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While "We the People" watch as this administration attempts to enact its socialist agenda, we would be well advised to know our rights as citizens of These United States. A continuous study of our Constitution gives us the ammunition to combat attempts to destroy those rights.

DID YOU KNOW?? The Bill of Rights is the name by which the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution are known. They were introduced by James Madison to the First United States Congress in 1789 as a series of articles, and came into effect on December 15, 1791, when they had been ratified by three-fourths of the States. An agreement to create the Bill of Rights helped to secure ratification of the Constitution itself. While Thomas Jefferson was a supporter of the Bill of Rights, in The Federalist Papers #84 Alexander Hamilton makes the case that there is no need to amend the Constitution by adding a Bill of Rights, insisting that the various provisions in the proposed Constitution protecting liberty amount to a bill of rights.

MR. JIM LEE

U.S. HOUSE (4TH DISTRICT)

DR. MICK ZAIS

SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MR. CONVERSE CHELLIS

STATE TREASURER

MR. WALT WILKINS

13TH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR (UNOPPOSED)

Mr. Jim Lee is a life-long conservative and member of the Republican Party. He has been the Greenbriar precinct president or executive committeeman since 1997. He is an active member/volunteer for many charities and civic interest groups. He has worked with large Fortune 100 companies and small to medium businesses as well as state and local governments. Mr. Lee has previously held elected office as a school board member where he stood for principle, fiscal responsibility and excellence in education; he has also served as a college adjunct instructor. Jim and his wife Laurie have been married for twenty nine years; they live in Mauldin and have five dynamic children and one wonderful daughter-in-law.

Dr. Mick Zais graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with an engineering degree. He also earned a master's and doctorate degree in social psychology from the University of Washington. During his 31 years of active service in the United States Army, he served as a paratrooper, Ranger and retired as a Brigadier General. For three years, Dr. Zais taught organizational behavior, management, and leadership classes to cadets at West Point. He has been president of Newberry College since August of 2000, serving as its facilities have been constructed and renovated, academic programs have been added, and athletic teams now compete for NCAA regional and national titles. For the fiscal year 2008-2009, Newberry College did not raise tuition yet finished with a surplus, and had their strongest financial year, ever. For the last two years, the prestigious U.S. News and World Report named Newberry College as one of "America's Best Colleges." Mick Zais has been married to the former Susan Fincher for over 30 years. The Zais have two children. Both attended and graduated from public schools in Newberry.

Converse A. Chellis, III was elected State Treasurer on August 3, 2007 to fill a vacancy in the office.

Mr. Chellis was first elected to the General Assembly in 1996 and served as Representative from District 94 for ten years. Mr. Chellis is a CPA and served as an officer with the firm Dixon Hughes PLLC. He served as Chairman of the State Board of Accountancy from 1990-93 and as President of the South Carolina Association of CPA's in 1985. Mr. Chellis was also a recipient of the "Outstanding Service to the Profession" award given to a CPA by the Association for professional service. Mr. Chellis received a B.S. Degree from the Citadel in 1965. He served as a Captain in the United States Air Force and now lives in Summerville with his wife Sharon. The Chellis's have two children and one grandchild.

Walt Wilkins graduated from Wofford College with a double major in Spanish and Government and received his law degree from the University of South Carolina Law School. He worked for Lockheed Martin Aircraft in Argentina, taught as an Adjunct Professor at Greenville Technical College, and practiced law with the Leatherwood, Walker, Todd & Mann Law firm in Greenville. He is a former U.S. Attorney for South Carolina. *Pamela Sowell*

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Kathy Davis

When you receive the newsletter—there will be approximately 18 days until the June 8th primary. This is a very critical time for the Republican party and it is our chance to make a difference in our county, state and nation. Please encourage your Republican friends, family, and neighbors to vote in the primary election. A list of the candidates is at the bottom of page three. We have met many of these candidates at our luncheons, the board meetings and other events around the State. Let's encourage them by volunteering to help them win their primary. Call your favorite candidate today to volunteer for their campaign.

WOMEN IN NUMBERS: WIN

SCFRW Spring Membership Contest and NFRW Membership Incentives for 2010-2011

Members, we have an opportunity to make our club shine once again in the state and the national. We need your help in recruiting new members, and **yes**, there will be awards.

The State Contest will include three different categories of winners. The contest is open to all current members and members who join between March 8 and June 15.

The **INDIVIDUAL** winner will receive free registration fee to the NFRW Board Meeting to be held in Charleston, S.C. Sept. 9 to 11.

The **CLUB** that has the greatest percentage of new members to join between March 8 and June 15 (based on the size of the club at the beginning of the contest on March 8) will win \$100.

The **LUCKY MEMBER** who has her name chosen from the WILD CARD drawing at the SCFRW Board Meeting will win a prize. The more new members you bring in the more chances you have to win.

