 24	GCRWC, Noon at Poinsett Club
Oct. 15-18	SCFRW Convention Beaufort, S.C.
Oct. 26	Upstate GOP Golf Tournament

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