

# *The Elephant's Ear*

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**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - December 2**

**THE JOY OF GIVING**

**MIRACLE HILL MINISTRIES**

Looking at the accomplishments of the Republican Party and especially those of the GCRWC over the past year, we are astonished at the successes. However we are reminded that our work has just begun. Individual involvement must be our call to the future if we are to **"TAKE BACK AMERICA"**! We must be responsible for holding our elected representatives accountable for their voting records no less than their ethical and moral standards.

As we look at the current administration, we see blatant corruption on both sides of the isle. Deeds that once would have been grounds for impeachment now are overlooked as the norm. Political correctness has taken its toll in the educational system, military and the expectations of our people as to governmental involvement in our lives. All American citizens must remain alert to the back room deals that will continue unless there is continued public outcry.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

At the end of the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin was asked, "What have you wrought?" He answered, "...a Republic, if you can keep it."

*Pamela Sowell*

**MIRACLE HILL MINISTRIES**

Miracle Hill Ministries is a non-profit organization in the Upstate of South Carolina dedicated to providing food, shelter and hope for those in need. Doors are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year to fight homelessness, hunger and addiction. Miracle Hill Ministries exists that homeless men, women and children receive food and shelter with compassion, hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and become productive members of society.

Miracle Hill Ministries:

- Serves thousands of meals to those living in our shelters and within our communities.
- Provides safe, warm shelter for nearly 500 homeless and hurting men, women and children.
- Operates a shelter for at-risk, teenage boys and a children's home with crisis, long-term and foster care for children from birth to eighteen.
- Offers five apartments to homeless families, striving to keep siblings, mothers with children and other family groups together.
- Leads two recovery programs, Overcomers and Renewal, which help men and women facing life-dominating addictions.

Employs trained staff that provide case management, personal and group counseling, daily devotions and educational opportunities for those in our care.

**Ms. Frankie Powell, VP of Development Miracle Hill Ministries and Member of the GCRWC**

Frankie Powell is a native South Carolinian. She joined Miracle Hill Ministries in 1985 as assistant to the President/CEO and now serves as Vice President of Development. Before joining Miracle Hill, Frankie taught school where she developed a curriculum for a K-6 transitional classroom. At Miracle Hill, she is responsible for raising funds for operations, endowment, and capital campaigns. Her education includes a certificate in Fundraising Management from The Fundraising School at Indiana University. She and her husband, Danny, have three married children and five grandchildren.

## A Note from the President - Kathy Davis

A great big thanks to everyone that had a part in the very successful October fundraiser—beginning with the advance ticket sales at the September luncheon, the flyers that Patty Stoner had printed, the phone calls by Mary Carolyn Garton and the membership team and by Mary Bellinger and her group of callers, the ticket sales at the Greenville GOP Headquarters by Mary Bellinger, Jan Christianson, Mary Carolyn Garton, and Joan Hamilton, the calls and emails sent out by Jamie Bach and many of you. Thanks to those who purchased tickets for their friends and family. Also, a big note of appreciation to Mr. Glenn Christianson for handling the sound system and the audio visual presentation for us.

**TOTAL PROFIT earned for GCRWC was \$1243.21.**

I would like to personally thank Mr. Jerry Dempsey for his invitation to Senator Rick Santorum to be his guest and our speaker at the luncheon. I appreciate your kindness and generosity to our club.

Plan to be in attendance for our December luncheon. We have enjoyed the music of the Goodwin String Quartet for several years and will be honored to have them play for us again. We thought it was a perfect time to give the Pennies from Heaven collection to the Miracle Hill Ministries and for our club to hear about their organization. One of our members will be talking to us about the organization.

## Membership News

Our GCRWC New Membership Contest is coming to an end, you have until the end of December to recruit new members. Everyone participating will receive a SCFRW pin, and if you recruit 10 or more members for the year, you will be in the running for free lunches for 2011.

Membership extends through December 2011.

Plan to renew your membership for 2011 at the December luncheon. Our dues remain at the low price of \$20.00 per year and give you a membership in our club, the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women, and the National Federation of Republican Women.

Mary Carolyn Garton

Membership Team Chairman

## South Carolina Federation of Republican Women

### Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, December 4 10:00 until after lunch

Palmetto Club—1231 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC

All members are eligible to attend. To make reservations, send an email to, or call Linda Garner, SCFRW Treasurer, at [ted.linda@charter.net](mailto:ted.linda@charter.net) (home phone—864-244-4205 or cell 864-420-0280.) The reservations must be made by December 2 at noon, Cancellations must be made by December 2 by noon to avoid being billed for \$20.

Legislative Notes















On the whole, Tuesday, November 2 was a good day for Republicans. On the national level, Republicans gained six (6) Senate seats and made a net gain of sixty-four (64) House seats. Of the 37 Governors' races, 23 Republicans won. In South Carolina all nine Constitutional Offices were won by Republicans. Five of the six Congressional seats were won by Republicans, and Senator DeMint retained his seat.

South Carolina Republicans are especially proud of Senator DeMint's successful effort for a Senate Republican two-year moratorium on earmarks. We are also proud of Congressman-elect Tim Scott, who is one of two Republican representatives selected to the Elected Leadership Committee. This group plans policy and sets the agenda for Congress.

The important work for these elected officials and for citizens who advocate Capitalism and Freedom is just beginning. Republicans must hold firm to their campaign promises of limited government and fiscal responsibility and their oath to "support and defend the Constitution". We, the citizens, must be ever vigilant and hold our elected officials accountable.

Many of the newly elected Congressmen promised to defund Obamacare (in 2011) and repeal it as soon as possible (after the 2012 election). Obamacare is not fully in place until 2014 (by which time most private health insurance companies will be out of business), and it is already a big failure. It turns out Obama's promise that everyone can keep their health insurance plan was not true. Many employers will drop their employees' coverage and pay the fine, which is cheaper than paying for Obamacare's new mandated coverage. To avoid the public relations nightmare of hundreds of thousands of employees losing their health insurance due to Obamacare, the Department of HHS is granting waivers. As of November 1, HHS has granted waivers to 111 companies (including CIGNA and Aetna) and unions. On a side note, the King of Saudia Arabia (the one Obama bowed to) who touts his country's universal health coverage, is coming to the U.S. for medical treatment. I wonder where the world's elite will go for health care if the U.S. is forced into a single-payer system?



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|  | <b>Welcome to our New Members and Associates for October and November</b> |                       |                          |  |
|  | <b>Laura Bauld</b>  | <b>Betty Hart</b>     | <b>Jo Ussery</b>         |  |
|  | <b>Shirley Courtney</b>   | <b>Marilyn Keisel</b> | <b>Ronnie Burton</b>     |  |
|  | <b>Donna D'Andrea</b>   | <b>Susan Kendrick</b> | <b>F. Lewis Carlisle</b> |  |
|  | <b>Debbie DeMint</b>  | <b>Joann Morgan</b>   | <b>Bill Stueben</b>      |  |
|  | <b>Shirley Garrett</b>  | <b>Toni Muse</b>      |                          |  |
|  | <b>Krystal Gray</b>   | <b>Jane Rogers</b>    |                          |  |



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**Make your reservations today!**

Please make your reservation by emailing Mary Bellinger at [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com) or by calling 268-3942 by 8:00 PM Monday 11/29. Please be sure to cancel by Tuesday, 11/30 if you cannot attend to avoid the \$15.00 luncheon fee.

Please note that we will have the forms for the standing reservations available for 2011.