



The Elephant's Ear

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GCRWC FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars and bring your friends! **Richard John "Rick" Santorum** is a former United States Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and will be joining us for a special fundraising lunch (only \$20) at the Carolina First Center on **October 28th**. Senator Santorum is well-known on the national political scene as a key ally to social conservative causes, and political speculators mentioned him as a potential presidential candidate in 2008 and potentially in 2012.

Senator Santorum is often touted as the exception in Pennsylvania politics because he was a staunch conservative in an otherwise moderate state (note: he served at the same time as party-switcher Arlen Specter). He successfully maneuvered murky political waters, and we look forward to hearing how Republicans can reclaim Congress and the White House and succeed in key swing states like Pennsylvania.

Although Senator Santorum is no longer in public office, he is still engaged in the national political scene. He is a contributor on the Fox News Channel and a Senior Fellow with the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. Bringing a national perspective, Senator Santorum plans to focus on the creation of jobs and reviving the economy. We look forward to hearing how the national party can articulate a winning and successful message, and turn the economy from its current direction.

Thanks to the hard work of our program chair, Pamela Sowell, our club is fortunate enough to have a national speaker. Please make sure to bring friends and family to this great opportunity to hear Senator Rick Santorum. *Jamie Bach*



BIOGRAPHY taken from his website <http://www.americas-foundation.org/chairman/>

Rick was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1990 at the age of 32, defeating a seven-term incumbent. From 1995 through 2007, Rick served in the United States Senate after defeating a heavily favored incumbent and was re-elected for a second term in 2000, when he was chosen by his Senate colleagues to serve as Conference Chairman, making him the youngest member of the Senate Republican leadership.

Rick became one of the most successful government reformers in our history, taking on Washington's powerful special interests from the moment he arrived in our nation's Capitol. Along with John Boehner and Jim Nussle, Rick was a member of the famous "Gang of Seven" that exposed the House Banking and House Post Office scandals. Rick is also the author of the landmark 1996 Welfare Reform Act that has empowered millions of Americans to leave the welfare rolls and enter the workforce.

Rick authored legislation that outlawed the heinous procedure known as Partial Birth Abortion and championed the successful fight to pass the "Born Alive Infant Protection Act," the "Unborn Victims of Violence Act," and the "Combating Autism Act" because he believes each and every individual has value and the most vulnerable in our society need to be defended.

Rick fought to maintain fiscal sanity in a city spiraling toward national bankruptcy, fighting for a balanced budget and a line item veto. Rick realized our government's long-term financial health is dependent on our nation's entitlement programs, which is why he was one of few members of Congress to advocate reforming the Social Security system when most of his colleagues refused to engage this issue for fear of a political backlash.

Rick is also proud to defend our role as a global leader in the fight to preserve democracy and human rights. He has stood up to foreign dictators, authoring the "Syrian Accountability Act" and the "Iran Freedom and Support Act" to impose sanctions on these rogue nations and promote democracy around the globe. And Rick has led the fight to rid the scourge of AIDS from the continent of Africa.

An accomplished author, Rick penned the 2005 *New York Times* Best Seller *It Takes a Family*.

Of all his accomplishments, Rick is most proud of his role as a husband and father. Rick and his wife Karen are the parents of seven wonderful children: Elizabeth, John, Daniel, Sarah Maria, Peter, Patrick and Isabella.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Kathy Davis

October 28 Luncheon—Fundraiser for GCRWC

Carolina First Center 12:00—1:15

Cost: \$20.00

Speaker—Rick Santorum

Rick Santorum is nationally recognized as a steadfast leader and defender of our nation's founding principles. Aside from having a nationally known speaker, this is a fundraiser for our club. Not only do we need everyone's participation, but we need everyone to bring at least one friend. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for our club.

Plan to purchase your ticket today. There will be NO ticket sales at the door. If you have a standing reservation—you must still purchase your ticket in advance.

