



The Elephant's Ear

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Thursday, December 6, 2012

OUR SPEAKER IS SENATOR KATRINA SHEALY



State Senator Katrina Shealy is a lifelong conservative leader and business manager with a proven record of creating jobs, managing businesses, and promoting good government in South Carolina. Elected in November 2012, Sen. Shealy serves as the only female in the South Carolina Senate and brings her wealth of business experience to our state's upper chamber. As the underwriting manager for an insurance agency in Columbia, overseeing the Forestry and Hunting Division, Sen. Shealy helps other job-creating individuals and businesses overcome government red-tape daily. Her experience and expertise with our state's natural resources has led her to her active involvement with the South Carolina Forestry Association. Sen. Shealy is a member of the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors, after completing several courses, including that of Ethics in the Insurance Industry.

As the wife of a small business owner, Sen. Shealy knows firsthand the difficulties businesses face in this poor economy. She also understands what the real costs of burdensome regulations are and what the threatening cost of the ObamaCare disaster can be. Sen. Shealy is one of the most active Republican leaders in our area, where she has worked tirelessly to elect real conservatives to office. The former Chairman of the Lexington County Republican Party, she led the area's GOP Victory efforts in 2004 and 2006, while raising a tremendous amount of money to advance reforms at all levels of government.

Seeking to get more neighbors involved in the political process, Sen. Shealy helped start the West Metro Republican Women's group, of which she served as president for multiple years. Sen. Shealy and her husband have raised their family of three children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren in the Lexington area. The Shealys are active members of St. James Lutheran Church of Lexington.

MUSICAL PROGRAM—ARTIOS ACADEMIES OF GREENVILLE BY PATRICIA ARCENEUX

Our musical program will be performed by students and faculty from Artios Academies of Greenville. This academy opened the fall of 2010, and is an award-winning fine arts and college prep program with a distinctly Biblical worldview. Their unique, integrated approach to education utilizing the fine arts, goes far beyond academics impacting the whole heart of each individual student. This is "Artios" ...being competent and fully equipped for every good work. (*1 Timothy 3:16-17*).

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Notes of Interest from the President—Debbie Spaugh

RESERVATION POLICIES

In accordance with our 2013 Agreement with the Poinsett Club and our Greenville County Republican Women's Club Policies, we will follow the following requirements:

All reservations must be called in to Cheryl Cuthrell, Reservations Chairman, by 8:00 p.m. on the Monday before the Thursday luncheon. No late reservations will be accepted. All cancellations must be made by 8:00 p.m. to Cheryl Cuthrell on the Monday before the Thursday luncheon. If you have a Standing Reservation, and you will not be able to attend the luncheon, you need to call or email Cheryl Cuthrell by 8:00 p.m. on the Monday before the Thursday luncheon. It is stated in our policies that: "Members who reserve dinners will be charged for the meals if they do not attend." If you make a reservation and do not attend the meeting, you will have to pay the \$16 lunch fee. If you have a Standing Reservation and are a "no-show", you will have to pay the \$16 lunch fee. The exception to this "no-show" policy would be if you are ill, or have some other uncontrollable situation.

LUNCH COST CHANGE FOR 2013

The Executive Committee voted on Saturday, November 17, that since the Poinsett Club has increased the lunch cost for the year 2013, our club should raise the lunch cost to \$16 for our members and associate members.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Please remember to bring your contributions for the Pennies from Heaven charity fund. We will vote on the recipient of the fund for 2012 at our December luncheon.

VOLUNTEER HOURS—BY LINDA SLATON

Please be prepared to enter your volunteer hours in the notebook at the December meeting. Hours count if you went to hear a political speaker, made phone calls for the Republican Party, were a poll watcher (not worker), or worked for the club, other than the 12:00 to 1:00 meeting time. Also include the driving time to and from these events. These hours count for state (SCFRW) and national (NFRW) recognition for our club.

MUSICAL PROGRAM—BY PATRICIA ARCENEUX (CONTINUED)

More than an Art school, Artios is a Smart school with campuses in South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Colorado and California working to train culturally literate, intellectually sound and spiritually discerning young men and women. Find out more at www.artiosacademies.com. It is an exciting honor to share some Artios Christmas magic with the Greenville County Republican Women's Club! - Melody L. Yasi, Executive Director, Artios Academies, Greenville.

It has been a couple weeks since the most important election of our lifetimes. Many of us were devastated by the results and yet we must decide what to do now. We are law abiding citizens who see changes in Washington that go against our Constitution and erode our freedoms. Our next elections in 2014 will put 20+ Democrat U.S. Senators up for reelection. And we must help in those efforts nationally. Look to Jim DeMint's Senate Conservatives Fund to see how you can help financially. We are blessed to live in a conservative state where most of our national representatives follow conservative principles.

But is there anything in South Carolina that we can do to protect ourselves from the overreach of our Federal government? I am glad you asked. There is. Are you familiar with the term nullification? Many are not. This term is often confused with a state wishing to secede from the United States and do its own thing. But nullification and secession are two very different paths. I would like to define these and explain the use of each. Secession would be the act of leaving the union (the United States) and ignoring its laws and benefits entirely. We would be forced to create our own currency, maintain our own military, and fight international threats on our own. This is quite a different thought than in 1860 when international threats were less imminent. There is also the question of interstate commerce and transportation. We would be isolated and cut off from many benefits of being part of the United States. There are even petitions going around in many states to encourage secession. But this is not the direction we should go. We all love our country too dearly to just give up on it.

So, what direction should we go? That is where nullification comes in. Nullification is simply declaring a federal law legally void. This might sound crazy, but it has already been done. For example, it is a federal law that marijuana is illegal. In Colorado, just a couple of weeks ago, voters decided to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Sound crazy? In 1996, the Defense of Marriage Act was passed in Congress that stated marriage is between a man and a woman. It is national law. Yet states have legalized gay marriage. So, you see, nullification is alive and well. It has worked and continues to work. In fact, we have legislators in South Carolina who are going to introduce a bill to nullify ObamaCare in our SC Statehouse. We need you to send this along to your friends and family in South Carolina to inform them of what nullification is. If we are not deceived about what it really is, this legislation can pass and make a statement to our President that We the People are still here, and we still have a voice!

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★ **Welcome to our New Member** ★
★ **The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that Susan Realbuto** ★
★ **joined our club in October.** ★
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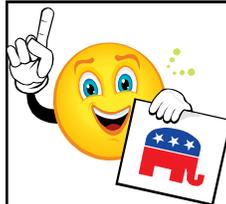
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GCRWC Luncheon Dates

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Thursday December 6



**December 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, December 3. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Monday, December 3 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, or call, Cheryl by 8:00 PM on Monday, December 3.