



# *The Elephant's Ear*

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## **OUR SPEAKER IS JANE ROBELOT**



### **JANE ROBELOT**

Jane Robelot is a nationally acclaimed television news correspondent and anchor. The highlight of her professional life was anchoring for CBS News from 1995 through 1999. She was co-anchor of "CBS Morning News", and later anchor of "CBS This Morning". She won two national Emmy awards for journalistic excellence. She covered some of the most important events of that time, including the Oklahoma City bombing, the death of Princess Diana, and Pope John Paul II's historic visit to Cuba. She interviewed such newsmakers as President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton, Evangelist Billy Graham, non-fiction authors Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, fiction writers Nicholas Sparks and Patricia Cornwell, and numerous actors including Rene Zellweger, Antonio Banderas, Jeff Bridges, and Cuba Gooding Junior.

Jane is now back in her hometown of Greenville. She does special reports for WYFF4, and anchors the morning news for the new Conservative Talk 94.5—WGTK-FM radio. She also co-hosts the Christian radio program, "Leading The Way With Dr. Michael Youssef" heard locally at 9:30 a.m. on 660-AM Christian Talk. Jane and her husband, Mario DeCarvalho, own a video production company, Carolina Zoom Productions. They have a fabulous 14 year old son, George.

Per Jane, "As I just told my son's Eighth grade class on our field trip to Washington, DC—people who don't follow politics because they think it's boring are handing the keys over to others to determine their fate...It's how Hitler was able to come to power—Germany wasn't paying attention to the details!"

### **THE BEGINNINGS OF FEMALES AS PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS**

Beginning in the late nineteenth century, women began agitating for the right to work as professional journalists in North America and Europe. Nellie Bly was the most noted of these turn-of-the-century reporters. Nellie Bly (May 5, 1864—January 27, 1922) was the pen name of American journalist Elizabeth Jane Cochrane. She is notable for two feats: a record-breaking trip around the world in imitation of Jules Verne's character Phileas Fogg, and an article for which she faked insanity to study a mental institution from within.

Nellie was followed by many women who freely risked their lives and reputations in order to make it into the world of the press. They posed as beggars, street women, servants, shop girls, and balloonists. In 1901, Nixola Greely-Smith joined the staff of the *Evening World* and a new page was turned in the history of women in journalism. Her interviews were skillful and touching. Editors realized that women were better interviewers than men, and could more often get an interview with a dignitary than a man could.

Women now had a definite place in the City room. Continued on Page 2

## Notes of Interest from the President—Debbie Spaugh

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20 - GCRP Breakfast and Convention

April 25 - Greenville County Republican Women's Club Luncheon 12:00 to 1:15 P.M.

May 3 - SCGOP Silver Elephant Dinner

May 4 - SCGOP State Convention

May 18 - SCFRW Board Meeting , Seawell's, 1125 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Cost is \$20. R.S.V.P to Beverly Brady at bev.billbrady@embarqmail.com.

For more information regarding GCRP activities go to: [www.greenvillegop.com](http://www.greenvillegop.com)

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Per our GCRWC By-Laws, a Nominating Committee of five members shall be elected at the April meeting. The Nomination Committee shall elect its chairman from one of its own members and a secretary and present the slate of officers at the August meeting. If you joined the Club in 2012, or earlier, you may run to be elected to the Nominating Committee.

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### SEPTEMBER 26TH AUCTION

We are planning our Auction for the September 26th Luncheon. We will have a brainstorming/planning meeting Monday, April 29th at 11:30 A.M. at Strossner's on Roper Mountain Road. We will discuss getting a large variety of auction items from salons, spas, restaurants, boutiques, etc. We ask that each member of our Club donate an item for the Auction. We are encouraging our members to bring friends to the Auction, as this will be a great opportunity to attract new members. If you would like to help plan the Auction, please come to the meeting at Strossner's. If you can't come to the meeting, but would like to help, please call me at 787-8550. Thanks! **Kathy Snyder-Garrett**

### THE BEGINNINGS OF FEMALES AS PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS (continued from page 1)

They were given assignments. Then the suffragettes carried them along in their efforts to get the vote. The war gave them more opportunities. Some women went overseas and did foreign correspondence. Others took the place of men at home. They made the front page with increasing frequency. A large number of very good female reporters were developed.

By degrees, newspaper women stormed every department. They became specialists and rose to executive offices. It was not an easy road for the early female journalists. We applaud them for their intrepid spirits.

**By Patricia Arceneaux**

Every year, about this time, at our Statehouse, each chamber is working to get bills out of committee, voted on, and off to the other chamber. That is because there is a cutoff date when there isn't enough time to get through the legislative process beyond that cutoff. So, now is a good time to call your legislators and tell them which bills are a priority for you. Also keep in mind, we have 1 more year in this session, so there is still a chance for some of these bills next year. But we want the good ones to pass now.

I would like to highlight a couple of bills that might need a little extra push. The first is H3163. It is a Freedom of Information (FOIA) bill that would require legislators to be a part of the FOIA laws. Right now, they are exempt. This bill came out of committee in March, was debated on the floor and then sent back to committee. It is obvious our legislators don't want constituents to look at what they are doing.

There are 2 ethics bills currently in committee. S338 in the Senate and H3772 in the House. One of the biggest problems in our state is ethics issues within the General Assembly are handled within the General Assembly. That means very little will ever be done about violations. A good part about these bills is the creation of an independent oversight for ethics laws. Another part will require disclosure of public and private sources of income for elected officials. These bills aren't perfect, but at least the discussion is getting started. Since both bills are bogged down in committee, I am not sure how far that discussion is going.

Finally, we have S22, which is our Department of Administration bill. It makes sense that the Governor should be in control of the employees and agencies that make up the state government. And it makes sense that the legislature would make the laws. What we have in SC is a mixed bag where the legislature controls most of what happens and the Governor has little say. That needs to change. This bill is an attempt to do that. If done properly, this bill could be a huge step in taking away the immense power currently held by a few people and given back to the Governor, who is elected by everyone in the state.

### **CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Please turn in all of your volunteer hours for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 by our May 23rd Luncheon. You will need to estimate your volunteer hours for May 23rd to June 30, 2013. This is the absolute last day I can accept volunteer hours. I have to send the Campaign Volunteer Hours Form to the President of the SCFRW by June 1, 2013. Remember to include: the GCGOP Executive Committee meetings, the Precinct Re-org, the GCGOP Convention, the Silver Elephant Dinner, the SCGOP Convention, and the SCFRW May 18th Board Meeting (and include driving times to these events).

Thank You, **Linda Slaton**



### **Sunshine News**

Please be sure to notify our Sunshine Chairman, Pat McManaway, of any Sunshine News. Her phone number is 329-9030 and her email is [patsymcm@gmail.com](mailto:patsymcm@gmail.com). I would like to thank all of you who have contacted me about my brother, who is very ill. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

**Debbie Spaugh**

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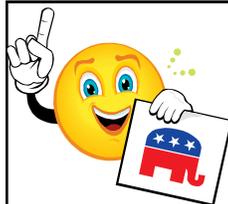
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### GCRWC Luncheon Dates

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Thursday	April 25
Thursday	May 23
Thursday	June 27
Thursday	July 25
Thursday	August 22
Thursday	September 26
Thursday	October 24
Thursday	December 5



**April Luncheon 12:00 - 1:15 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, April 22. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Monday, April 22 to avoid the \$16.00 luncheon fee.

If you have a standing reservation contract for the 2013 year and not able to attend, please email Cheryl by 8:00 PM on Monday, April 22.