TWO WAYS TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Please mail checks to be received no later than Thursday—October 21 to this address:
Patricia Arceneaux
2607 Woodruff Road, Suite E211
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Tickets will also be available at the Greenville County GOP Headquarters from 12:00—6:00 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (October 20, 21, and 22). The headquarters are located at 850 Wade Hampton Blvd. It is several blocks down from WMUU on the same side of the street. (near Bob Jones University)

For questions please call Mary Carolyn Garton at 850-1804 or by email to mcgarton@charter.net or my email at president@gcrwc.org

Looking forward to a great event.

Announcement from Greenville County GOP and Victory 2010

Friday, October 29—Greenville County GOP Headquarters

Will you volunteer to help with a phone bank? Victory 2010 has asked if our club would help in the final 72 hours before the election by making phone calls. Food will be provided. A script is given to you and a list of names and phone numbers—it is not hard. If you can volunteer for as little as an hour—it will be greatly appreciated.

Please note the following: Please pick up your copy of the minutes and treasurer's report for September at the table in the lobby. They will not be placed on the tables at this luncheon.

For the last couple of years, we have heard that the Federal Government may seize our 401 (K) and IRA retirement accounts and roll them into a government managed Guaranteed Retirement Account. On October 7th the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) held a hearing to examine the state of retirement security in the U.S. The items discussed were: a taxpayer bailout of union pensions; and a plan to seize private 401 (K) plans to more “fairly” distribute taxpayer-funded pensions to everyone.

The two Senators present at the hearing were Tom Harkin (Democrat-Iowa) and Bernie Sanders (Socialist – Vermont). Hand-picked witnesses advocated the “infamous ‘Guaranteed Retirement Account’ (GRA) authored by Theresa Guillarducci.” Guillarducci is the Director of the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis at the New School. The New School was founded in 1919 as a center for progressive thought by Fabian socialists. Under the GRA system government would seize private 401 (k) accounts and set up an additional 5% mandatory payroll tax. The government would then dole out a “fair” pension to everyone using the money seized from 401 (k) accounts and the money from the mandated contributions. Rather than a Castro-Chavez type nationalization of our 401 (k) accounts, our current regime may just use the tax code to “incentivize” Americans to put their retirement funds into the GRA. Brett McMahon, spokesman for a trade association warns that, during the lame duck session, the Democrats may attach a plan to bailout union pensions to an across-the-board extension of the current tax rates. In other words, Democrats will attempt to blackmail Republicans into voting for the bailout of union pensions in order to extend the current tax rates which expire December 31, 2010. How many of you want your hard earned income to be confiscated and handed over to unions for their pensions which are underwater as a result of mismanagement?

Everyone should contact their Congressman and Senators and tell them to vote “NO” on any bill which includes a taxpayer bailout of union pensions and vote “NO” on any plan that involves the Federal Government takeover of private 401 (k) plans.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES FOR SEPTEMBER

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| ★ Jean Bahan | ★ Nazera Hudsen | ★ David Church—Associate |
| ★ Leann Corbin | ★ Una Kochanowski | |
| ★ Judith Church | ★ Geraldine Swanson | |
| ★ Peggy Denny | ★ Doris Williamsen | |

MEMBERSHIP NOTE:

October would be a great time for you to encourage your friends, co-workers, neighbors, and family members to join. Their membership will be good from October 2010 until December 2011. For just \$20.00 they will become a member of the Greenville County Republican Women’s Club, South Carolina Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

Mary Carolyn Garton
Membership Chair

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

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

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2010 Luncheon Dates

12:00 noon

Thursday October 28
(Fundraiser—Carolina First Center)
Free Parking

Thursday December 2
The Poinsett Club

**Please plan to purchase your ticket
for the October Fundraiser today.**



Buy your ticket today!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LUNCHEON WILL NOT
BE HELD AT THE POINSETT CLUB IN OCTOBER.
We were unable to use the ballroom. We will resume
meeting at the Poinsett Club in December and again for
our 2011 luncheons.**

Thanks so much.

Kathy Davis