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To raise or not to raise the debt ceiling, that is the question! Most of us are too ignorant to dissect the fear mongering tactics of Tim Geithner and Ben Bernanke; however I would dare say that the average intelligent American knows that if he or she is in an unsustainable debt crisis you would not borrow more money to solve the problem. You would simply stop spending and attempt to pay your current obligations. Not only would you not borrow more, the bank would not lend you more money. Why then should the American taxpayer loan more money to the federal government for ultimately it is the taxpayer who is responsible for the debt.

DID YOU KNOW?

A statutory limit has restricted total federal debt since 1917 when Congress passed the Second Liberty Bond Act and the federal government has raised the debt ceiling 70 times since 1945.

Pamela Sowell

Dr. Mick Zais

Dr. Mitchell M. "Mick" Zais took the oath of office as State Superintendent of Education January 12, 2011. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served thirty-one years on active duty in the United States Army, retiring as a Brigadier General. Dr. Zais served as President of Newberry College for ten years before winning public election as the seventeenth State Superintendent of Education.

Dr. Zais was President of Newberry College from August of 2000 until July of 2010, serving as its twentieth president. During his tenure enrollment nearly doubled, the endowment nearly doubled, facilities were constructed and renovated, academic programs were added, and academic teams competed for NCAA regional and nation titles. For the last three years of his administration, the U.S News and World Report has named Newberry College as one of America's best colleges.

Dr. Zais has served as chairman of the president's councils of both the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities and the South Atlantic Athletic Conference. He was also a member of the board of directors for the Foundation for Independent Education, the Lutheran Education Conference of North America, the South Carolina Tuition Grants Commission on Higher Education, and the Southern Regional Education Board.

Dr. Zais earned a B.S. degree in Engineering from West Point and a PhD. in Social Psychology from the University of Washington. In addition, he earned a Master of Science degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of Washington, a Master of Arts degree in Military History from the School for Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, and a Post- Doctoral Studies in national Security Affairs from the National Defense University.

Phillip Kilgore

Phillip Kilgore serves as vice-chair for the Greenville Water Commission. He has been an attorney with Ogletree Deakins Law Firm in Greenville since 1986 in the practice of labor and employment law. Mr. Kilgore litigates cases involving workplace disputes (claims of discrimination, wrongful discharge and tortious conduct), and other diverse areas such as products liability, shareholder disputes, intellectual property disputes, environmental cases, toxic tort cases and other commercial disputes. He also is a certified mediator and certified arbitrator. Mr. Kilgore has been recognized as a leading labor and employment lawyer in South Carolina by *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Kilgore has volunteered his time and efforts in affiliation and leadership of several civic organizations, such as the Rotary Club of Greenville, where he served on the Board for many years and as President in 2000 to 2001; the Greenville City Board of Zoning Appeals from 1997-2002; the Poinsett Club Board of Governors from 1997 to 2000 and from 2003-2006, serving as President in 2006; the Urban League of the Upstate (SC) Executive Board and serving as General Counsel from 1994 to 2000; the Greater Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau Board; and the Blue Ridge Counsel, Boy Scouts of America, Executive Board from 1990 to present, where he has served as Vice President numerous years and will become President in 2013.

Notes of Interest from the President—Kathy Davis

Volunteer Hours - Your volunteer hours are due to Jenny Earle by Tuesday, May 24. These volunteer hours are from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2011. We just need the GRAND TOTAL of hours that you volunteered and these hours will **not** need to be broken down into categories. We would like for GCRWC to win the highest award at the SCFRW convention in October and these hours are a big part of the award.

Jenny Earle, our campaign chair will be compiling these hours for a report that we are required to send to SCFRW by June 1st. earle220@charter.net Jenny's phone number is 277-7662.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR VOLUNTEERING. IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Sunshine News - If you or someone in your immediate family has been ill, had or recovering from surgery we would like to share with our members and associates. Please send these requests to Shirley Cowart, our Sunshine chair at LScowart@bellsouth.net or by phone 277-2764.

Fundraiser Results—GRAND TOTAL of \$1618.01 which makes our total funds raised for our club in 2010 and 2011 a total of \$2861.22. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work.

Standing Reservations—It is not too late to be on the standing reservation list for the 2011 year. A standing reservation means that you automatically have a reservation every month and do not need to call or email to make a reservation. Your only obligation is to call if you are unable to attend so you will not be charged for the luncheon,. Please contact Mary Bellinger reservations chair at 268-3942 email gcrwreply@yahoo.com

Reservations for June luncheon—Our Correspondence Secretary, Carol Cobb will be handling the reservations in June. The email address for reservations will stay the same. Carol's phone number will be in the June newsletter.

SCFRW Convention in Greenville The exact dates in October and the location have not been determined. I will keep you posted since GCRWC is the host for this event and I will need everyone's help.

