



The Elephant's Ear

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MORE WOMEN SHOULD RUN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE

KATRINA SHEALY

S.C. SENATE CANDIDATE

As I sat down to write my last article for the GCRWC newsletter, I contemplated a scathing article on Washington corruption; however, my husband suggested I write a note of THANKSGIVING instead. Following his lead in celebration of the season, I reflected over the past two years and the accomplishments of our club. Under the direction of our president and with the tireless efforts of her team, those accomplishments have been amazing!

Having the largest club in the state and continuation of membership growth is certainly a feat of which to be thankful. We are thankful to have had the opportunity to engage in educational programs including Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senator Rick Santorum, Senator Jim DeMint, Representative Trey Gowdy and a host of local and state political officials as well as the knowledge gained during the recent GCRWC hosted SCFRW convention.

We should all be thankful for the opportunity to learn more about the political process in order to help change those things which attack the very foundation of our country. We are thankful that we still have the right to voice opposition to those acts without fear of reprisal. We are thankful that this country is and will always stand for "one country under God with liberty and justice for all".

DID YOU KNOW?

George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation states as follows: "I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th of November next, to be devoted by the people of these United States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and the protection of the people of this country..." *Pamela Sowell*

KATRINA SHEALY—running for South Carolina Senate District 23.

Katrina Shealy has worked tirelessly to expand the Republican Party and keep it unified. She believes in:

- Accountability to improve education *
- Transparency in state government
- Property tax reform
- Elimination of all homeowner-occupied property taxes
- Lowest possible taxes for all South Carolina businesses
- Reforms to workers compensation and tort laws
- Strengthening DUI laws
- Holding the line and working to reduce government spending
- Removing incentives for illegal immigrants and strengthening SC immigration laws



Katrina Shealy is a wife, mother, grandmother and active member of St. James Lutheran Church. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Friends of Juvenile Justice as chair-elect. Katrina is also on the founding board of Women of Hope, a newly-formed organization with Lexington Medical Foundation. She is a former board member with the Lexington County Department of Social Services and the Girl Scouts of the Congaree. Katrina is a graduate of Leadership Lexington County and the Lexington County Sheriff's Department Citizens' Academy. She has been employed with Davis-Garvin Insurance Agency in Columbia for the past 28 years..

She co-chaired the Victory efforts in 2004 and 2006, and raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Lexington County Republican party. She has been a delegate to the South Carolina State GOP Convention and attended the 2004 Republican National Convention and was an alternate delegate at the 2008 Republican National Convention. She has been a delegate to both the State and National Republican Women's Federated conventions. Katrina is a charter member of the West Metro Republican Women's group, helping found the organization in 2001, and served as president from 2008 to 2010. She also worked on the campaign to elect South Carolina's first female governor, Nikki Haley, in 2010. She has also worked on many local, state and national campaigns. Katrina has served as the Lexington Republican Party Chairman 2007 – 2008. Prior to serving as chair she was the Treasurer for two years. As Chairman and during the last Presidential election, she, along with the help of others serving in the Lexington GOP, was able to bring six of the Presidential candidates to Lexington County.

Notes of Interest from the President—

Kathy Davis



We have a great musical program planned for the Christmas luncheon. We are honored to have Glenn Christianson on the piano, the Goodwin String Quartet, and Jon Kilpatrick as the soloist. Jon was the soloist for the Americanism program. You will not want to miss this luncheon. The luncheon will be from 12:00 - 1:15.

Several notes of interest for this month's meeting:

We will have a table so that you will be able to purchase the following items:

- Senator DeMint's autographed book will be available for ONLY \$8.00 –great gift for Christmas
The Great American Awakening (70)

We had several items left over from the SCFRW convention and are available for you to purchase.

- SCFRW 50th anniversary rosewood ink pens for sale at \$2.00 each (60)
- SCFRW 50th anniversary tote bags - \$2.00 (22)
- SCFRW federation lapel pins - \$5.00 (20)

The numbers in parentheses is the amount that we have available.

