



The Elephant's Ear

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OUR SPEAKERS FOR APRIL 26TH ARE THE CANDIDATES FOR SC STATE SENATE DISTRICTS 5 AND 6

CANDIDATES FOR SC SENATE DISTRICT 6

SENATOR MIKE FAIR

- has had a proven record of defending education, fighting to cut taxes and government spending, traditional values, and working to reform the immigration system
- believes in the values of hard work, individual responsibility, faith in God, love of family, and service to others
- serves as Chairman of the Senate Corrections and Penology Committee, and is on the Education Committee, Finance Committee, and Medical Affairs Committee

TOMMIE ELLIS REECE

- has served on the Greenville County School Board for the past 15 years, where she served as Board Chair three times, Vice-Chair and Secretary
- created and chaired instrumental committees such as the School District's Advocacy Committee, the Task Force for Charter Schools and the Inter-Governmental Task Force
- is currently the Program Manager for Learning for You at Furman University, where she creates a variety of non-credit classes and trips for personal and professional enrichment

CHRIS SULLIVAN

- is an active member of the Greenville Republican Party serving as Precinct Executive Committeeman and as Parliamentarian for the last County Convention
- is a small-business owner in the public relations field
- is Conservative, Pro-Life, Pro-gun rights, and is for lower taxes, less spending, and reforming state government
- has worked on numerous campaigns for conservative candidates

CANDIDATES FOR SC SENATE DISTRICT 5

DR. AMANDA SOMERS

- is the founder and co-owner of SSI Physical Therapy and was named the 2007 SC Small Business Person of the Year by the SBA
- has served as a business leader through her 10 years of involvement in the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce, serving as Chairman of the Board in 2008
- is an active member of the Board of Trustees for Greer's Partnership for Tomorrow and the City of Greer's Parks and Recreational Advisory Board, where she currently serves as VP

SENATOR SHOOPMAN ANNOUNCED HE WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION. IF ANOTHER REPUBLICAN FILES FOR THIS SENATE DISTRICT, WE WILL INVITE HIM/HER TO SPEAK.

Notes of Interest from the President Debbie Spaugh

2012 Membership Directory— April is the last month to have your photo taken for the Directory.

Photos will be taken before the meeting—11:15 to 11:55 and after the meeting 1:00 to 1:30. **Please remember to pay your dues , so that your photo will be in the Directory. To off-set the cost of the Directories, ad space is being sold for \$25. Ads have been purchased by Jim Lee—candidate for State Senate, Tom Pence—ACUMEN Design and Consulting, Karen Russell Titcomb—Independent Beauty Consultants, Linda Slaton—Primerica, Helen Fields —County Bank Mortgage, Linda Dillard—Dillard and Jones Builders, Betty Poe—3rd VP of the NFRW, Willis Meadows—Willis Meadows Insurance, and Julie Hershey—Live Free, Inc.**

SCFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY—MAY 3 BY MARY BELLINGER

We will park our cars in the parking lot of Heritage Bible Church, 2005 Old Spartanburg Road, Greer and board our chartered bus. The church is located on the corner of Hudson and Old Spartanburg Rd. (Not far from Brushy Creek Elementary and Eastside High School) **Directions are below.**

Please plan to be in the parking lot for pick-up at 6:00 AM to board the bus. Our tentative agenda includes breakfast—then a legislative update, and then on to the State House for visits to the chambers of both the House and the Senate. Our afternoon includes a Southern Tea at the Governor's Mansion, before heading back to Greenville. The cost for Legislative Day is only **\$10.00** Please make your check payable to GCRWC, so we will be able to send a check to the SCFRW. Please bring your check to the April 26th meeting, or mail it to Mary Bellinger (70 New Tilth Rd., Taylors, SC 29687), if you cannot attend. Call me if you have questions (268-3942). **All checks must be paid by April 26th to secure your reservation to the SCFRW.**

Please note that you will need to wear comfortable shoes and a red blouse, sweater or jacket. The bus will take us as close as possible to the locations, but some walking and climbing stairs will be necessary. Contact numbers on May 3rd are: Mary Bellinger at 608-1236, or Kathy Davis at 270-0356. I would like to thank Kathy Davis and Mary Carolyn Garton for helping with Legislative Day.

