



The Elephant's Ear

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January 28: Candidates **Christina Jeffrey 4th Congressional** **Leighton Lord Attorney General**



With the upcoming primaries closer than many realize, it is every citizen's responsibility to know as much about the candidates as possible.

Informed voters will vote for candidates who will put our state and nation's well being back into the hands of the people.

CHRISTINA JEFFREY

Dr. Jeffrey, Republican candidate for Congress in South Carolina's Fourth Congressional District, is a life-long conservative activist.

She began her academic career in the University of Georgia system in 1987, and was a tenured professor at Kennesaw State University. She is the author of numerous academic publications many of which focus on America's founding fathers and the United States Constitution.

Currently, Christina Jeffrey is a lecturer at Wofford College, where her husband Robert is also a professor in the Department of Government. She is the mother of five and the grandmother of eight. The Jeffries reside in Spartanburg, S.C. **Pamela Sowell**

LEIGHTON LORD

Like many South Carolinians, **Leighton Lord** was born on a military base while his father served in the U.S. Army. He has been married for the past 18 years to the former Caroline Averyt of Columbia and has three children, Isabelle, 9; Owen, 12; and Will, 15.

Leighton attended the University of Delaware. After graduating from Vanderbilt Law School and completing a prestigious judicial clerkship and while still in his 20s, Leighton took on one of the most important crime-fighting jobs in the nation: Republican Staff Counsel to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Investigations.

Leighton left Washington to enter private practice in South Carolina with one of the State's top law firms, Nexsen Pruet. As a litigator, he has been involved with cases in both State and Federal Court; has represented the State on a number of occasions; and has broad, deep experience working with various South Carolina government agencies.

His professional achievements have not gone unnoticed. Leighton's peers have ranked him at the highest levels for competence and ethics by Martindale- Hubbell Legal Rankings, and he has been rated among the best attorneys in South Carolina by the state's lawyers.

At the age of 42, Leighton was elected Managing Partner of Nexsen Pruet, a firm twice the size of the Attorney General's office, making him one of the youngest managing partners of a major law firm. This has given him critical first-hand experience in running a large business, managing attorneys, and building consensus. He led his firm's involvement in negotiating the expansion of Boeing in North Charleston in October 2009. **Jamie Bach**

Membership Dues—2010

\$20.00 per year — please plan to join in

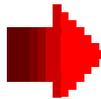
January so you will not miss any of the benefits of being a member. Annual dues are good from January—December 2010.



A Few Words from the President—Kathy Davis

Well—is it twenty ten or two thousand ten — this seems to be the question nowadays. Regardless of what you will call this year, I am looking forward to a great year of building on the successes of 2009 (two thousand nine). As your newly elected President, I would like for us to work together to promote the election of Republican men and women to local, state and federal offices. We will be able to do this by working with the Greenville County Republican party, the South Carolina Republican Party and the National Republican Party.

In order for us to maintain a stronghold in South Carolina and take the US Congress and Presidency back – we must be faithful and diligent to uphold the truths that this great nation was founded on. *Kathy Davis*



The websites listed on the right are the best source of researching information about the candidates.

Greenville County Republican Party
Education Summit - FREE

Thursday—February 4
7—8:30

J Verne Smith Auditorium—
Greenville Tech Main Campus

All candidates for Secretary of
Education have confirmed to

attend. Questions may be
submitted to the panel—the
Greenville County Republican
Education Committee by email:
education@greenvillegop.com

SC GOP Academy for Grassroots
Training to be held at Greenville
GOP headquarters. FREE

Saturday, Feb. 6 9:00—4:00

Website for Greenville GOP:
www.greenvillegop.com

U.S. Senate:

U.S. Senator Jim DeMint - www.JimDeMint.com

U.S. House (4th District):

