



The Elephant's Ear

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LOCAL ECONOMY

KNOX WHITE

GREENVILLE MAYOR

LIZ SEMAN

COUNTY COUNCIL

As Americans continue to tighten their budget belts, there appears to be a lack of urgency among our politicians, many of whom are in our own party, to tighten theirs. Raising the debt ceiling has occurred time and time again without any real attempt to control spending. The arguments continue, fueled by special interests at the federal, state and local levels.

As we watched Governor Nikki Haley review the DSS budget cuts, we could see the 'good ole boys' attempting distraction; hats off to the Governor as she returned to the real issues, budget deficits and jobs. She is meticulously reviewing cuts that won't affect service but areas of waste.

This conservative believes that people often need assistance during economic hardships; however, lifelong entitlements are not the taxpayers' responsibility.

DID YOU KNOW?

The total budget for the Andy Griffith Obamacare TV ads is \$2.78 million in taxpayer dollars and that the Obama administration has already spent \$3,184,000 in taxpayer funds to produce and air ads on national television to educate Medicare beneficiaries about changes to Medicare as the result of the Affordable Care Act.

KNOX WHITE

Knox White has served as Mayor of Greenville since December 1995. As Mayor he has the goal of making the city of Greenville "the most beautiful and livable city in America." He has emphasized neighborhood revitalization, economic development and transformational projects for downtown.

Under the mayor's leadership, the city has gone 15 years without a property tax increase, maintains a high bond rating, and enjoys a reputation for solving problems on an innovative and bipartisan basis.

A native of Greenville, and a graduate of Christ Church Episcopal School, Greenville High School, Wake Forest University and the University of South Carolina School of Law. Knox White is a partner in the law firm of Haynsworth, Sinkler & Boyd, where he heads the firm's immigration and customs practices. He is married to Marsha P. White and they have two children.

LIZ SEMAN

Liz Seman was elected in 2008 to represent District 24. Liz has lived in Greenville since 1999 and began her nonprofit career with the American Red Cross, serving first as the Director of Volunteer and Community Relations and then as the Director of Development. She served 3 ½ years as the Executive Director for Hands On Greenville and currently serves as the Executive Director for Meals On Wheels.

Prior to being elected to County Council, Liz was appointed to the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority Board. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Greenville Forward and is a member of the Non-Profit Alliance at the Chamber of Commerce. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Nonprofit Alliance, the Junior League of Greenville, the Leadership Greenville Alumni Association and the Advisory Board of the American Red Cross. She is a member of the Downtown Rotary and an Elder at Fourth Presbyterian Church. Liz is a graduate of Leadership Greenville Class XXVII and Diversity Leadership Academy Class IV. She was one of the YWCA Dream Achievers in 2006 and was named one of Greenville's Top 25 under 35 in 2003. Liz received her B.S. in Marketing from Miami of Ohio. She is married to Steve and has one son, Walker.

A note from the President—Kathy Davis

Newt Gingrich will be our guest speaker at our March 24 Fundraiser Luncheon at The Poinsett Club. We will have tickets available at the February luncheon for you to purchase in advance. We will also have flyers for you to hand out to others. Please make your plans to attend. Your standing reservation is good in March.

Some notes to help at our luncheons:

- We do not have reserved tables. Out of respect to those in our club who may have hearing problems, please limit the number of places that you save to one place. The members that are helping with check in, membership dues, nametag table, greeters, etc. will have a seat reserved so when they finish their duties they will know where they are sitting for the luncheon.
- Please sign your name on the attendance roster and pick up your name tag and then go to the treasurer's table to pay for your lunch. It is very helpful when you pay for the luncheon with a check instead of cash. Please plan to pay for your ticket for the March luncheon with a separate check to help with our records.
- All questions for the speaker will be written on an index card and given to Pamela Sowell. We will not be fielding questions from the floor at the meetings.