Nominating Committee was elected at the April luncheon: Joanne Meadows chairman, Sylvia Bass, Mary Bellinger, Gayle Stanley, and Geri Warren. The nominees for officers will be presented at the August meeting and the election will be at the October meeting.

Americanism Program is in June and will be directed by our Americanism Chairman—Nancee Lee Yearick.

Betty Orders Recording Secretary was featured in City People in the May 18th Greenville News.

A few words from our Membership Committee

Ladies, we had a fantastic March and April new member recruitment. We have two members who will be receiving the newly design pin by the NFRW for recruiting 10 new members. The contest will be ending June 1. However, the SCFRW contest continues thru July 1. Just a reminder of the three categories of winners:

Individual winner who recruits the largest number of new members will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of her choice.

Club Winner the club who has the largest percentage of new members based on the size of the club as of March 1 will win \$100.

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.

Mary Carolyn Garton Chairman

SC LEGISLATION

1. It is obvious that many of our SC Legislators (and US Legislators) learned very little from the 2010 elections. In 2010 South Carolina passed the largest budget in state history. For the 2011 budget, the General Assembly is on track to surpass last year's budget by \$652 million. The General Fund is increased by \$238 million. The Federal Fund (money from Washington) is up by \$168 million, and the Other Funds (fees and fines) are up by \$246 million. While the citizens of South Carolina are being hit with increased food, gasoline, health insurance, and other costs, our Legislators are wasting our taxes, fees, and fines on, among other things: 1. "\$5 million to seven 'economic development councils'...Some of the very legislators who allocated this money sit on the boards of these 'councils'". 2. "Agencies are still free to use taxpayer dollars to fund lobbyists." 3. "Tax rebates for Hollywood producers... to recruit filmmakers." [#] As of March 2011, South Carolina's unemployment rate was 9.9%. South Carolina citizens should be grateful to the seven fiscally conservative Senators (Bright, Bryant, Davis, Grooms, S. Martin, Shoopman, and Verdin) who have been filibustering and trying to make improvements to this ridiculous budget.

2. S-20, The Immigration Reform Bill – If a law enforcement officer has reasonable suspicion that a person stopped, detained, or arrested by law enforcement is an alien unlawfully in the US, the officer must follow certain procedures to verify immigration status. It is unlawful for a person unlawfully in the US to solicit or attempt to solicit work.

Status- 3/10/11 – Senate passed the Bill and sent it to the House.

3/14/11 – Bill was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary.

5/12/11 – House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration Reform reported favorably on this Bill. Next the Bill goes to the full Judiciary Committee.

3. H.3003, The SC Election Reform Act (Voter ID Bill) was passed by the General Assembly on May 11th. But, don't get too excited about SC having reduced chances for voter fraud. Section 20 of the Bill greatly reduces the chance of the Bill ever being implemented. It requires preclearance approval by the US Department of Justice (Eric Holder) or approval by the US District Court for the District of Columbia. Implementation of the Bill is also contingent upon receipt of the necessary funds. It will be up to the citizens of South Carolina to push our Legislators to get this Bill funded and approved by the US District Court of DC.

Data obtained from the SC Policy Council

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES FOR MARCH & APRIL

Ladies, I'm so sorry I omitted several names from the March Newsletter, this is a complete list of March and April New Members. MCG

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Table listing names and titles for March and April members, including Robbie Boman, Alice Stegall, Tom Corbin Associate, Imogene Kennedy, Judy Cason, Gail Tazuma, Eugene Mignacco, Jr. Associate, Jane Kizer, Beverly Crampton, Bette Waters, Becky Moran Associate, Helen Mohon, Glenda Drinkhahn, Patricia Wavle, Dr. Duke N. Stern Associate, Jean Nickell, Elayne Geiger, Barbara White, APRIL, Katie Robirds, Nancy Hood, Doris Williamson, Venetta Berenz, Lenore Skelton, Barbara Koprowski, Gwen Winter-Neighbors, Jan Childress, Gunnel Strom, Ann Ligon, Melissa Young, Tamera Deas, Julienne Wood, Anne Provence, Jonathan Anderson Associate, Dorothy Grant, Robert Holmes Associate, Janice Radich, Dr. Larry Cobb Associate, Dawn Kennedy.

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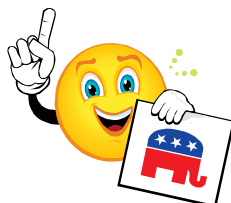
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2011 Luncheon Dates

12:00 noon

The Poinsett Club

Thursday	May 26
Thursday	June 23
Thursday	July 28
Thursday	August 25
Thursday	September 22
Thursday	October 27
Thursday	December 1



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

Please make reservations to gcrwreply@yahoo.com or by calling Mary Bellinger at 268-3942 by 8:00 PM on Monday, May 23. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 on Tuesday, May 24 to avoid a \$15.00 charge.