



The Elephant's Ear

Volume 4 No. 3

March '11

March 24, 2011

The National Economy NEWT GINGRICH FORMER SPEAKER U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I have always been curious as to why teachers continually support the Democrats. In the post Wisconsin ordeal I now know! It has become very clear that many public employees have the expectation that the taxpayer support pensions, sick leave, vacation time off and health benefits that are far better than those of the private sector.

Stories of collective bargaining outcomes in various states are most enlightening as to the reasons many states find themselves in an ever increasing budget deficit. Public sector unions have managed to bully themselves into very cushy situations at the taxpayers' expense.

Republicans heartily applaud Governor Scott Walker as he stands firm in his rejection of pressure from the AFL-CIO, SEIU, AFT, Jesse Jackson, and to say the least President Obama's statement that "some of what I've heard coming out of Wisconsin...seems like more of an assault on unions." This conservative believes public sector unions should be illegal! Apparently so did FDR who stated, "Particularly, I want to emphasize my conviction that militant tactics have no place in the functions of any organization of Government employees. Upon employees in the Federal service rests the obligation to serve the whole people, whose interests and welfare requires orderliness and continuity in the conduct of Government activities."

DID YOU KNOW?

New York has for many years maintained "rubber rooms" full of teachers too dangerous or incompetent to put into classrooms but who cannot be fired.

Pamela Sowell



Newt Gingrich

Newt Gingrich is well-known as the architect of the "Contract with America" that led the Republican Party to victory in 1994 by capturing the majority in the U.S. House for the first time in forty years. After he was elected Speaker, he disrupted the status quo by moving power out of Washington and back to the American people. Under his leadership, Congress passed welfare reform, passed the first balanced budget in a generation, and passed the first tax cut in sixteen years. In addition, the Congress restored funding to strengthen our defense and intelligence capabilities, an action later lauded by the bipartisan 9/11 Commission.

In his post-Speaker role, Newt has become one of the most highly sought-after public speakers, accepting invitations to speak before some of the most prestigious organizations in the world. Because of his own unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Newt is able to share unique and unparalleled insights on a wide range of topics. His

A note from the President—Kathy Davis

Great news - you have packed the house for our March luncheon. If you or one of your guests is unable to attend, please call Mary Bellinger at 268-3942 by Saturday, March 19 to allow someone on the waiting list to have a ticket.

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 February luncheon, please check in and use the yellow ticket to enter the ballroom. All others will check in and will receive a ticket to use to enter the ballroom. 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. If possible please use a check instead of cash at this luncheon.

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.

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 will begin at noon.

Mary Bellinger, our reservations chair, has worked tirelessly since the February luncheon on the reservations. Pamela Sowell, our 1st VP, has worked with the Newt Gingrich team to put the program together. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to these two ladies for their VOLUNTEER work.

Membership Thoughts by Pat Jenkins - Membership Team

The fact that Greenville County Republican Women’s Club is growing each month is proof that women are becoming more aware of local, state and national politics. With the very important 2012 election, it is imperative that we continue to encourage like-minded friends and relatives to engage and stop saying, “I’ll leave it up to someone else because I don’t have time.”

Hopefully, we will continue to have exciting and motivating speakers like Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich. The upcoming 2012 election will be the most important in our lifetime. Come and be a part of political history and bring with you anyone who cares about the future of this country.

Gingrich - continued

audiences find him to be not only an educational but also an inspirational speaker.

Widely recognized for his commitment to a better system of health for all Americans, his leadership helped save Medicare from bankruptcy, prompted FDA reform to help the seriously ill and initiated a new focus on research, prevention, and wellness. His contributions have been so great that the American Diabetes Association awarded him their highest non-medical award and the March of Dimes named him their 1995 Citizen of the Year. Today he serves as a Board Member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Newt was first elected to Congress in 1978 where he served the Sixth District of Georgia for twenty years. In 1995, he was elected Speaker of the U.S., House of Representatives where he served until 1999. *The Washington Times* has called him “the indispensable leader” and *Time* magazine, in naming him Man of the Year for 1995, said “Leaders make things possible. Exceptional leaders make them inevitable. Newt Gingrich belongs in the category of the exceptional.”

He resides in Virginia with his wife, Callista. The Gingrich family includes two daughters, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren.

GREENVILLE AND ICLEI

On February 24th at the GCRWC luncheon, the following question was asked of Mayor Knox White: "Carroll County, Maryland abolished the county's Office of Sustainability, and dropped out of the UN's International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). According to an article in *American Thinker*, 'Sustainability is an attack on capitalism, and an attack on America's middle class lifestyle.' Does the City of Greenville plan to drop out of ICLEI?" The Mayor responded that he doesn't know what ICLEI is. He also said "We are under a mandate to have a Comprehensive Plan."

Perhaps the following information will jog the Mayor's memory regarding ICLEI. According to the article, *Ameresco Helps Greenville South Carolina Go Green*, "In 2006, Mayor Knox White signed the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, which was endorsed by the City Council. The City (Greenville) is also a member of both ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and the U.S. Green Building Council." Per ICLEI's website, five South Carolina cities and one county are members: Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg County, Spartanburg, and Sumter.

Per Freedom Advocates, "Sustainable Development is the Action plan being used across America and around the world to implement the United Nations Agenda 21 program." At the 1992 Earth Summit held in Brazil, the Secretary General of that 'Earth Summit Conference', Maurice Strong stated, "... current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class – involving high meat intake, use of fossil fuels, appliances, home and work air conditioning, and suburban housing are not sustainable." According to Carroll County, Maryland Commissioner, Richard Rothschild, Sustainability "merges environmentalism and socialism to expand government into every aspect of our lives, including land use, food production, housing, transportation, manufacturing, energy rationing and even health care."

The UN cautions activists not to mention the UN Agenda, which would alarm Americans. They are told to use terms such as "comprehensive planning, growth management, or smart growth." Americans need to become informed regarding ICLEI and Sustainable Development. We need to pressure our elected officials to follow Carroll County, Maryland's lead and choose Capitalism and Freedom over a Socialist Utopia. If you are interested in learning more about this subject, I can give you a list of websites.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES FOR FEBRUARY

- ★ Maryanne Bartholomew
- ★ Olivia Dalton
- ★ Helen Fields
- ★ Mary Gentile
- ★ Jonnie Kern
- ★ Karoline Shaffer

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

**Check out our
website:
www:gcrwc.org**

Join us on Facebook
Greenville County Republican
Women's Club

Please note that we will receive 150 books to be sold at the luncheon for Speaker Gingrich to sign after the luncheon. It has been requested that you not bring a previously purchased book for him to sign.

The following books will be available:

Ronald Reagan: Rendezvous with Destiny \$30
Rediscovering God in America \$15
To Save America \$30

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Treasurer's Report and Minutes will be at the check in tables. They will not be on the tables.

The Elephant's Ear

Volume 4, No. 3

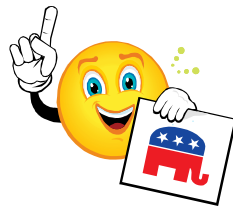
March '11

2011 Luncheon Dates

12:00 noon

The Poinsett Club

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



March luncheon 12:00—1:15 PM
THE POINSETT CLUB

ALL cancellations **MUST** be made by Saturday, March 19 for the March 24th luncheon to avoid paying the \$20.00. If you know that you or one of your guests will be unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. We have a waiting list now.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER: We will **NOT** have your name badge on the table this month. Instead you will write your name on a disposable name tag. These name tags will be on tables in the lobby with a Sharpie pen for your use.