Membership Thoughts by Cheryl Boyd—Membership Team

Why is membership in GCRWC so important and why is INCREASING our membership so important? Because there is POWER IN NUMBERS and our attendance plays a major role in obtaining great speakers. Did you know that during the 2008 presidential election that we were honored to have three of the candidates as our luncheon speakers: Governor Mitt Romney, Governor Mike Huckabee, and Senator Duncan Hunter. So please join, re-join, and bring a guest who will join.

Spring 2011 NFRW Board of Directors Meeting

March 9 - 12 Arlington, VA

Spring Board Meeting

Full registration (includes full board meeting, and Friday and Saturday luncheons)

\$275.00 if postmarked by February 21

\$325.00 if postmarked by February 28

Information regarding the meeting: http://nfrw.org/programs/events/board_meeting.htm

Reservations for Crystal Gateway Marriott can be made online.

There will be a bus (at no charge to you) going to the Board meeting leaving South Carolina on Tuesday, March 8th and returning on Saturday, March 12. Betty Poe, president of the SCFRW will be providing more information about this. Make your plans to attend—do not miss the deadlines listed above.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

H3004 – “Spending Accountability Act of 2011” – The bill was unanimously passed in the House on Jan. 13, 2011. On Wednesday, February 9, 2011 the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee held a hearing on this bill. Two gentlemen and I testified in favor of passage of H3004. South Carolina is behind most of the country on this issue. Forty-five states require a recorded roll call vote on legislation that becomes law. In 37 states, it is a constitutional requirement.

In January, the Senate did pass a Rule change requiring more roll call voting. However, as I pointed out to the Subcommittee, the Senate has a history of violating its own rules, with no repercussions. The South Carolina Policy Council has a list of 32 bills passed during the 2009-2010 Legislative session without a Senate roll call vote.

The Subcommittee voted to pass S288 (a Resolution calling for a Constitutional amendment requiring roll call voting) and to pass H3004, with the requirement that the amendment must pass before the Law can be enacted. The earliest the Constitutional amendment can take effect is 2013. It is also very likely that the amendment will never pass. S288 and H3004 are on the agenda for the full Senate Judiciary Committee meeting Tuesday, February 15. South Carolinians will record each Senator’s vote on this issue and use this information in the Primaries and Elections of 2012.

Government-Controlled Health Care

South Carolinians need to start pushing our Legislators to act on the four pieces of legislation regarding our health care freedom: S.5, S.244, H.3011, and S.185, which were introduced in January. [I described each of these items in the January Newsletter.]Six states have passed Freedom of Choice in Health Care Acts. Two states passed Constitutional Amendments for Health Care Freedom. Eighteen (18) states, including South Carolina, have introduced legislation to protect the health care freedoms of their citizens.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES FOR JANUARY

Governor Nikki Haley

Vicki Smith

Matilda Fisher

Sherry Starr

Lisa Jones

Karen Titcomb

Kaaren Mann

Beatrice Martin

Jim Hargett—Associate

If you have not paid your 2011 dues, please plan to pay them at the February luncheon. Our By-Laws state that the benefits for membership end in February for the 2010 members unless you have 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.

Thanks so much.

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

Make sure if you have a 2011 standing reservation that you have paid your 2011 dues. Thanks.

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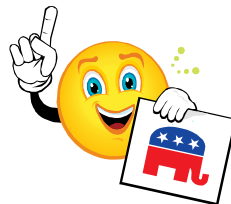
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2011 Luncheon Dates

12:00 noon

The Poinsett Club

Thursday	February 24
Thursday	March 24
Thursday	April 28
Thursday	May 26
Thursday	June 23
Thursday	July 28
Thursday	August 25
Thursday	September 22
Thursday	October 27
Thursday	December 1



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, February 21 at 8:00 PM. To **avoid** paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 22.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER: If you have a 2011 standing reservation—it is **your** responsibility to cancel if you are unable to attend the meeting. Please see Mary if you would like to have a standing reservation for this year.