Membership Awards 2011 National Convention

The NFRW has designed a Pin to award every member that recruits 10 new members during the contest. The new members you recruit for the state contest will also count for the national contest.

Small, Medium and Large size club nationwide with the largest % membership increase over 2009 year end membership report will receive \$1,000 for their club treasury.

State Federation that has the largest % increase in membership over 2009 year end membership report will receive \$1,500 for their state federation treasury. President will receive a special award.

Plaques will be presented to the first 100 clubs nationwide that double their membership.

Outstanding Recruitment by a Member: Free Registration to National Convention 2011, Plaque, \$1,000 award to member that recruits the most new members (must be certified with list of members recruited, their contact information and local club affiliation) during the time frame of January 2010 to June 2011.

Mary Carolyn Garton Membership Team Chairman

SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

H.3047, “The Spending Accountability Act of 2009”, requires a recorded roll call vote on every new law that is passed and every section of the budget. H.3047 passed unanimously in the House on 3/26/10. It appears that instead of passing this bill which would bring Transparency to the State House, the South Carolina Senate will vote the week of May 17th to pass a Senate Rule change (S.1437). S.1437 would record every Senator as voting with the winning side on every voice vote. Each Senator may then go to the clerk and ask that his vote be changed to the losing side. S.1437 will make an incorrect record of every voice vote that is not unanimous. S.1437 allows a Senator to vote “yes” on the voice vote, and ask the clerk to record his vote as “no” in the Senate Journal, and vice versa. Instead of Transparency, there will be Opaqueness. If we want Transparency in the Legislature, we should call our Senators and ask them to: 1) vote “NO” on S.1437, and 2) demand a recall of H.3047 from the committee.

H.4181, a Joint Resolution proposing an Amendment to the SC Constitution, to “add a new section preserving the freedom of South Carolinians with respect to the providing of health care services...”. If the Resolution is adopted, the Amendment would be a question on the ballot in November 2010 for the voters of South Carolina. At least seven states have already passed Health Care Freedom Laws or Constitutional Amendment ballot questions, and approximately 25 other states are working on such legislation. This Resolution has not passed in the House or Senate. If South Carolinians want the opportunity to vote on passing an Amendment to protect our health care rights, we should contact our Representatives and Senators and ask them to pass H.4181.

H.4919, a bill to add Article 15, “Illegal Aliens Enforcement”, to the SC Code of Laws. This legislation is similar to Arizona’s immigration enforcement bill. Nine other states have introduced or are considering introducing similar legislation. Legislators are filing these bills because the Federal Government has failed to deal with illegal immigrants. According to the Federation for American Immigration Reform, there are 75,000 illegal immigrants in SC. The bill was introduced 4/29/10 and referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Because the Legislative session ends June 3, 2010, it will be difficult to pass the bill this year.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES TO GCRWC

Leslie Gaines Gayle Willett

Beth Wallace Curtis Loftis - Associate

Members - please choose your candidate and help them win!

US Congress 4th District	Bob Inglis, Trey Gowdy, Christina Jeffrey, Jim Lee, and David Thomas
South Carolina Governor	Gresham Barrett, Andre Bauer, Nikki Haley, and Henry McMaster
South Carolina Lt. Governor	Ken Ard, Bill Conner, Eleanor Kitzman, and Larry Richter
South Carolina Attorney General	Robert Bolchoz, Leighton Lord, and Alan Wilson
Superintendent of Education	Brent Nelsen, Elizabeth Mofley, Kelly Payne, Mick Zais, and Gary Burgess
South Carolina State Treasurer	Converse Chellis and Curtis Loftis
South Carolina Adjutant General	Major General Bob Livingston
Commissioner of Agriculture	Hugh Weathers
SC House District # 17	Nathan Earle, Tom Corbin, and Harry Cato
G’ville County Council #28	Fred Payne and Harry Kibler

VERY IMPORTANT TIME TO HELP YOUR CANDIDATE - check out their websites today to sign up to help them.

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

**Check out our
website:
www:gcrwc.org**

Join us on Facebook
Greenville County Republican
Women's Club

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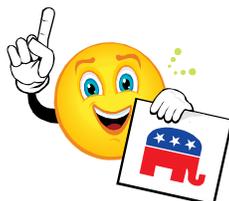
2010 Luncheon Dates

12:00 The Poinsett Club

Thursday	May 27
Thursday	June 24
Thursday	July 22
Thursday	August 26
Thursday	September 23
Thursday	October 28
Thursday	December 2

SUNSHINE NEWS If you have
any news, please call:

Shirley Cowart 277-2764



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, May 24 at 8:00 PM. To **avoid** paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 25.

We are encouraging our members and associates to bring a guest to our May luncheon and to encourage them to join GCRWC.