



The Elephant's Ear

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**Americanism Program - *The Declaration of Independence*
Nancee Lee Yearick - Chair**

Americanism as defined by Theodore Roosevelt: "Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity and hardihood – the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love-of-soft-living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life."

According to the article that I read on the website www.ushistory.org, Jefferson had a theory about self governance and the rights of people who established habitat in new lands. The thirteen original colonies united and declared their independence from Great Britain and the tyranny of King George III. Jefferson was chosen to draft the Declaration and after a few modifications from members of the Continental Congress, it was adopted on the Fourth of July 1776. He was 33 years old at the time. It was interesting to read that he died on the Fourth of July at the age of 83.

There were fifty-six men that signed the Declaration of Independence and four of these men were from the state of South Carolina. **Edward Rutledge** was the youngest signer at the age of 27. He was born to an aristocratic family and was perhaps destined to a life of public service. He was educated in law at Oxford and was admitted to the English Bar. He and his brother John both attended the Congress and supported each other unabashedly. He left the Congress in 1776 to join the defense of his colony and was engaged in several battles. He was called back to Congress in 1779 to fill a vacancy and then left again in 1780 when the British conducted a third invasion of South Carolina. He was captured and held prisoner until July of 1781. In 1782 he returned to the state legislature where he served until 1796 as a very active member serving on as many as nineteen committees. After being elected to the state Senate for South Carolina, he was elected Governor in 1789. His health declined and he died at the age of 50 while in office. **Thomas Lynch, Jr.** was also 27 years old when he signed the Declaration of Independence. He received his education in England and graduated with honors at Cambridge. As soon as he came back to the States he was politically engaged and then was commissioned a company commander in the South Carolina regiment in 1775. He was elected to a seat in the Continental Congress soon after that. He fell ill shortly after signing the Declaration and he retired from Congress. He and his wife sailed for the West Indies in 1776 and the ship disappeared and there is no record of his life after that. **Thomas Heyward, Jr.** was 30 years old when he signed the Declaration. He received a classical education at home and continued in legal studies and completed them in England. He was elected to the Continental Congress in 1775. He returned to South Carolina to serve as a Judge. He was taken prisoner by the British while in command of a Militia force during the siege of Charleston. He resumed his Judgeship following the war and died at the age of 62. **Arthur Middleton** was educated in England and graduated from Cambridge. He was a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1776. He was captured by the British when Charleston was overrun in 1781 and held prisoner for more than a year. He was engaged in politics until his death at the age of 44. A common thread that I noticed was that all of these men including Thomas Jefferson were under the age of 35 which proves that youth as well as the aged can be leaders.

Kathy Davis

Notes of Interest from the President—Kathy Davis

Volunteer Hours - THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR VOLUNTEERING. IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE Please turn your volunteer hours to Jenny Earle every month and it will be much easier.

Reservations for June luncheon—Our Correspondence Secretary, Carol Cobb will be handling the phone calls for reservations. The email address is the same. gcrwreply@yahoo.com Carol's phone number is 220-5068.

SCFRW Board Meeting - Summit Club The Tower at 1301 Gervais St. 20th Floor Columbia, Saturday, June 25 Reservations to Linda Garner at ted.linda@charter.net or call 244-4205 or 420-0280 by noon on June 23rd. Registration will open 9:15 a.m. Begins at 10:00 a.m. - Cost \$20.00 Luncheon speaker - Rick Santorum

SCFRW Convention in Greenville The convention will be held the last weekend in October. GCRWC is the host for this event and we want to give the other clubs and guests a Greenville welcome that they will not forget. This will be my fourth convention and it is the best way to meet other members. SAVE THE DATE.

CARING FOR AMERICA PROJECT - June Luncheon

Lisa Simpson, Chair

Items that could be used by the veterans at the Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home are listed below:

Large print books	Bags and Totes	Sweatshirts	Boxer Shorts
Watercolor kits	CD Players	CDs	Pajama pants
Clip-on earrings	Necklaces	Electric Shavers	Purses
Neckties	Nail polish & remover	colorful pillow cases	lap robes

From its birth more than 200 years ago, the United States has maintained a tradition -- mandated by law -- of caring for citizens who have served in her military. When there was a need, these veterans answered the call. And then, as now, the country recognized and honored its obligation to do the same for them.

The Richard M. Campbell Veterans Home in Anderson, South Carolina, is modern testimony to this on-going commitment. With funds provided by the federal government and the state of South Carolina, this 220-bed nursing care facility was built specifically to serve the men and women veterans who live in the state. The home offers trained specialists in a variety of health care disciplines, the latest in medical technology and equipment, full support services on-site and convenient access to nearby amenities -- all combined to create a pleasant and complete living environment.

The Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home is located in Anderson in the northwestern part of South Carolina. With 110,000 square feet of space and a staff of 187, the \$12 million facility is one of the most modern of its kind in the country. The facility accepted its first resident in March 1991.

PLEASE bring items for the containers to our June luncheon. These veterans will be delighted.

A few words from our Membership Committee

Congratulations to our President Kathy Davis and Chaplain Catherine Pence as both will receive the new NFRW pin for recruiting 10 or more members for the NFRW contest.

The SCFRW contest still continues thru July 1, 2011. There are three categories for winners:

1. **INDIVIDUAL WINNER:** This is the person who recruits the largest number of new members will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of her choice.
2. **CLUB WINNER:** The club who has the largest percentage of new members based on the size of the club will win \$100.
3. **LUCKY LADY:** each member who recruits at least one new member will have her name entered for our Lucky Lady drawing, the more new members you bring the more chances you have to win. The lucky member who has her name chosen from the drawing will win a prize.

This past week I have walked my precinct for the purpose of informing people about the June 14th election. As I talked with people, I found that there seems to be an awakening for things political. One woman stated, "I never was interested in politics before, but now it is becoming survival." Pass the word about our club as you go through your daily routine because GCRWC is an excellent source of education and involvement.

Linda Slaton—Membership Team Member

AN UPDATE ON OBAMACARE

Most rational, non-Marxist Americans know that ObamaCare will ruin the best health care in the world. We also know that ObamaCare will further bankrupt the government (even the Chinese government warned the United States that our country can't afford ObamaCare). ObamaCare will drive up everyone's health insurance costs, until health insurance companies will start going out of business. These companies will not be able to cover all the mandates coming from the Department of Health and Human Services. At this point we will be victims to Obama's plan all along, which is a Single Payer System (Socialized Medicine). Most despicable of all is that our health care will be rationed by bureaucrats in Washington.

Another SC Legislative session is ending, and none of these four pieces of legislation (S5, S244, H3011, or S185) designed to protect South Carolinians from ObamaCare were passed. Meanwhile, according to the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), as of 2011: ten states have passed Freedom of Choice in Health Care laws; two states have enacted Constitutional Amendments to protect their citizens from ObamaCare; and three states have Referenda or Amendments on the 2012 ballots. Another twenty-five states, including SC, have introduced such legislation.

Remember Obama kept promising that "if you like your health care plan, you can keep it"? According to a survey by McKinsey & Co., "Anywhere from 30% to 50% of employers now expect to drop health insurance as a benefit to employees." The employers would prefer to "pay the \$2,000 fine per worker and let its employees fend for themselves on the government-subsidized exchanges ObamaCare will create." Per the June 6 Rasmussen poll, 54% of likely voters favor repealing ObamaCare and 56% say it will increase the deficit. If ObamaCare is so wonderful, why are Congress, the President, some of the Congressional staff, and other elites, exempt from ObamaCare? Why has HHS granted health care reform waivers to 1,040 organizations?

South Carolina is one of 26 states joined in an ObamaCare lawsuit. The lawsuit is currently in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. Regardless of the result of this appeal, this lawsuit will eventually be heard by the United States Supreme Court. Paul Clement, the lawyer representing the 26 states stated, "The whole reason we do this is to protect liberty." If the Federal Government can force Americans to buy health insurance, there is no end to government control of the people. These words from Daniel Webster are most fitting, "... 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..."

My request to the GCRWC members is this: Please keep informing anyone who will listen to you about the disaster ObamaCare will be.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES FOR MAY

★ Sandra Price
★ Heidi McCarl
★ Jan Camcilli

Tim Kennedy—Associate
Phillip Kilgore—Associate

SUNSHINE NEWS: Contact Shirley Cowart at LScowart@bellsouth.net or by phone 277-2764

Please continue to pray for Charlie Garton with his continuing health problems. Jan Christianson had another knee surgery on Friday, June 17 and would appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

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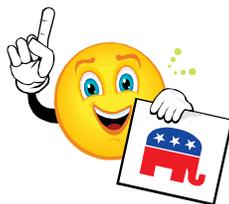
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2011 Luncheon Dates

12:00 noon

The Poinsett Club

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



**June luncheon 12:00—1:00 PM
THE POINSETT CLUB**

Please make reservations to gcrwreply@yahoo.com or by calling Carol Cobb at 220-5068 by 8:00 PM on Monday, June 20. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 on Tuesday, June 21 to avoid a \$15.00 charge.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CAROL COBB IS WORKING ON RESERVATIONS FOR JUNE. Please do not call Mary - she is on vacation and will not be receiving calls.