



# *The Elephant's Ear*

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**Thursday, August 23, 2012**

## **IT'S AUCTION TIME!**

Auction time is fast approaching, and we are so excited! Not only are we having a live auction with a special surprise auctioneer, but we will have a silent auction simultaneously. Goodies are coming in, and we have everything from a large framed print of the State House and Palmetto Tree pillows to designer handbags, beautiful jewelry, pamper yourself gift certificates, and a custom designed "31" travel bag and smaller pieces. We have only just begun collecting!!

Just to bump your memory, here are a few tips for the auction.

Shopping tips—Shop sales at your favorite stores. Here are some that have great 50-75% sales: TJ Maxx, Stein Mart, Ross for Less, Belk's, Dillard's, and Macy's. All have sales on home décor, jewelry, scarves, etc. In addition, ask for gift certificates where you spend your money, such as restaurants, salons, spas, boutiques, jewelry stores, etc. They are usually happy to give gift certificates, because it is for a good cause and it helps their business.

These are the rules for checking in your prizes.

Regardless of how or when you check in your prizes, you need to call Kathy Snyder-Garrett or Gayle Stanley by Monday, August 20th, or at the very latest, August 21st. Kathy and Gayle need to fill out a sheet regarding the item being donated and the value of the item. If you need someone to pick-up the item(s), contact Kathy or Gayle and they will arrange this. You may bring your item(s) to Kathy Snyder-Garrett at her salon, "It's More Than Hair", 8 Toy Street (call her first and let her know you are bringing item(s)). If you choose to bring your donations the day of the auction, we need to know by Monday or Tuesday the description of the donation and its value. You will need to bring it at least one hour before the luncheon begins.

If you haven't already done so, call today and invite your best shopping buddy, or someone you know who loves to shop for really great bargains and invite them to the luncheon. Don't forget to make the reservation for your guest. The deadline is Monday, August 20th. The day of the auction—Come early, if you are bringing an item, and get choice seats for you and your shopping buddy. You can start scoping out the prizes.

Most of all, relax, enjoy a great lunch and get ready to have fun and be entertained by our surprise auctioneer. There are two rules:

1. There are no such thing as friends at auctions.
  2. Remember—what goes down at the auction, stays at the auction.
- You may be bidding against your used-to-be best friend, so before you leave the auction, be a good sport (even if you lost the bid), kiss and make-up, so after you leave, you can be friends again.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you on August 23rd.

Kathy Snyder-Garrett 787-8550  
Gayle Stanley 244-3538

## Notes of Interest from the President—Debbie Spbaugh

### Americans for Prosperity Freedom Calls

**We have a lot of work to do educating Americans about the failed economic policies of the current administration and putting real grassroots pressure on them. You can help educate your fellow citizens about the disastrous effects of the President's policies on our economy, our businesses, our jobs, our freedoms, and our children's future.**

If you would like to help with this effort, please call me, and I will give you information about our phone bank. The location is: Grape and Grains/Winery and Homebrew Supply, 104 Mauldin Rd., Suite A, Greenville, SC 29605. Ken and Janel Anderson are the owners of this business. They are true conservative patriots, who want to help save our country. They give out pocket Constitutions to their customers. Janel told me, "contrary to what Obama said, **WE DID BUILD THIS BUSINESS OURSELVES!**

Once volunteers come in and learn the phone call system, they can take the phones home with them and call from home. Debbie Spbaugh, Volunteer Co-Chair, AFP South Carolina (306-8013 or 918-9526, [dspaugh@afphq.org](mailto:dspaugh@afphq.org)).

