



The Elephant's Ear

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Guest Speakers

United States Senator Jim DeMint

United States Congressman Trey Gowdy - 4th District South Carolina

The Greenville Country Republican Women's Club along with the Upstate Republican Women's club are proud to have as our guest speakers - U. S. Senator Jim DeMint and U. S. Congressman Trey Gowdy.

Senator Jim DeMint

Since his first campaign for Congress in 1998, Jim DeMint has proven to be a principled leader that has fought to secure South Carolina's and America's future.

Elected as South Carolina's 55th senator in 2004, DeMint quickly established himself as one of the most effective conservative leaders in Washington, seeking to enact innovative solutions to improve America for future generations. He has been a tireless advocate for smaller government, individual liberty, a strong national defense and traditional values. DeMint has earned national acclaim for his work to end the system of earmarks, also referred to as the "congressional favor factory." Following the November elections in 2006, the senator stood up against big spenders in Congress and stopped over 10,000 wasteful pork projects. Famed Washington journalist Robert Novak called him a "hero." *Wall Street Journal* editor Steve Moore said the senator's actions saved Americans about \$17 billion and called him the "taxpayers' greatest ally." In early 2007 DeMint also fought for commonsense immigration reform by leading the effort to defeat the amnesty bill and calling on government to first secure our borders, enforce the laws already passed, and streamline the legal immigration system.

In late 2006, he was elected as chairman of the Senate Steering Committee, which is comprised of the majority of Republican senators and works to advance conservative legislation. Last year, just as Ronald Reagan had done over 20 years earlier, DeMint delivered the keynote address to the nation's largest gathering of conservative activists at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). He was recently ranked as the Senate's most conservative member by *National Journal* and as the No. 1 senator voting for responsible tax and spending policies by the National Taxpayers Union. DeMint understands the greatness of a country is found in its people and values, not in its government. The senator and his wife, Debbie, reside in Greenville, South Carolina and are the proud parents of four married children. They are also greatly enjoying their new role as grandparents.

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Congressman Trey Gowdy

Representing South Carolina's 4th District, Trey Gowdy enters Congress with a resolute commitment to the conservative principles that have guided him throughout his years in public service. At the core of those principles lies a firm belief in a limited government that inspires trust and demands accountability.

Representative Gowdy will serve on the Committee on Judiciary, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Education and Workforce. In these capacities, Trey will fight to uphold the Constitution, rein in the ever-expanding scope of the federal government, and restore America's trust with a renewed spirit of honesty and transparency.

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Notes of Interest from the President—Kathy Davis

Great news –the ballroom will be packed for our August luncheon. It is very important that if you or one of your guests is unable to attend the luncheon that you contact Mary Bellinger so you will not be charged the \$20.00 for the luncheon. No reservations will be taken after Thursday, August 25.

Please read the following information to help us with the large attendance:

There will be someone in the lobby to direct you to the check in tables. If you purchased a ticket at the July luncheon, please check in and use the blue ticket to enter the ballroom. All others will check in and will receive a green ticket to use to enter the ballroom. Some of your guests may have mailed in a check for their ticket and they will be directed to the appropriate check in table. It is **highly recommended** that you have your check made out to GCRWC for \$20.00 before you get to the check in table to keep the line moving. We are requesting that you use a check for this luncheon instead of cash to help with check in and accounting purposes.

We will not have reserved tables. For those that are helping with check in, hosting at the doors, etc. will be able to have a place because they will be helping right up until the luncheon begins and will not be able to stay at their chair. We will have “ushers” inside the ballroom to assist in finding seats for everyone. Remember that we ask that you only reserve your place and one other place in fairness to everyone. If there is time for questions - we will use our normal policy of written questions.

I would suggest that you carpool if possible—a suggestion would be to meet someone nearby and drive together to the Poinsett Club. Parking will be at a premium that day and we plan to begin the meeting on time.

Mary and Pete Bellinger have worked tirelessly since the July luncheon on the reservations and they have done an OUTSTANDING job.

BOOKS - if you reserved a book and have not paid for it - please add \$10.00 for each book you have reserved to the \$20.00 luncheon ticket. Please note on your check that it is for # books and for ticket. (Example: 2 books + luncheon)

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Trey graduated from Spartanburg High School in 1982, Baylor University in 1986 with a degree in History, and the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1989 where he was a member of the scholastic honor society “Order of the Wig and Robe”.

For 6 years as a federal prosecutor, Trey prosecuted the full range of federal crimes including narcotics trafficking rings, bank robberies, child pornography cases, and the murder of a federal witness. He was awarded the Postal Inspector’s Award for the successful prosecution of J. Mark Allen, one of “America’s Most Wanted” suspects. He also received the highest performance rating a federal prosecutor can receive – two years in a row.

As 7th Circuit Solicitor, Trey led an office of 25 attorneys and 65 total employees. During his tenure, he started a Violence Against Women Task Force, a Worthless Check Program, enhanced and expanded Drug Court, and implemented a Drug Mother Protocol designed to assist expectant mothers break the cycle of addiction.

