



The Elephant's Ear

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February 25 Speakers
The Honorable Gresham Barrett
Candidate for Governor
Robert Bolchoz
Candidate for Attorney General



As we continue to see unrestrained spending by our national government as well as by many local and state governments, it is the American taxpayer who must stand up and say “enough”! We must vote into office those candidates who possess a heartfelt obligation to balance budgets relying on a reasonable taxation of those taxpayers they represent.

Gresham Barrett

Gresham Barrett’s background gives him a unique conservative perspective on the challenges and what it will take to meet the challenges currently facing South Carolina.

Congressman Barrett was born and raised in Westminster, S.C. He graduated from the Citadel after which he served four and one half years in the United States Army-First Calvary Division. He was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1996 where his background as a small business owner helped him bring a more effective brand of conservative leadership to Columbia.

In Congress, Barrett has a well earned reputation as a rock solid conservative. For his commitment to protecting the best interest of the taxpayers, the National Taxpayers Union has repeatedly named Gresham Barrett a “Taxpayer’s Friend”.

Congressman Barrett, his wife Natalie and their three children Madison, Jeb and Ross live in their hometown of Westminster, S.C.

Robert Bolchoz

Robert Bolchoz grew up in Charleston, S.C. where life influences of parents, leaders, and teachers led him to become a prosecutor in Charleston after having attended the Citadel and the University of South Carolina Law School.

Mr. Bolchoz has served as an Assistant Solicitor, Deputy Solicitor, Special Assistant United States Attorney and Chief Deputy Attorney. He has also worked as a private attorney and a securities professional for a major international corporation.

Robert Bolchoz and his wife Cheryl have been married for twenty-three years and have four children.

Pamela Sowell



A Few Words from the President—Kathy Davis

We have started the year with great results with our membership. Thanks for responding to my emails and accepting calls from our membership committee. We look forward to increasing the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation this year and making it a memorable year for our club. Hope to see all of you on Thursday, February 25.

Standing Committee Chairmen

By-Laws	Shelly Haddon
Campaign	Jennie Earle
Legislative	Debbie Spaugh
Membership	Mary Carolyn Garton
Program	Pamela Sowell
	Jamie Bach
Public Relations	Patty Stoner

Appointed Committee Chairmen

Americanism	Nancy Yearick
Caring for America	Lisa Simpson
Mamie Eisenhower	Mary Drawdy
	Pat Earle
Sunshine	Shirley Cowart
Chaplain	Catherine Pence
Parliamentarian	Sylvia Bass



Appointed Special Committee

Nametags	Karen Mims
Decorations	Joan Hamilton

Helpful tips for checking in at the luncheon:

1. Have your check made out ahead of time GCRWC for \$15.00
2. If you are paying for a guest—please write their name in the memo line on your check. Please let your guest know that you are paying for their luncheon.
3. Pick up your nametag and then proceed to the check in table.

THANKS SO MUCH—this will really help the treasurer and her assistants.

Greenville County Republican Party Update

Recently the Greenville County Republican Party unveiled their new logo and website. I invite you to go to our website at www.greenvillegop.com and sign up for our e-newsletters that keeps you informed of candidate campaign and GreenvilleGOP events going on in the county. Special thanks to Carl Clegg and Thomas Hanson for all their hard work on the logo and website and to Dan Herren for keeping us informed on events!

Also, stay tuned for details on an Attorney General Debate Dinner hosted by the GCRP. There are many exciting events and opportunities to come and we need your help. If you are interested in getting more involved with the GCRP, please contact me at chairman@greenvillegop.com Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your chairman!



Patrick Haddon, Chairman, GCRP
1st Vice Chairman, SCGOP

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN STATE GOVERNMENT

It is time for South Carolinians who want transparency and accountability in State Government to make their voices heard. According to a November, 2008 South Carolina Policy Council report, "South Carolina is one of just five states that do not require lawmakers to record their votes when passing bills."

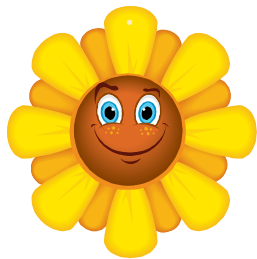
In January 2009, Representative Nikki Haley introduced H3047, "The Spending Accountability Act of 2009". Its companion bill, S11 was introduced by Senator Harvey Peeler. "The Spending Accountability Act of 2009" requires a recorded roll call vote on certain bills and joint resolutions at various stages of their passage.

We must see that H3047 is passed. The first step is to call and email Representative Danny Cooper, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and ask him to bring H3047 up for a vote. Call Representative Cooper at (803) 734-3144, and email him at HWM@schouse.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO GCRWC:

- Jeri Critser, Rosemarie Ortiz, Lib Duffau, Joanne Pappas
Nancy Freeman, Susan Parsons, Virginia Jelley, Barbara Swiger
Vicky Mahaffey, Susan Thomason, Janice McPhee, Janet Wall
Theresa Merrins

We will have a table near the front reserved for our new members so you will be able to meet some of the ladies in our organization. . There will be a reserved sign at this table. Welcome to our club—I know you will enjoy being a member.



Sunshine News—Caring for our Members and Associates

Cheryl Cowart recently had surgery for a broken arm and is doing very well with therapy.

Greenville County Republican
Women's Club
Kathy Davis—President
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Taylors, SC 29687

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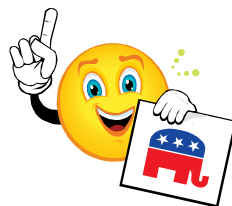
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2010 Luncheon Dates

12:00 The Poinsett Club

Thursday	February 25
Thursday	March 25
Thursday	April 22
Thursday	May 27
Thursday	June 24
Thursday	July 22
Thursday	August 26
Thursday	September 23
Thursday	October 28
Thursday	December 2

Please join in February—\$20.00 dues.



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, February 22 at 8:00 PM. To **avoid** paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday February 23.

We are encouraging our members and associates to sign up for a standing reservation at the February luncheon. You will be responsible for calling to cancel your reservation if you are unable to attend.