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### Upcoming Events

#### September 3rd AFP Event in Charlotte

AFP is hosting a big event in Charlotte on Monday, September 3 (Labor Day). We will take a bus from Greenville to Charlotte. The bus will arrive in Charlotte about 3:00 p.m. We will have entertainment and children's activities, a free dinner, and a program including AFP President, Tim Phillips, Michelle Malkin, and others. The bus will depart at about 7:15 p.m. to return to Greenville. We will have online registration. The registration fee is \$10. There are no other costs for attendees. I will have more details soon, and will send out an email to our members. **I love the fact that we will have our big event on the opening day of the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte!!!**

#### Take Our Country Back Rally 2012

The Rally is on September 14th outside of the Bi-Lo Center. The event opens at 5:00 p.m. and the program begins about 5:50 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m. Come early and eat dinner and visit the vendor/sponsor tables. The speakers are: Senator Jim DeMint; Attorney General Alan Wilson; Congressmen Trey Gowdy, Jeff Duncan, Tim Scott, and Mick Mulvaney; Tracy Walsh (AFP's spokesperson against ObamaCare); and Harry Kibler (RINO Hunt). Music will be provided by the band, "Captured". These groups are sponsors/planners of the event: Greenville County Republican Party, Americans for Prosperity South Carolina, Upstate Young Republicans, FreedomWorks, Spartanburg County GOP, RINO Hunt, Greenville Tea Party, Laurens County Tea Party, and Operation Lost Vote. The website with more information is: [takeourcountryback2012.com](http://takeourcountryback2012.com). **Please plan to attend this patriotic, free event. Dinner will be sold by the Bi-Lo Center.**

Our legislative update this month starts in South Carolina. After passing the largest state budget in history (again), our Governor vetoed 81 line items. Of those, only 30 were sustained by the House. There was a wide range of things that were vetoed, from the arts commission, "pet" projects such as a Myrtle Beach museum, and rape-crisis center funding. The arts commission was vetoed because so little of the money actually went to the arts. It was more administrative costs than anything. The museum veto was sustained. And the rape-crisis center veto was overridden. That seems great in general, except that DHEC already saw an increase in its funding for rape-prevention and the rape-crisis center was not a state agency. Many House members stood up defending certain spending and most of their statements started with, "I know this seems like a local (non-state) project, but..." There is a reason we have state, federal, and local government. Projects in Myrtle Beach should not be supported by taxpayers in Greenville county.

We have another controversy brewing in our state. A recent decision by the Budget and Control Board would increase state employees' health insurance costs. The board voted 3-2 to make this change. The controversy lies in the fact that our budget was passed with no increase for out-of-pocket costs for state workers. So this change by the board overrides the budget. Of course, this caused a stir within the legislature and is just further evidence that we're not willing to resolve our issues within our state. We are just interested in being the "winner". There is news of a potential lawsuit to reverse the decision. We will see what happens there in the coming months.

Our final piece of news is national and most likely known by most of you. Presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney has chosen Paul Ryan to be his running mate in the 2012 election. Ryan is a 14 year Congressman from the state of Wisconsin and was best known for writing the budget in the U.S. House that would balance the budget in 30 years. People attacked him for his proposals to change medicare and social security. My opinion is we balance the budget in 4 years and we need to make changes or else there will be no medicare or social security. So, Ryan's plan is actually quite realistic. His courage to stand up for real reform is evidence that he will be a great Vice-President pick and will rally the conservative base behind the ticket.

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**Welcome to our New Members for July**  
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**Andrea Beatrice, Jane Schiavone, Nancy Langley, Racine Cooper, and Libba McKinney**  
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**Sunshine News**

**Connie Weisner's husband, Rhett, has been ill and in the hospital. He is home recuperating. Our thoughts and prayers are with Connie and Rhett.**

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Debbie Spaugh - President  
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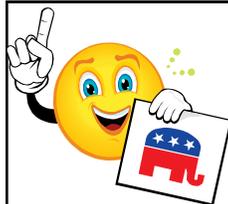
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### GCRWC Luncheon Dates

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Thursday	August 23
Thursday	September 27
Thursday	October 25
Thursday	December 6



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

Please make reservations to [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com) or by calling Cheryl Cuthrell at 864-335-8094 by 8:00 PM Monday, August 20. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 21 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, August 21.