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**DR. MICK ZAIS CANDIDATE FOR SC SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION
TAYLOR HALL VICTORY 2010**

As we gear up to put a Republican in the position of Superintendent of SC Schools, we are more aware than ever of the liberal attempt of public educators to indoctrinate our children to think left of traditional values. They are silently but relentlessly schooling our children to believe progressiveness is the norm. Whenever blatant stories of teachers penalizing children who voice their American values are reported; we are reminded that these teachers form a very powerful union with self interest as the basis against a more unbiased educational approach.

According to a recent Education Next poll put out by the Hoover Institution, 18% of those polled gave schools a grade of A or B while 25% gave a D or F. These grades are the lowest since 1981 when Americans were first asked to grade schools.

It is no wonder grades are so low since high-school graduation rates are lower than they were in 1970 and math and reading scores of 17 year olds have remained stagnant for four decades.

We must demand taxpayer funded financial resources be directed to an unbiased educational system rather than the funding of unreasonable teacher pension plans, school structures etc.

Did you know?

The U.S. Constitution makes no mention of public education but the tenth amendment to the Constitution reserves to the states all powers not specifically delegated to the federal government or prohibited to the states by the Constitution. This amendment is the basis for allocating to the states primary legal responsibility for public education.

Dr. Mick Zais

Mitchell M. "Mick" Zais is the Republican nominee for the office of South Carolina State Superintendent of Education. He is uniquely qualified for this position because of his proven leadership, experience in education, and record of results. Mick has led a life of service to his country, to Newberry College and to his faith. Seeking public office is a natural extension of that lifetime of service.

The son of a general, Mick grew up in a military family, moving throughout the United States and attending ten public schools in twelve years. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with an engineering degree. Mick also earned master's and doctorate degrees 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. He served in a wide variety of infantry units, in Vietnam, the United States, and Korea. For three years, Mick taught organizational behavior, management, and leadership classes to cadets at West Point.

Mick served as the 20th President of Newberry College from August 1, 2000 until July 1, 2010. During his tenure, enrollment has nearly doubled, the endowment more than doubled, 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."

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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 was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives at the age of 32 in 1990 and then was elected and served in the U. S. Senate from 1995 to 2007 from the State of Pennsylvania. Rick became one of the most successful government reformers in our history. Rick is now a Senior Fellow at The Ethics and Public Policy Center, the Friday Host of Bill Bennett’s 'Morning in America' - nationally syndicated radio program and a contributor on the Fox News Channel. He is the Chairman of America’s Foundation. (www.americas-foundation.org)

Please plan to buy your ticket in advance at the September luncheon, Thank you so much for your help in this matter. Checks should be made out to GCRWC for \$20.00.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES FOR AUGUST

★ Jeanette Bailey	Karen Gallman	Sylvia Long	Jim Harget Assoc
★ Janet Beck	Somer Grasser	Elizabeth Putnam	Don Rogers Assoc
★ Peggy Chaney	Carole Griffin	Pat Rogers	
★ Linda Dillard	Charlotte Latimer	Elaine Stublely Stoval	
★ Bonnie Foster	Loretta Lingsmore	Lisa Van Riper	

Dr. Zais—continued

Mick has been married to the former Susan Fincher for over 30 years. She is a Columbia native, a graduate of the University of South Carolina, and comes from a family of teachers. The Zaises have two children. Both attended and graduated from public schools in Newberry. Bradley is an infantry veteran of Iraq, and Ashley is a Wofford College graduate. The Zaises are members of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Newberry.

Taylor Hall

Taylor Hall is a young man on the move. He completed his undergraduate degree in political science from Furman University where he was chairman of the SC College Republican Federation and the Furman chapter for four years. Taylor worked in the European Parliament for a member of the Conservative Party and as a Wilkins Fellow in the SC Senate Finance Committee

Taylor is currently working tirelessly to help elect Republican candidates in November. Having worked on Nikki Haley’s campaign, Taylor is currently Director of Field Operations for S.C. Victory 2010. In this position he will oversee fourteen field offices throughout the state. He is determined to reach Victory’s primary goal of large Republican voter turnout in order to insure the election of as many Republican candidates as possible.

