



The Elephant's Ear

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Ellen E. Weaver – President & CEO, Palmetto Policy Forum

A seasoned veteran of policy and politics, Greenville native Ellen Weaver has worked the past 12 years in a wide variety of roles in the operation of U.S. Senator Jim DeMint (Ret.), both in Washington, DC and South Carolina. She most recently served as State Director with responsibility for management of staff, communications, outreach and political strategy in South Carolina. Her diverse portfolio has also included fundraising, speech-writing, state and national coalition-building as well as collaborative authorship of opinion editorials published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Times* and across the opinion pages of South Carolina. Ellen is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Columbia and the Columbia Rotary Club. In her spare time, she is an avid reader, musician and “dog mom” who also loves to travel.

Re-launched in 2013, championed and energized by Jim DeMint, Palmetto Policy Forum represents a growing coalition of bold state leaders who are committed to enacting transformative policies, grounded in conservative principle and promoted in a way that speaks to a broad coalition of citizens. This group of free market, fiscal and cultural South Carolina conservatives has banded together to research and promote policies that will make South Carolina a beacon of freedom to the nation and unleash opportunity for every citizen.

Carol Browning—Executive Director, The Greenville Literacy Association

Founded over forty years ago, Greenville Literacy is now the largest community-based literacy program in South Carolina. A ProLiteracy of America affiliate, Greenville Literacy ranks among the top 3% of adult literacy programs in the nation in both the number of students served and the number of volunteer tutors.

Greenville Literacy collaborates with Greenville County Schools and Greenville Tech to provide adults a sequential plan of study. By becoming a partner with the SC Works Workforce Development System in 2003, Greenville Literacy is also part of the community network to help displaced workers improve their job opportunities. Greenville Literacy's impact on the community is significant. In the 2011-2012 fiscal year, 1,817 adult students participated in literacy programs conducted by 433 active volunteer tutors.

Jane Kizer – Leadership Development

Jane Kizer is a native of Greenville. She attended Furman University and currently works as a Computer Programmer for a local cable company. She leads the band at her church and is very active in the Republican Party, including running for state Senate in 2012. Jane is also the Legislative Chairman for the Greenville County Republican Women's Club. Jane is presenting information about Leadership Development.

Notes of Interest from the President—Debbie Spaugh

Upcoming Events

July 25, 7:30 p.m.—Greenville Tea Party with Congressman Jeff Duncan—Zen, 924 S. Main St., Greenville

September 19-22—NFRW Biennial Convention, at the Galt House, Louisville, KY (800) 843-4258. Register online, or by fax or mail. Early Registration (5/24-7/19) \$400. July 20-8/16, \$430. After 8/16, the Registration fee is \$455. Hotel—all rooms are suites, with a living room with a sleep sofa, and a bedroom with 2 queen beds. \$185 plus taxes for 1-2 people, and \$195 plus taxes for 3-4 people. The cut-off for these rates is 8/17/13. To register: <http://www.nfrw.org/programs/convention/index.html>. Speakers include: Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul.

October 25-27—SCFRW Biennial Convention, at The Tides Holiday Inn, Folly Beach, SC. Registration fee is \$85 until 9/15/13, then the fee is \$100. Hotel reservations must be made by Oct. 2. The room rate is \$169 per night. In addition to our club President, we may send 13 members to the Convention. We will elect delegates to the Convention at our August 22nd meeting.

AUCTION

OUR AUCTION IS SEPTEMBER 26TH. LET'S MAKE IT A BIG SUCCESS!