Congressman Bob Inglis - ww.InglisForCongress.com

Solicitor Trey Gowdy - www.TreyGowdy.com

Dr. Christina Jeffrey - www.ChristinaJeffrey.com

Mr. Jim Lee - www.JimLeeForCongress.com

Senator David Thomas - www.Thomas2010.com

Governor

Congressman Gresham Barrett - www.GreshamBarrett.com

Lt. Governor Andre Bauer - www.AndreBauer.com

Representative Nikki Haley - www.NikkiHaley.com

Attorney General Henry McMaster - www.HenryMcMaster.com

Lt. Governor

Councilman Ken Ard - www.ArdForSC.com

Lt. Colonel Bill Connor - www.VoteConnor.com

Representative Tim Scott - www.VoteTimScott.com

Attorney General

Robert Bolchoz - www.Bolchoz.com

Leighton Lord - www.LeightonLord.com

Alan Wilson - www.WilsonForAG.com

Superintendent of Education

Dr. Brent Nelsen - www.BrentNelsen.com

Elizabeth Moffly - www.ElizabethMoffly.com

Kelly Payne - www.VoteKellyPayne.com

Mick Zais - www.MickZais.com

State Treasurer

State Treasurer Converse Chellis - www.TreasurerChellis.com

Adjutant General

Dean Allen - www.VoteDeanAllen.com

Commissioner of Agriculture

Commissioner Hugh Weathers - www.HughWeathers.com

South Carolina Republican Party

Chairman Karen Floyd - Email: chairman@scgop.com

Website: www.SC GOP.com

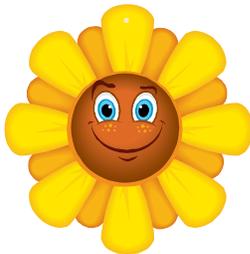
Health Care Reform- A Fait Accompli?

According to the January 14th Quinnipiac poll on health care reform, 34 percent mostly approve, while 54 percent mostly disapprove. Yet, the Democrats are forging ahead. The last few days top Congressional Democrats have been gathered in the White House in secret negotiations to work out their remaining differences on health care legislation. It was just announced that the White House has reached a deal with negotiators and labor unions on taxing the high-level “Cadillac” plans. This sweetheart deal for the unions removes the last biggest sticking point in the health care negotiations. It seems that in Obama’s version of the Constitution, three branches of government write legislation: the Executive, Legislative, and Union branches.

The Democrats are moving quickly to finish negotiations and send the bill to the CBO for cost estimates. One reason for their haste is that Scott Brown, the Republican Senate candidate in Massachusetts, may win the Special Election on January 19th. Brown has made it clear he will vote against the Democrats’ health care bill. His vote could stop ObamaCare. But to add to the long list of the Democrats’ dirty tricks (bribing members of Congress, sweetheart deals for unions, etc.), it appears that they are ready to stall seating Brown, if he wins. It was reported in the Boston Herald that the Secretary of the Commonwealth, a Democrat, may wait until February 20th to certify the race.

If the Democrats succeed in passing arguably the worst piece of legislation in the history of the United States, all may not be lost. The Constitutionality of ObamaCare is in question. Florida Attorney General, Bill McCollum, is ready to take healthcare reform to court. The “individual mandate” appears to exceed Congress’s power under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution. South Carolina Attorney General, Henry McMaster, and twelve other state attorneys general are prepared to challenge the Constitutionality of bribes, such as the Nebraska kickback. Per Ken Klukowski with the American Civil Rights Union, the provision in ObamaCare that probably violates the Tenth Amendment is the state exchanges. Two Supreme Court decisions in the 1990s resulted in the “anti-commandeering principle” – holding that the Tenth Amendment forbids the federal government from ordering any branch of state government to do anything.

There are other plans to fight ObamaCare including: State Sovereignty Bills, Nullification, and organizations starting nationwide efforts to repeal it. *Debbie Spaugh*



Sunshine News—Caring for our Members

We were saddened to hear of the passing of several of our former members:
Nancy Marks—a founding member of GCRWC—and president 1974-1975 passed away on December 13.

Vivian Rice, wife of Max Rice, passed away on December 21 in Colorado Springs, CO.

We are also saddened to hear of the death of Nathan Jones—brother of Loretta Bell on December 30.

Our prayers and thoughts are with these families during this time.

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Women's Club
Kathy Davis—President
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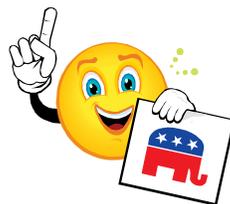
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2010 Luncheon Dates

12:00 The Poinsett Club

Thursday	January 28
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



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, January 25 at 8:00 PM. To avoid paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday January 26.

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