Pamela Sowell

HEY HEY, HO HO, Pelosi, Reid and Obama must go resounded throughout a crowd of 260 Republican women during the presentation of the standing rules. WOW what an experience! This gathering of conservative women from all over America was truly inspirational.

One could hardly comprehend the dedication and resolve of these women from every background and age group, watching as emotions flowed during the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the National Anthem, the honoring of our military and The Fallen of 911.

The huge success of the meeting was attributed largely to our own Betty Poe who orchestrated the whole affair from the site to the food and the speakers.

Representatives Haley and Scott rallied us to their races and Senator Jim DeMint informed us of current issues. Mallory Factor's address called to attention the chilling consequences of our national debt. The FIRE PELOSI BUS campaign inspired us to be involved in order to insure our nations' future.

If you have never attended one of the national meetings, I can assure you it would be well worth the time and money.

Pamela Sowell

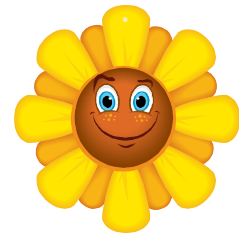
Sunshine News Shirley Cowart—Sunshine Chair 277-2764

* **Janie Wylie in the death of her husband, Bill Wylie.**

* **Charlie Garton—hospitalized for 2 weeks—St. Francis Downtown.**

* **Cheryl Boyd—successful outpatient surgery - melanoma on nose**

* **Judy Cooter—undergoing chemo treatments for peritoneal/ovarian**



GCRWC PRAYER AT OUR AUGUST LUNCHEON

Our Father and our God, the Holy One of Israel, the One strong and mighty in this hour and in all time; You bring empowerment and hope to the nations that follow after You, and judgment on those who turn against You.

Our Father, Your Word says, "If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land."

Oh Lord, for far too long our people have turned away from You and the Christian principles You endowed us with in forming this nation. We do pray for Your mercy to once again overshadow us as we humbly ask for Your forgiveness for our hardened hearts and the apathy we have shown toward Your ways and desires and purposes for America.

Oh God, soften our hearts once again with love for You, and gird us with courage and strength that we may stand against a powerful foe that would attempt to destroy us as a nation. Give us true hearts of grace that we will be influences for good in our society.

As we pray to You, help us to listen for Your voice, and do those things that usher the purposes of Your Kingdom forward into the light. We declare with our Lord Jesus that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand! And praise You that Your Kingdom and Your Light overcome the darkness!

Thank You that You will equip us and give us all the wisdom we need to fight the good fight to overcome evil.

"For the eyes of the Lord roam to and fro throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."

The Lord of Hosts is with us! The God of the Ages is our refuge! Hallelujah!

Amen!!

Prayer by Chaplain Catherine Pence—GCRWC

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website:**

www:gcrwc.org

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Please note that GCRWC will continue to meet at the Club every month. We could not use the Ballroom for the meeting in October so we had to find another venue large enough to accommodate our program and to have free parking. Cost is ONLY \$20.00 and will include the meal.

We would like each of you to sell at least one extra ticket for this event. (Officers and standing committee chairs at least 2 extra tickets)

**I know I can count on our club to make this a success!
THANKS!!**

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2010 Luncheon Dates

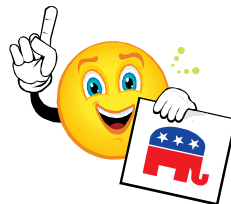
12:00 noon

Thursday September 23
The Poinsett Club

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 at our luncheon this month.



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, September 20 at 8:00 PM. To **avoid** paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 21.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER: If you have a standing reservation—it is **your** responsibility to cancel if you are unable to attend the meeting.