From Greenville and Atlanta: Take I-85 North to Greenville exit 54, turning left onto Pelham Rd. Travel 1.2 miles, and turn right at traffic light onto Boiling Springs Rd. (Grace Church is on the corner). Continue on Boiling Springs Road for 2 miles to the end of the road. Turn left onto Old Spartanburg Rd. Heritage Bible Church is .2 miles on the left. The church has white siding, a green roof, and a tall white steeple.

God Has A Health Plan for Your Life!

It's in His Word... and Dr. Don wants to share it with you.

We are happy to have access to two Amazing books, both giving simple and Biblically based guide to a healthy lifestyle .One for Adults, One for Children. Cost is \$20.00 each. Our club keeps \$10 for each book for adults and \$8 for each children's book. We need to support The Republican Plan--God's Health Care Plan!!!

The books are: Count To 10 And Be Healthy and Ten Keys That Cure Kathy Snyder-Garrett is selling the books as a fundraiser for our club at the April meeting. Checks should be payable to the GCRWC. If you cannot attend the April meeting, call Kathy and she will arrange to get you the books. (787-8550)

It has been budget month in Congress and our Statehouse. The president's plan for 2013 included tax increases on the wealthy and a lack of spending cuts. Our nation doesn't need more taxes. It needs less government and less government spending. Republicans offered a budget similar to the president's in order to see how much support it actually had in the House. It was voted down 414-0. After votes on a few more alternatives, Paul Ryan's budget passed on a party line vote 228-191. His plan simplifies our tax code, proposes that Medicare be privatized, and balances the budget by 2040. Some details of the Ryan plan include: a tax credit to buy health insurance, options for workers under age 55 to invest part of their current social security taxes into a personal retirement account, and a requirement of a 3/5 supermajority in both the House and Senate to increase revenue (raise taxes). There are some great ideas in the Ryan plan, but 2040 is too long to wait to balance our budget.

The SC House has also passed its budget. Total appropriations for the General Fund were nearly 6 billion dollars, while the entire budget was almost 23 billion dollars. The biggest issue with our budget each year is it never decreases, leaving SC with its biggest budget in state history every year. Our legislature believes a dollar that comes into government is a dollar that should be spent. Only through zero-based budgeting will our budget ever decrease in spending.

If you have been following school choice legislation in SC in recent years, you know there is great opposition to the concept in Columbia. H4894 finally passed the House this year by a vote of 65-49. This bill supports scholarships for low income children. These scholarships would be funded by private donors who would receive income tax credits for their donations. The bill also provides tax deductions for students who do not attend public school. The bill is currently stuck in the Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Hugh Leatherman, where it is expected to remain until the end of the session. Contact your senator and Hugh Leatherman (803-212-6640) to make school choice a reality in SC!

Welcome to our New Members for March and earlier in 2012

- ★ Sally Abele, Magda Aguila, Shirley Courtney, Tula Egan, Nancy Finch, Lisa Nalley,
- ★ Darlene O'Brien, Johnnelle Raines, Jan Robinson, Kathleen Siegler, Eleanor Weiler,
- ★ Sandra Zwolak

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Debbie Spaugh - President
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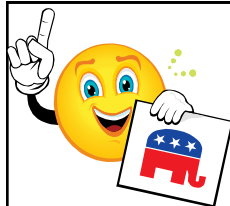
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GCRWC Luncheon Dates

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Thursday	April 26
Thursday	May 24
Thursday	June 28
Thursday	July 26
Thursday	August 23
Thursday	September 27
Thursday	October 25
Thursday	December 6



**April Luncheon 12:00 - 1:00
THE POINSETT CLUB**

Please make reservations to gcrwreply@yahoo.com or by calling Cheryl Cuthrell at 864-335-8094 by 8:00 PM Monday, April 23. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 24 to avoid the \$15.00 luncheon fee.

If you have a standing reservation contract for the 2012 year and not able to attend, please email Cheryl by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 24.