



# *The Elephant's Ear*

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## **SC GOP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CANDIDATES**

<b>STEPHEN BROWN</b>	<b>FORMER GREENVILLE COUNTY GOP CHAIRMAN</b>
<b>CHAD CONNELLY</b>	<b>NEWBERRY COUNTY GOP CHAIRMAN</b>
<b>BILL CONNOR</b>	<b>FORMER CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR</b>

SC GOP committee chairman job description; there is none! However there are many references to the Chairman and his or her duties and scope of authority in the Republican Party bylaws. In addition to these duties there are many other desirable qualities we should look for in a candidate.

Phyllis Woods, NH RNC National Committeewoman writes, "It is necessary that the Chairman, as the representative of the party, be a person who would be articulate and be able to speak intelligently and competently on the issues, to all the media, as well as be able to debate one on one with the Democratic State Chairman. Priority should be given to holding the Democrats' feet to the fire and making sure they are accountable to the public for their actions on every level. This needs to be a continual and consistent effort on the Chairman's part."

**DID YOU KNOW?** The United States Republican Party is the second oldest currently existing political party in the United States after its great rival, the Democratic Party. It emerged in 1854 to combat the threat of slavery's extension to the territories, and to promote more vigorous modernization of the economy. It had little presence in the South, but in the North it enlisted most former Whigs, Know-Nothings and former Free Soil Democrats to form majorities in nearly every state. With the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and its success in guiding the Union to victory and abolishing slavery, it came to dominate the national scene until 1932. The Republican Party was based on northern white Protestants, businessmen, professionals, factory workers, wealthier farmers, and poor blacks. It was pro-business, supporting banks, the gold standard, railroads, and high tariffs to protect heavy industry and the industrial workers.

*Pamela Sowell*

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

We will nominate and elect the nominating committee for GCRWC at the April luncheon.

## Notes of Interest from the President—Kathy Davis

**Volunteer Hours** - Our volunteer hours are due by Saturday, May 21 so there will be time to put this important project together and submit to SCFRW. Please make a list of your hours that you have volunteered for the federation, the Republican party and/or candidates. These hours are from July 1, 2010 until June 30, 2011. There will be forms available for completion at the check in table at the April luncheon. Remember that every hour that is volunteered is an hour that will help elect another conservative to office and/or keep them in office. Jenny Earle, our campaign chair will be compiling these so they can be sent to the SCFRW at the beginning of June.

**Sunshine News** - If you or someone in your immediate family has been ill, had or recovering from surgery we would like to share with our members and associates. Please send these requests to Shirley Cowart, our Sunshine chair at LScowart@bellsouth.net or by phone 277-2764.

**First Ladies Luncheon**—The Poinsett Club, May 5, at noon. The speakers will be the wives of the Presidential candidates. Former Governors' wives and the wives of other elected official will be in attendance. Tickets are \$40.00 for members of our club. Cost is \$50.00 for guests. There is also an opportunity to sponsor a table for a \$2000.00. To obtain tickets, please email Betty Poe at bspoe@charter.net.

**Presidential Preference Debate** - Thursday, May 5 - Peace Center Greenville, SC  
For a \$100.00 donation to the South Carolina GOP - you can receive two tickets to the debate and an autographed copy of Karl Rove's book. Please make your check payable to SC Republican Party and mail the check to Jill Kintigh, PO Box S-44, Cleveland, SC 29365.

**SCFRW Legislative Day** - May 12 A day is planned in Columbia for all SCFRW members to visit the Capitol and our legislators. SAVE THE DATE! Further information to follow regarding cost & transportation.

### **Nominating Committee of the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women**

Applications are available if you would like to be considered by the 2011 Nominating Committee of the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women for a position with the SCFRW. The form is due on or before April 30. I will have some forms available at the check in table if you are wish to be considered. I have also sent this out to the email list.

**Fundraiser Results**—GRAND TOTAL of \$1618.01 which makes our total funds raised for our club in 2010 and 2011 a total of \$2861.22. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work.