He has been recognized statewide for his commitment to victim’s rights, drunken driving enforcement, and nationally for excellence in death penalty prosecutions.

Trey is married to Terri Dillard Gowdy, and they have two children: Watson and Abigail. Terri works for the Spartanburg School District as a teacher’s aide. Watson will be entering college in the fall and Abigail is a rising 9th grader at Spartanburg High School. The Gowdy family also includes three dogs: “Judge”, “Jury” and “Bailiff.”

Music

Piano music will be provided by Glenn Christianson. Our soloist will be Jessi Knight, who has worked for Senator DeMint for the last five years. She currently acts as State Projects Director and State Scheduler. She is a Section Leader with the Greenville Chamber Singers.

OBAMA'S REGULATORY POWER GRAB

The Constitution of the United States of America established three branches of government – The Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. In defining the duties and powers of each branch, the Constitution created a system of checks and balances, so that no one branch could exceed the limits of its Constitutional powers. Daniel Webster stated, "... I am committed against every thing which, in my judgment, may weaken, endanger, or destroy [the Constitution]... and especially against all extension of Executive power; and I am committed against any attempt to rule the free people of this country by the power and the patronage of the Government itself..."

These are just a couple of the ways Barack Obama has exceeded the limits of the powers of the Executive branch. 1. The Cap-and-Trade bill was not passed by the Senate, so Obama's Climate Czar, Carol Browner, who was not confirmed by the Senate, is implementing the global warming agenda at the EPA. The EPA declared carbon dioxide to be a pollutant. The EPA is using this false premise to establish new regulations which will force industries to move out of our country, kill more jobs, and increase the cost of everything we buy. According to 142 expert scientists with the International Climate Science Coalition, "Carbon dioxide is not a pollutant – it is a necessary reactant in plant photosynthesis and so is essential for life on Earth." For anyone interested in the facts about the man-made global warming myth, please go to www.climate-science-international.org. 2. Obama also intends to regulate the Internet. Having failed to get net neutrality passed in Congress, Obama turned to his friend, Chairman of the FCC, Julius Genachowski, to implement net neutrality restrictions on the Internet. On April 6, 2010 the DC Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the FCC did not have authority to regulate the Internet. The FCC ignored Congress, the courts, and the American people and voted on a 3-2 party line vote to impose destructive regulations on the Internet. There are many more examples of Obama's regulatory extremism- Union Card Check, ObamaCare, Financial Regulations, etc.

A bill has been introduced which could put the brakes on Obama's power-grab. The "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act" would require a "yes" vote of Congress before any major new regulations could take effect. H.R. 10 is co-sponsored by four of our South Carolina Congressmen: Tim Scott, Joe Wilson, Trey Gowdy, and Mick Mulvaney. The Senate version, S.299, is co-sponsored by Senator Jim DeMint. Considering that the Democrats control the Senate and White House, it is unlikely that this bill will become law.

The only real hope of saving our Constitutional Republic lies with the 2012 elections. It is the duty of every freedom-loving American to learn the issues, vet the candidates, and share this information with others. As James Madison stated, "A well-instructed people alone can be permanently a free people."



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER FOR JULY - Fran Allen

Sunshine News -

Please continue to keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from surgery: Mary Bellinger, Shirley Cowart and Faye Jay

Dates to remember:

Constitution Day Festival—Saturday, September 17. 5:00 - 8:00 PM - Charter Amphitheatre at Heritage Park in Simpsonville, SC sponsored by the Americas for Prosperity South Carolina. I would like our club to have volunteers to help with this event. Please email me if you would be willing to help. president@gcrwc.org

South Carolina Federation of Republican Women Convention - October 28 - 30 Westin Poinsett.

We will choose 25 delegates at the September luncheon. If you would like to be a delegate, you must be able to check in on Friday October 28 and participate in the events Friday evening, all day Saturday and through brunch on Sunday October 30. Registration is ONLY \$50.00 in celebration of the 50th anniversary of SCFRW and will include the Dessert event on Friday evening, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and the brunch on Sunday morning. If you are chosen as a delegate, GCRWC will pay for your registration fee.

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VERY IMPORTANT:

Please pay with a check at the luncheon next week. Please make payable to GCRWC in the amount of \$20.00 plus any books you may have reserved and not paid for yet. Please have your check ready when you get to the check in tables. THANKS SO MUCH!

We have sold all of the books that we ordered but should have more books available in October at the SCFRW convention.

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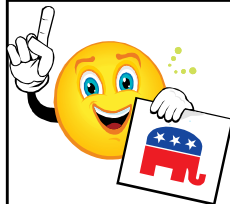
2011 Luncheon Dates

12:00 noon

The Poinsett Club

*Wednesday	August 31
	11:30 - 1:00
Thursday	September 22
Thursday	October 27
Thursday	December 1

* PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY AND DATE IN AUGUST.



August luncheon 11:30—1:00 PM

THE POINSETT CLUB

Please make reservations to gcrwreply@yahoo.com or by calling Mary Bellinger by 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 25.. Cancellations must be made by that same day.

Remember there are NO reserved tables. Please plan for you and your guests to arrive at the same time if you plan to sit together. Thanks.