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THE EFFECT OF NEW HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION ON S.C. ECONOMY

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Watching the fresh faced senators and congress men and women being sworn into office was exciting and promising as we hope for better representation of the people. However we are reminded of so many similar ceremonies in the past which have resulted in very little if any change.

Pollution of our representation is often swift and efficient by lobbyists for the special interests groups. Our newly elected officials come to accept that this is the Washington Way. We must continue to keep abreast of legislation that increases costs to the American people.

The majority of Americans are hard working honest individuals endeavoring to improve the lives of their families; there is little time left to research the behind the scenes deals being made to enrich the pockets of the "intelligentsia". Meanwhile the American people go about their lives unaware of the legislative tactics that will put money in the pockets of a certain few while negatively affecting the financial futures of everyday Americans.

DID YOU KNOW?

People and companies benefiting from the reduction of fossil fuels are many and varied. They push their agendas, many of which are aided by federal dollars, with only their pocketbooks in mind. After all is said and done the American people will pay more for energy while putting millions in the hands of a few.

For instance, the highly promoted CFLs which we are told will save energy contain mercury. But there's a catch: the mercury is toxic and tough to remove from the environment. You can't dispose of CFLs in the regular trash. How many people do you know who will go to the extremes required to clean up a broken CFL bulb or dispose of it properly and how much will the cleanup cost after the toxic waste is found in our soil and water? Pamela Sowell

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Howell Clyborne is Vice President for Community and Government Affairs for the Greenville Hospital System. With more than 10,000 employees, the Greenville Hospital System, a not-for-profit academic health organization, is the largest employer in Greenville County and second largest employer in the Upstate.

Howell also serves as a member of the South Carolina Board of Economic Advisors ("BEA") whose task is to prepare and review economic forecasts and general fund revenue projections and to advise the Budget and Control Board and the General Assembly on these matters.

Howell's distinguished career in public service includes: a Greenville City police officer in 1975; Sergeant in the Greenville County Sheriff's Department 1977; Greenville County Magistrate in 1982; and Chief Magistrate in 1986. Elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives, Howell served the citizens of Greenville County District 20 from 1986-1994. While in the House, Howell founded and co-chaired the House Urban Caucus, was appointed by the Governor to the Council on Intergovernmental Relations, and was appointed by the Speaker to the Joint Senate/House University Trustee Screening Committee, the Joint Election Law Study Committee, and the Procurement Review Ad-hoc Committee. Howell further served on

A Note From The President - Kathy Davis

The Republican Party had a very successful year in 2010 and we need to build on that success. In order to do this, the Greenville County Republican Women's Club needs to be diligent in helping the Republican Party win back the U. S. Senate, the White House, and gain more seats in the U. S. House of Representatives for the 2012 elections.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES FROM MARY CAROLYN GARTON—Membership Chair

Dear Members,

We had a successful membership contest in 2010, ending up with 251 members from January to December. I was certainly pleased to have 47 members recruiting one or more new members. Our President, Kathy Davis and Chaplain, Catherine Pence, both recruited seven new members.

Each recruiting member will receive a SCFRW Pin, and can be picked up at the membership table at the luncheon.

Heidi Aiken	Susan Aiken	Patricia Arceneaux	Jamie Bach	Lynn Bates
Mary Bellinger	Harriet Brenner	Linda Brissey	Susan Buteau	Kathy Davis
Marlene Dowd	Jane Erkes	Linda Estes	Carole Griffin	Mary Carolyn Garton
Shelly Haddon	Georgia Halli	Julie Hershey	Gloria Hotz	Virginia Jellley
Pat Jenkins	Joy McClain	Pat McManaway	Janice McPhee	Teresa Merrins
Karen Mims	Betty Orders	Michelle Moody	Joanne Pappas	Catherine Pence
Betty Poe	Dana Schwartz	Linda Slaton	Andrea Smith	Andrea Pisarcik
Pam Sowell	Debbie Spaugh	Gayle Stanley	Patty Stoner	Kathy Snyder Garrett
Kitty Thielke	Chris Walker	Janet Wall	Weiler Eleanor	Peggy Wimberley
Carol Wilcox	Nancee Lee Yearick			

The National Federation of Republican Women Contest will continue until June 1, 2011. The NFRW has designed a Pin to award every member that recruits 10 new members and \$1,000 to the member that recruits the most new members.

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the prestigious House Ways & Means Committee, particularly on the Sales & Use Tax subcommittee, and was one of the few non-lawyers to serve on the House Judiciary Committee. In 1993, Howell was selected by his fellow House Republicans and served as Republican Minority Leader from 1993-1994. As Minority Leader, Howell played a crucial role in the major restructuring of South Carolina's state government under a plan submitted by Governor Carroll Campbell. He was the Floor leader in the re-apportionment plan which led to a Republican majority in South Carolina. Additionally, Howell was instrumental in the passing of key legislation which reformed the state government administration into a more accountable, cost effective, and responsive system for all the citizens of South Carolina.