CARING FOR AMERICA

We will be collecting AT&T phone cards to send to the United States Marine Corps for their troops that are deployed. I talked to one of the Marine officers at the Reserve Center and he told me it is great for the troops when they are able to call home at the AT&T call center. It is a technology world now with email and skype but calling home and talking to loved ones is a morale booster for these men and women. I did call the 800 numbers on the back of the other oversea phone cards that I saw in the grocery store but they do not work in Iraq and Afghanistan.

New officers will be sworn in at the December luncheon.

Thank you for the privilege of being your president for the past two years. It has been an honor to serve you and our great club. I wish the very best to Debbie Spaugh.

Membership Notes

Plan to renew your membership for 2012 at the December luncheon. Our dues remain at the low price of \$20.00 per year and give you a membership in our club, the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Membership runs from January thru December.

We are very excited about our Club Membership achievements in the National and State Federation. The NFRW Awarded a Certificate to GCRWC for Club Membership in the 200+ category. In addition, a Certificate for Member Achievement due to the recruitment of 10 or more new members, Kathy Davis and Catherine Pence were the only two members in the state that achieved this task.

GCRWC remains the largest club in the State thanks to all of you.

Catherine Pence received \$100.00 for recruiting the most new members

GCRWC received \$100.00 for the largest % of increase of new members

Mary Carolyn Garton
Membership Chairman

Some Republicans Are Not Keeping Their “Pledge To America”

On November 17th and 18th, 133 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives and 17 Republicans in the U.S. Senate violated the Republicans’ 2010 “Pledge to America.” The Pledge included major reductions in spending, downsizing Freddie/Fannie, and ending Omnibus bills. H.R. 2112, the conference report on the “minibus” appropriations bill, completely ignores Washington’s spending problem. With \$15 trillion in federal debt and national unemployment at about 9%, we need real, substantial cuts in federal spending. This bill only offers paltry discretionary spending cuts of just \$700 million, which is one half of one percent off of last year’s levels.

Included in this bill is a provision to expand the number of home loans eligible for taxpayer-funded guarantees through the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). As with Fannie and Freddie, the FHA is headed for a multi-billion dollar taxpayer bailout. This bill also includes record levels of spending for Food Stamps, WIC, and International food aid. There is also a provision inserted into the conference report to expand the role of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

All five of our Republican Congressmen voted against this “minibus” bill, and upheld their “Pledge To America”. Senator DeMint also voted against the “minibus” bill and upheld the Republicans’ “Pledge To America.” Please thank them for their vote. It is notable that two Republican House Leadership members, Cantor and McCarthy, and three Republican Senate Leadership members, McConnell, Kyl, and Alexander violated their “Pledge to America”.

Welcome to our New Members for October-November

Brenda McLain

Debbie Chelsted



Sunshine News

- Steve Warren, Geri’s husband, as he recovers from being in the hospital.
- Charlie Garton, Mary Carolyn’s husband, with continuing health problems.
- Tammy Dantin’s mom as she recovers from a recent heart attack.

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Our luncheon will last from 12 - 1:15 in order to give our guest speaker ample time and for the business that we need to take care of. We will be swearing in the new officers for the 2012-2013 term and also nominating and voting on the Pennies from Heaven donation.

The instrumental Christmas music will begin around 11:30. There will be Christmas music - both instrumental and a soloist during the luncheon.

Hope everyone will make the plans to attend - it will be my last meeting as your President.

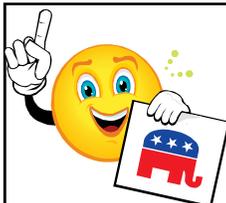
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GCRWC
Luncheon

Thursday, December 1
12:00 - 1:15

Make reservations now.



December Luncheon 12:00 - 1:15
THE POINSETT CLUB

Please make reservations to gcrwreply@yahoo.com or by calling Mary Bellinger at 268-3942 by 8:00 PM on Monday, November 28. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 29.