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WOMEN IN POLITICS

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TERM LIMITS! We must have them in order to stop **BIG GOVERNMENT TAKE OVER OF EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES!** It appears that once a candidate, be they Democrat or Republican, is elected to office their mission is no longer representation of the electorate but how to feather their own nest.

We have seen this scenario over and over at the both the state and federal levels. The current brew ha over Maxine Waters and Charlie Rangle is just one of many. Our own SC legislature has been fraught with scandal time and time again. Do you remember 'Operation Lost Trust'? As responsible citizens and keepers of the Constitution we must continually educate ourselves as to what is going on in our state and federal government. We must start the ball rolling for demand of term limits in order to preserve our free society.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Preamble to the Constitution serves solely as an introduction, and does not assign powers to the federal government nor does it provide specific limitations on government action. Due to the Preamble's limited nature, no court has ever utilized it as a decisive factor in case adjudication, except as regards frivolous litigation.

ASHLEY LANDESS

Ashley Landess was born in Spartanburg, S.C. She has also lived in Dallas, Washington, D.C. and Chicago. She has a journalism degree from the University of North Texas. Her twenty-year career in communications includes public policy work as well as consulting for private businesses and charitable organizations. Ashley has been President of the South Carolina Policy Council since January 2008. Prior to assuming this position she previously served as its Vice President for Public Affairs from 1998 to 2008.

WENDY NANNEY

Wendy, 42, is married to Tim Nanney and is the daughter of Bob Jones University Dean, Dr. Bob Taylor. She graduated from Bob Jones University in 1987 with degrees in business administration and political science. She is immediate past chairman of the Greenville County Republican Party, former treasurer of Upstate Republican Women, and former staff assistant to the chief legal counsel for Sen. Jesse Helms on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The Nanneys have five children. She is credit manager for Interfilm Holdings in Piedmont, South Carolina.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Kathy Davis

It is very important that we support the Republican candidates in November **even** if the candidate that you voted for in the primary may not have won. PLEASE contact the candidates and volunteer to help with calls, mailings, signs, etc. Our state needs to maintain control of the State House and Senate and the Governorship as well as gaining control of the United States Congress and Senate. This is a VERY important election year.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

You will have a great opportunity to meet Republican women from all over the United States at the NFRW Fall Board Meeting in Charleston—September 9-11. Embassy Suites—North Charleston

Special registration rate of \$150.00 for SCFRW members. Please **register** no later than Friday—August 20 You will also need to make reservations at Embassy Suites—North Charleston.

www.nfrw.org user name: federation password: nfrw1938

Questions—Kathy Davis 244-1155 or Mary Carolyn Garton 850-1804

Membership Incentive for August

Ladies, in order to help you recruit members, the club will contribute \$10 toward the membership to the first 10 ladies that join our club. This month only you can recruit former members as well as new.

Do you know a former member that would like to rejoin, you could pay for her membership?

Invite a friend and surprise her with a membership

A friend having a birthday, give her a membership

*Former members do not count for contest

*Does not include Associate Members

Mary Carolyn Garton

Membership Chair

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LISA VAN RIPER

Lisa Van Riper is a Professor of Political Science and Director of the Honors Program at North Greenville University. Before joining the staff at North Greenville, she established Putting Families First, an organization dedicated to providing welfare families private sector mentors. Because of this work she received the Order of the Palmetto and a National Governor's Association Award under Governor David Beasley. Outside the walls of North Greenville, Van Riper is very civic-minded and involved in local political issues. She has been an active member at First Presbyterian since 1977 where she teaches Sunday school and a Christian worldview class. Among her many community service efforts, she is the president of South Carolina Citizens for Life and is Chair Evaluation Committee for S.C. First Steps Board. She is a former member of Leadership Greenville with the Chamber of Commerce. Lisa is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Furman University. She is married to Don Van Riper, and has two adult daughters and two grandsons. *Pamela Sowell*

Legislative Update

In a year with a long stream of Democrat tricks and schemes to pass legislation opposed by the majority of Americans (ObamaCare, the non-stimulating Stimulus, Cap-and-Trade in the House, etc.), the Democrats have yet another dirty scheme – the lame-duck session. Senators and Congressmen who are retiring, or are defeated on November 2, will return to Washington and pass controversial legislation, before their replacements are sworn in. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad has stated that this will be “one of the most significant lame-duck sessions in the history of the United States.” (Translation: Democrats plan to once again thwart the will of the American people by using Senators and Congressmen who have been fired by the voters, to pass more Leftist legislation.)

What Leftist legislation do the Democrats potentially plan for the lame-duck session? 1) Cap and Trade - Senator John Kerry told Bloomberg News he is still working to negotiate a Cap and Trade system that the Senate may consider in a lame-duck session. Harry Reid says he hopes to move a Senate bill restricting carbon emissions, [also known as Cap and Trade], during the lame-duck session. According to a recent survey by the Institute for Energy Research, 70% of Americans oppose a new energy tax that will drive up domestic energy costs. 2) Employee Free Choice Act (card-check bill) – This bill removes the rights of employees to secret ballots and gives the government final say in contract disputes (government will have the final say regarding employee salary and benefits). In a survey of 925 labor economists, nearly 73% oppose this bill. 3) Comprehensive Immigration Reform (Amnesty for illegal immigrants) – Harry Reid recently stated he may move on this legislation during the lame-duck. 4) Based on recommendations by Obama’s deficit commission (report due December 1), Congress will likely vote on a possible \$100 trillion in new taxing and spending decisions.

Congress should consider the results of a survey of voters in the dozen states with U.S. Senate races designated as “toss-ups” by the Cook Political Report. Three-fourths of Republicans and two-thirds of both Independents and Democrats agree that “a lame duck session of Congress is a bad idea. Members of Congress should cast votes on important bills before facing the voters, not wait until after an election to cast those votes.” By a margin of 63 to 19 percent, voters in these twelve “toss-up” Senate states would be less likely to vote for a member of Congress who refused to rule out taking up the issues of: tax increases, cap and trade, immigration reform, or card check in a lame duck session.

American voters should pressure their Senators and Congressmen to pledge to not try to pass any policy changes in a lame- duck session of Congress. All Republican incumbents should make this pledge.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

Peggy Harmon

Carolyn Patterson

Nancy Langley

Kitty Thielke

Mary McKenna

Mary Wooten

Sunshine News

Shirley Cowart

Sunshine Chairman 277-2764



Please call Shirley if you have any Sunshine News.

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www:gcrwc.org**

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Thank you for receiving your newsletter
electronically!!!

Kathy Davis

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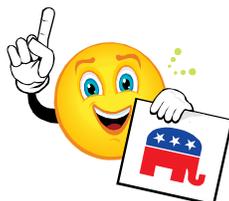
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2010 Luncheon Dates

12:00 The Poinsett Club

Thursday	August 26
Thursday	September 23
Thursday	October 28
Thursday	December 2

If you need a reminder call each month,
please contact Mary Bellinger.



Make Your Reservation Today!

Reservations need to be made by emailing Mary Bellinger at gcrwreply@yahoo.com or by calling her at 268-3942.

Reservations **MUST** be made no later than Monday, August 23 at 8:00 PM. To **avoid** paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 24.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER: If you have a standing reservation—it is **your** responsibility to cancel if you are unable to attend the meeting.