Upon leaving the House of Representatives, Howell served on the South Carolina Tax Commission. In the fall of 1994, Governor David Beasley selected Howell to serve on his transition team and tapped him as the Director of Legislative Affairs. Soon after, Howell became Governor Beasley's Deputy Chief of Staff, which included directing the Office of Legislative Affairs. As the Governor's chief liaison with the South Carolina General Assembly, Howell was responsible for advancing the Governor's legislative initiatives, policy priorities, and the development of the executive budget. He further worked closely with cabinet agencies, assisted in the selection of various boards and commissions, and met with numerous constituent groups to discuss their concerns.

Howell is a two-time recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian honor, and the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Public Servant of the Year award.

Howell is a graduate of Wade Hampton High School and the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg. He currently serves on the Board of the Upstate History Museum, the Health Sciences of South Carolina ("HSSC") Public Relations Committee; and is a member of the SC Hospital Association Medicaid Work Group. Howell is active in the Earle Street Baptist Church. He and his wife, Joan, have one daughter.

Promising legislation has been pre-filed for the 2011 South Carolina General Assembly session.

Legislation promoting Transparency and Accountability includes:

H3004 – “Spending Accountability Act of 2011” (Roll Call Voting bill first introduced by Nikki Haley in 2009) – Representative Nathan Ballentine. This bill passed in the House of Representatives January 13, 2011. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is published, this bill will have passed in the Senate as is. All State Senators are up for re-election in 2012. This will be the first key vote used to grade the Senators.

S 311 – Requires the Department of Education to post information on its website pertaining to spending, awards, and other information related to taxpayer dollars at least 180 days prior to the use. Senators Davis, Campsen, Shoopman, Bright, Grooms, Verdin, S. Martin, and Rose

H3067 – Requires all state agencies and local government entities to maintain a searchable transaction register on the Internet. G.R. Smith, Daning, Thayer, Ballentine, and others

S206 – The Economic Incentive Transparency Act – It would require greater scrutiny on economic incentives handed out by legislators. Senators Davis, Shoopman, Massey, Bright, Bryant, Rose and S. Martin

Legislation promoting States Rights includes:

S5 – Healthcare Freedom Act – South Carolinians have the right to refuse to purchase health care insurance. Senators Leatherman, Rose, McConnell, and Campsen

S244 – Amend the Constitution by adding Section 25 to preempt any federal law or rule that restricts a person’s choice of private health care providers or the right to pay for medical services. Senator Bright

H3011 – “Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act”. G.R. Smith, Daning, Thayer, Toole, and others.

S185 – This bill would authorize the Dept. of Insurance to allow out-of-state insurers to sell plans within SC. Senator Rose.

Legislation for Budget Reforms

S10 – Creates a commission that aims to streamline government. Senators McConnell, McGill, Rose, and Campsen

S15 – Law to provide for a zero base budget process beginning with fiscal year 2012-2013. Senators McConnell, McGill, Rose, Campsen, and Verdin

Please note:

We will have several 2010 member/associate rosters available at the check in tables for each of you to check to make sure your information is correct. (address, phone, email address)

SUNSHINE NEWS

Mindy Ann Goodwin has once again been diagnosed with the same AML (Acute Myloid Leukemia) as she did when she was 10 years old. She will need a bone marrow transplant using an Asian donor. Her 5 year "survivor" check up showed some definite changes in her blood work and she has been in the hospital since December 26. Mindy is part of the Goodwin String Quartet who have been the frequent musical guests for our Christmas luncheons.

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/mindygoodwin>

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Ladies: Beginning with the January luncheon, we will have an index card available for you to write down a question for the speaker. Pamela Sowell will collect these and the speaker will answer as many questions as time permits. We do not plan to have questions from the floor. Thanks. Kathy Davis

Remember to join for 2011. Annual dues are \$20.00. If you are unable to come to the January luncheon, please mail your dues to our treasurer. Patricia Arceneaux, 2607 Woodruff Road, Suite E-211, Simpsonville, SC 29681 by the end of January. Thanks so much.

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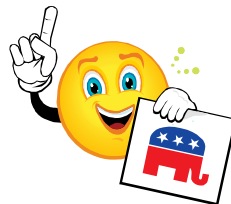
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2011 Luncheon Dates

12:00 noon

The Poinsett Club

Thursday	January 27
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, January 24, 8:00 PM To **avoid** paying \$15, cancellation must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, January 25.

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.