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There is a popular country-western song that states "You've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything." The last election is evidence that many Americans fell for the 'Obama rhetoric' because they either didn't know or care that we Americans stand for The Constitution of the United States. American citizens must have a thorough knowledge of the Constitution and take care to protect our heritage. We can do this by better educating ourselves on Constitutional law and by educating ourselves on the backgrounds of those individuals we elect to office.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

"...its' only keepers, the people." GEORGE WASHINGTON

The Honorable David Thomas

Candidate for U. S. House 4th District

Elizabeth Moffly

Candidate for Superintendent of Education

Curtis Loftis

Candidate for Treasurer

Nathan Earle

Candidate for S.C. House 17

Senator David Thomas Senator Thomas received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, a Masters of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Arts from Texas Christian University, and a Law degree from the University of South Carolina. He is currently a partner in the law firm of Moore, Taylor & Thomas where he practices law in Greenville, SC. As Chairman of Banking & Insurance, he has been instrumental in the passage of insurance legislation that includes getting uninsured drivers off the street and the formation of insurance captives. He is also working on health insurance issues to ensure that all South Carolina citizens are covered.

In 1984, Thomas successfully ran for the South Carolina State Senate, winning both the primary and general election. He has served continuously in the Senate for over 24 years. He is Chairman of the Senate Banking & Insurance Committee, and is also a member of the Senate Finance, Corrections & Penology, and Medical Affairs Committees. Senator Thomas is a devoted family man. He has been married to his wife Fran since 1984.

Elizabeth Moffly Ms. Moffly lives with her husband, four children, and many animals on a farm in Awendaw, SC. She is President of Moffly Construction and Real Estate. Ms. Moffly has over fifteen years of experience with her own four children in SC public education. She is a business owner, wife, mother, teacher, and coach. Ms. Moffly's education includes Queen's College and the College of Charleston as well as education in Constitutional Rights and Government Regulations. **Curtis Loftis** Mr. Loftis believes in smaller, more efficient government, lower taxes and complete transparency within state government. If elected Mr. Loftis vows to consistently cast votes to streamline state government, lower your taxes, reduce the state debt and stop government intrusion into the lives of South Carolinians.

Curtis Loftis is a life-long resident of South Carolina and a 1981 graduate of the University of South Carolina. He owns a successful business and invests in S.C. real estate. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of West Columbia. **Nathan Earle** Mr. Nathan Earle earned a B.A. from the University of South Carolina Spartanburg graduating magna cum laude in 2001. He obtained a J.D. from the University of Tennessee, College of Law graduating cum laude in 2005. Mr. Earle runs his own practice of law. He has been married to his wife Amy for ten years and has three children. Nathan is an associate member of our club and several of his family members belong to our club.

Pamela Sowell

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Kathy Davis

This is a very critical time in our state and our nation. We need to be aware of the candidates that are running for each of the offices and choose the person best suited for the office and volunteer for them. Primaries will be held on Tuesday, June 8th. This is a day that EACH of you should be voting. You should encourage your Republican neighbors, family and friends to go to the polls. There is an updated list of the candidates on the Greenville County GOP website: www.greenvillegop.com
GET INVOLVED!!

SCFRW Legislative Day

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Brunch at the Capital City Club

Enjoy a late breakfast/early lunch and a spectacular view of the Columbia skyline. We'll also hear from several guest speakers, including House and Senate Leadership plus other surprises!

12:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m. State House Activities

We walk across the street from the Capital City Club to the State House grounds for a group picture on the Capitol steps. Then, we'll visit with our House and Senate members, and listen in on the debates and discussions happening on the floors of each Chamber. We'll even squeeze in some retail therapy at the State House Gift Shop.

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Tea at the Palmetto Club

From the State House, we'll walk across a block and a half over to the Palmetto Club and conclude our day with light refreshments and casual conversation with our state's Constitutional Officers.

Cost: Just \$10 per person (must be a Federation member)

Remember to wear RED and comfortable shoes!!

PLEASE RSVP by Monday—April 26 by email to Kathy Davis president@gcrwc.org or by phone at 244-1155. There will be an additional cost if we rent a bus. Details to follow.

Notes of Interest

* *Please keep up with your volunteer hours and give to Jenny Earle at each luncheon. Experience has proven that it is much easier to keep up with your hours on a monthly basis.*

* *Our Sunshine Chairman is Shirley Cowart. Please call her with any sunshine concerns so we will be able to keep our club informed of these needs. Shirley's phone number is 277-2764.*

THE FIGHT TO SAVE HEALTH CARE IN THE UNITED STATES

H.3047, "The Spending Accountability Act of 2009, requires the House and Senate to hold a roll call vote on every new law passed and every section of the budget. In order for South Carolinians to hold our Senators and Representatives accountable, we need to know how they vote. H.3047 passed unanimously in the House on 3/26/10, and is currently stalled in a Senate Judiciary subcommittee. Senator Glenn McConnell, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and Senator Larry Martin, Chairman of the Judiciary subcommittee have declared in writing their opposition to H.3047.

The three reasons for their opposition are: 1) The Senate already has a rule requiring roll call votes on some items. 2) According to the S.C. Constitution, the Senate can make its own rules. 3) According to the S.C. Constitution, the Senate must take a recorded roll call vote when five Senators ask for one, and any additional requirements would be unconstitutional. Item 1) Senate Rule 16 does require roll call votes on some items. However, significant laws continue to be passed anonymously. In the majority of the cases, the rules did not require a roll call vote. In other cases, the rules have been ignored with no consequence. For example, H.3452 passed the Senate on a voice vote. This law increased license fees and introduced a new license fee. According to Item 7 of Senate Rule 16, a roll call vote must be taken for any law that raises, lowers, or creates a new fee or tax. Also, as detailed in Senate Rule 43, the Senate can vote to suspend the Rules. If the Senate can ignore its own rules, and suspend its own rules, rules for roll call voting are insufficient. A law is needed.

Item 2) H.3047 does not violate the provision of the Constitution that the Senate can make its own rules. H.3047 is a rule being made by the Senate. Item 3) The S.C. Constitution provides that a recorded roll call vote must be taken if five Senators request it. It does not provide that this is the only condition upon which a roll call vote must be taken. If this were the case, Senate Rule 16, which provides additional requirements, violates the Constitution.

To end anonymous voice votes on laws passed by the General Assembly, call or email Senator Glenn McConnell at (803) 212-6610 and SJU@scsenate.org and ask him to see that there is an up or down vote on H.3047 with no amendments. Amendments slow down or stop passage of a bill. Also, ask your Senator to support H.3047. (Talbert Black, S.C. Campaign for Liberty, contributed to this article.)

Debbie Spaugh

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES TO GCRWC

Sandy Blair

Cindy Novia

Sally Calder

Sarah Lauren Orders

Jamella Connor

Andrea Dunn Smith

Sandra Dunn

Susan Aiken - associate

Melissa Moody

Sunshine News:

Our prayers are with Mrs. Pat McManaway after the death of her husband, Clayton. Geri Warren and I were privileged to attend his memorial service and hear the delightful and impressive stories about Clayton who had a 30-year career in the government that included service in the departments of State and Defense and the intelligence community We were honored that he was an associate of GCRWC.

Kathy Davis

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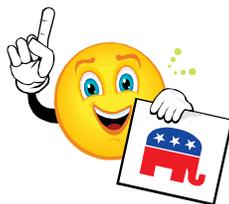
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2010 Luncheon Dates

12:00 The Poinsett Club

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 April —\$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, April 19 at 8:00 PM. To **avoid** paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday April 20.

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