### **LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!**

**We have work to do! For Republican victory in 2012, we all need to "roll up our sleeves." We can't expect success unless we are doing all we can: participating in our club's projects, volunteering at Republican headquarters, helping local, state and/or national candidates by making phone calls, placing signs, displaying bumper stickers, etc., and by bringing in new members—the list is endless! Let's insure success in 2012—with integrity, hard work, and pride.**

**Cheryl Boyd—Membership Team**

April 12, 2011 was a momentous day for the citizens of South Carolina. Governor Haley signed the "Spending Accountability Act of 2011" (H.3004 - Roll Call Voting Bill) into law. With this law the South Carolina Legislature moves from one of the five weakest on transparency to one of the most transparent in the country. All votes on bills or resolutions with the force and effect of law will now be recorded, so that South Carolinians may see how their representatives and senators vote. The bill passed unanimously in the House. In the Senate, the bill passed with 33 Ayes and 11 Nays. Four of the 11 who voted Nay were Republicans (Campsen, Grooms, McConnell, and Verdin).

Hopefully, another bill (H.3738), to enact the "South Carolina Health Benefit Exchange Act", is permanently buried in the House Ways and Means Committee. This bill would establish an exchange "for the purpose of facilitating the purchase and sale of qualified health plans as provided for in the 'Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act'." (Obamacare) While Congressional Republicans are working to defund, and in 2013, hopefully repeal Obamacare, 13 Republicans in the SC Legislature co-sponsored this bill that would have helped implement Obamacare. After an avalanche of phone calls and emails from their constituents, these 13 Republicans (Cooper, Brannon, Pitts, Allison, Lucas, Parker, Huggins, Loftis, Owens, Barfield, Hardwick, Horne, and Herbkersman) removed their names as co-sponsors. According to *The Washington Post*, the Health Insurance Exchange is the, "most important aspect of health care reform." The federal government will use these Exchanges to enforce the requirement that everyone buy government-approved health insurance. Per Michael Cannon, Director of Health Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, "Affordable plans will disappear because Obamacare requires all purchasers to buy whatever coverage Sebelius [Secretary of HHS] mandates as 'essential'."

On January 27, 2011, the SC House passed the "South Carolina Election Reform Act" (H.3003), which requires a photo ID to vote. What an outlandish idea to require voters to provide proof that they are legitimately voting. Just as last year, the SC Senate is fighting the bill. Some Senators say the bill is unfair to minorities and elderly voters who do not have a driver's license. The bill requires that the Department of Motor Vehicles provide free ID cards upon request. If you do not want our election system to be at the mercy of ACORN (ACORN officials have pleaded guilty to voter fraud) and other such organizations, please contact your Senator and ask him to vote for the "SC Election Reform Act".

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES FOR MARCH**

- Beverly Crampton
- Glenda Drinkhahn
- Gwen Winter-Neighbors
- Melissa Young
- Jonathan Anderson - Associate
- Eugene Mignacco, Jr. - Associate

**VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If you have not paid your 2011 dues, please plan to pay them at the April luncheon. Our By-Laws state that the benefits for membership end in February for the 2010 members unless you have paid your dues and rejoined. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please mail your \$20.00 check made payable to GCRWC to Patricia Arceneaux, 2607 Woodruff Road, Suite E-211, Simpsonville, SC 29681. (This means that you are no longer a member of SCFRW or NFRW)

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

**Check out our  
website:  
[www:gcrwc.org](http://www.gcrwc.org)**

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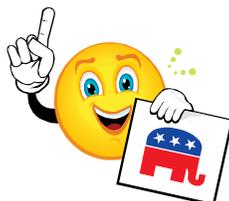
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### 2011 Luncheon Dates

12:00 noon

The Poinsett Club

Thursday	April 28
Thursday	May 26
Thursday	June 23
Thursday	July 28
Thursday	August 25
Thursday	September 22
Thursday	October 27
Thursday	December 1



**April luncheon 12:00—1:15 PM  
THE POINSETT CLUB**

Please make reservations to [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com) or by calling Mary Bellinger at 268-3942 by 8:00 PM on Monday, April 25. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 on Tuesday, April 26 to avoid a \$15.00 charge.