



The Elephant's Ear

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Speakers for March 25 Luncheon

Shocking is the least way in which to describe what is going on in Washington today! As we watch the liberal Congress destroy the governmental architecture of our Founding Fathers, every conservative and independent as well as the liberal-minded American should immerse himself or herself in the study of The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of the United States of America. And as we choose our representatives we should ascertain that those choices should be imbued with the principles set forth in those documents.



NIKKI HALEY CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR Nikki was first elected to represent the 87th District in Lexington County in 2004, when, as a virtual unknown she beat the longest serving state legislator in a Republican primary. In 2008 Representative Haley was sent back to the statehouse with 83 percent of the vote – the highest percentage earned by any lawmaker facing a contested South Carolina election that year. Nikki was named “Friend of the Taxpayer” (2009) by the S.C. Association of Taxpayers and a “Taxpayer Hero” (2005) by Gov. Mark Sanford. She has lifetime “A” ratings from the South Carolina Club for Growth, the Palmetto Family Council, and the National Rifle Association. Nikki has also received the Palmetto Leadership Award from the S.C. Policy Council for her expertise on policy matters and the Strom Thurmond Excellence in Public Service and Government Award from the S.C. Federation of Republican

Women for the outstanding constituent service she provides to her district. Born in Bamberg, S.C., the daughter of Indian immigrants, Nikki’s first job was keeping the books for her family’s clothing store – at the age of 13. She went on to graduate from Clemson University with a B.S. degree in accounting and following her graduation worked as Accounting Supervisor for the Charlotte, N.C. based corporation FCR, Inc. and five of its subsidiaries. Nikki then went back to the family business where she helped oversee its growth into a multi-million dollar operation. Since 2008 she has served as the Assistant Executive Director of the Lexington Medical Foundation. Nikki and her husband Michael, a full time federal technician with the South Carolina National Guard and an officer in the Army National Guard, attend Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church in Lexington. She was previously a board member of both the Orangeburg and Lexington County Chambers of Commerce and a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners. Currently, Nikki sits on the board for Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, Medmission, and is a proud member of the West Metro Republican Women, Lexington County Republican Party and the NRA. Nikki and Michael live in Lexington with their two children, Rena, 11, and Nalin, 8.

Jamie Bach

BRENT NELSEN CANDIDATE FOR SUPT. OF EDUCATION Dr. Nelsen graduated from Wheaton College and did his post-graduate work in political science and economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he was awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in Norway. For over 20 years Dr. Nelsen has studied and taught politics and economics—of the United States and countries around the world—at Furman University in Greenville. Dr. Nelsen has made a career out of preparing the minds of our future leaders. Most importantly, he understands the type of education system that fully prepares young people to take on the challenges of life after high school. As the next Superintendent of Education, he will draw on his experience and knowledge of what makes a successful education system to ensure that the future leaders of this state are prepared for our 21st century economy. Dr. Nelsen and his wife Lori have three children. All three children have grown up in Greenville attending Summit Drive Elementary, League Academy and Greenville High School.

Pamela Sowell



BOB LIVINGSTON CANDIDATE FOR ADJUTANT GENERAL Major General Robert E. Livingston, Jr. is a conservative Republican candidate. General Livingston’s military service began when he enlisted in the South Carolina Army National Guard in 1978. He was commissioned through the Palmetto Military Academy, Office Candidate School in 1980 as the Top Honor Graduate. His military education began with his completion of the United States Army Infantry School in 1978 and Airborne School in 1979. During the course of more than three decades of service, General Livingston has been continually recognized by both his superiors as well as the troops he has led as an exemplary officer, becoming the youngest Major General in the history of the South Carolina Army National Guard. He is a highly decorated including awards from the US Military, several foreign countries and

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A Few Words from the President—Kathy Davis

**CAMPAIGN 2010—GOAL
ELECT MORE REPUBLICANS
(National, State, Local)**

This is a GREAT year to VOLUNTEER for the candidate of your choice. By reaching out to the candidate of your choice in each of the different campaigns, you will be recognized and the campaign teams will learn to depend on GCRWC and its members. Let's think of ways that we can be invaluable to the candidates. Project "NETWORK" 2010 by the NFRW gives these ideas:

- Assist candidates to become known in various communities
- Host coffee for your candidate with your neighbors
- Invite candidates to participate in local community events that you attend

Please add these committee chairs to the list that was in the February newsletter:



Finance/fundraising
Hospitality

LeAnne Garrett
Gayle Stanley

**The National Federation of Republican Women —
the most powerful grassroots organization nationwide
electing Republicans!**

The South Carolina Federation of Republican Women will be sponsoring a membership contest in the near future. Stay tuned for details. Geri Warren, our past president, is the membership chair for the SCFRW.

GENERAL LIVINGSTON CONTINUED...

civilian agencies. In addition to many military accomplishments General Livingston has had a successful career in the private section as an electric engineer. He is the President and CEO of Gregory Electric, a multi-state business that employs 360 South Carolinians. General Livingston holds a Bachelor degree in Chemistry and Science from Hampden Sydney College, Bachelor and Master degrees in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Master of Business Administration from the University of South Carolina as well as Master of Strategic Studies from the United States War College. General Livingston is a life-long resident of West Columbia, South Carolina. He has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 33 years. They have four grown children, Robert III, Rachel, Rebekah, and Roxanne.

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2010 Luncheon Dates

12:00 The Poinsett Club

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

Please join in March —\$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, March 22 at 8:00 PM. To **avoid** paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday March 23.

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