- As for prior Auctions, please bring the following types of items: designer clothes, purses, and accessories (new or slightly used); unique sale items; unique Republican items, Tigers and Gamecock items; antiques (such as the coffee table and chandelier at last year's Auction); quilts; and baked goods (Bakers -You know who you are. Call and tell me what you are bringing.).
- Take the Auction Donation Form, which we distributed at the May and June meetings, to businesses you frequent and ask for donations—Gift Certificates from restaurants, boutiques, salons, etc.. With the help of the business owner/manager, fill out the Auction Donation Form and ask them to attach their business card. On the day of the Auction, we will give all attendees a listing with all the business cards of those who donated. We are helping advertise for these businesses!
- Try to bring the items you are donating and the completed Auction Donation Forms to the July luncheon. If you need more time, call me and we will arrange to meet before the August luncheon for you to give me your items. We want to give out a printed sheet with the list of donated items at the August luncheon. (If you are bringing baked goods, just tell me what you are bringing.)
- Please invite your friends to the luncheon. Show them the list of items to be in the Auction. If possible, please invite at least one guest. The auction is a fundraiser and, we are trying to attract new members.
- We will have a live auction and a silent auction. We will have a professional Auctioneer handling the live auction.
- If you are interested in helping set-up the Auction items, if you have any questions, or if you want to report what you are donating, please call me at 787-8550.

Kathy Snyder-Garrett

This month is an update on the Immigration bill that is working its way through Congress. The Senate passed their version of the bill a few weeks ago after passing a controversial amendment. This amendment would deploy 20,000 more border patrol agents, build 700 miles of border fencing and require employers to use e-verify. This sounds good on the surface, but there is no language in the amendment requiring these things prior to illegal immigrants being given their green cards. So, current illegal immigrants will be citizens long before this is implemented and many more who have yet to cross the border will also become citizens. This amendment was supported by many Republican Senators in an effort to appease conservatives. But due to no enforcement, the bill is no different than laws already in place that are not enforced.

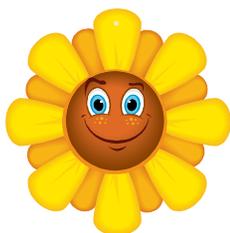
The House is currently working on a handful of smaller immigration bills that deal with specific parts of our immigration reform needs. One bill would toughen enforcement of immigration laws, allowing local law enforcement to enforce laws and leading to more deportations. It was also encourage current illegals to leave voluntarily. Other bills in the works would create a mandatory system to verify the legal status of workers. The number of visas for employees of technology companies would increase and a new temporary program for farm workers would be created. These were some of the ideas discussed by House leadership in a closed door meeting recently. Speaker John Boehner stated the House would not vote on the Senate bill, but instead focus on these smaller bills to make sure meaningful immigration reform passes.

The biggest complaint about immigration is that we don't enforce the laws we already have and the border is not secure. The Senate bill does not accomplish either. The House bills potentially help with enforcement, but do we really need to pass a law telling us to enforce other laws? In reality, we should just enforce existing laws and write new laws that make it easier to get into the country legally. But until we close the border, the rate of illegals entering the country will continue to increase dramatically.

Mary Beth Green—Membership Committee Chairman

The Membership Committee has begun maintaining a guest book so that your invitees feel extra welcomed. Please ask your guests to sign in with their address or your name so that we may send them a note to thank them for coming to our luncheon. Also, thank you for helping to educate your friends by attending our programs.

The Membership Committee is asking you to post GCRWC business cards on bulletin boards where potential members and associates would see them. President Debbie Spaugh's name and phone are listed. The cards are located at the Membership Table as you come to the luncheon.



Sunshine News

We send our prayers and best wishes to Carol Bennett's husband and Kathy Pflug's husband as they recover from heart surgery. We also send our prayers for a speedy recovery from knee surgery to Joanne Meadows and Sylvia Bass. We send our deepest sympathy to Lydia Poole for the passing of her mother, Ann Sanders.

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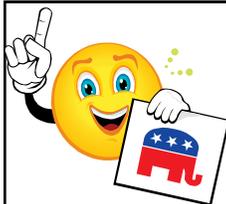
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GCRWC Luncheon Dates

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Thursday	July 25
Thursday	August 22
Thursday	September 26
Thursday	October 24
Thursday	December 5



**July 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, July 22. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Monday, July 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, July 22.