



The Elephant's Ear

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Thursday, June 27, 2013

AMERICANISM PROGRAM

“Let's Take America Back”

Our Americanism program for this year will have the theme of “Let's Take America Back”. The program will feature **Noah and Nicole Stratton** from the Logos Theatre (Academy of Arts Ministries) along with **Glenn Christianson** on the piano. Their performance will include several period figures along with musical selections. Nicole is no stranger to the stage. She grew up singing with her three sisters in churches, schools and events all over the United States. Walt Disney World asked Nicole and her sisters to sing there, but Nicole's eyes were on a more long-term goal: the lives and hearts of the youth of America. She has committed full time to the Academy of Arts, where she has directed, acted, taught and sung for the last 16 years. She directs, sings, and acts in many full-scale professional productions a year at the Academy of Arts Logos Theatre on Main Street in Taylors. She holds the title of Artistic Director. Her husband Noah is the Executive Director. He grew up in Lima, OH where he was heavily involved in fine arts – performing in collegiate and school plays, and winning multiple awards in speech at the state and national level. Noah's passion is young people and wants to see them using whatever talents they have for an eternal purpose. The Logos Theatre has full-scale professional dramas, musicals and concerts each year that reach thousands. The team continues to travel to 25 schools and homeschooled groups a year teaching them how to perform their own dramas. We have been honored many times with the musical talents of Glenn Christianson and welcome him back to accompany the Strattons. This is the same group that we had last year for the Americanism program and everyone will not want to miss this special treat. Please make every effort to attend the luncheon – many hours have been spent to put together this program and you will not be disappointed. **Kathy Davis – Americanism Chair**

“Let's Take America Back” ----Our nation finds itself in the worst condition of our great republic's history. The current administration continues to make decisions and promote policies that will weaken our nation.

- IRS targeting political action groups and its members that oppose the Obama Administration political views.
- Crimes committed with guns are exploited and used to take away our second amendment rights.
- The best health care system in the world is being destroyed.
- Border security and immigration reform as promised in campaign speeches has not occurred.
- Major cuts in defense have been proposed which will leave our nation vulnerable to our enemies and the U.S. will no longer be a world power.
- Economic growth is stagnant due to higher taxes placed on small businesses; which has resulted in high unemployment percentages, a declining housing market, and a decrease in investments in the market.

Notes of Interest from the President—Debbie Spaugh

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21, 5:00 p.m.—The Common Cents Summer Town Hall Series with Trey Gowdy—Bruster’s Real Ice Cream in Taylors

June 24, 6:30 p.m.—Greenville County GOP Special Called Executive Committee Meeting, Academy of Arts

June 28—SCGOP Fundraiser Luncheon with Rand Paul in Greenville. Call the SCGOP for more details

June 28, 6:00 p.m.—SCGOP BBQ with Rand Paul, SC State Farmer’s Market in Columbia. Get tickets from the SCGOP online

SCGOP NEWS

There was an interesting State Executive Committeeman meeting on June 8th, at which Chad Connelly announced he has taken a job with the RNC, and Matt Moore was quickly nominated and voted in as the new SCGOP Chairman. On June 14th, Hope Walker, Political Director of the SC Republican Party, sent an email informing the recipients that the SC Republican Party has withdrawn from the closed primary lawsuit. Apparently, this was Chad Connelly’s decision. This lawsuit is the best chance Republicans have to prevent Democrats from voting in our Primaries. I’ll let you decide if the State Republican Party pulling out of this lawsuit will hurt our chance of attaining closed primaries. The trial on this issue is set for August 2013.

AUCTION

Auction is set for September 26th. I would like to cover 3 points:

- 1-We want you to reach out to the places where you do business to ask for gifts, Gift Certificates, etc. (restaurants, boutiques, salons - get creative!)
 - 2- You will receive an email with these two forms attached: Save the Date Flyer and the Auction Donation form. If you don’t have email, we distributed these forms at the May luncheon. We will have some more at the June luncheon.
 - 3- Try to have your donations ready to turn in by the July luncheon, or for sure, before the August luncheon.
- The plan will be to build excitement and increase auction attendance.

Some of donations collected so far:

Reedy River Dentistry...Teeth Whitening...\$298, White House-Black Market Gift card \$50, Bev’s Blowout Bar... 4 shampoo/blowouts \$120

Neurim night cream.....\$120

Augusta Grill...4 crabcake dinners, Several Ben Geer Keys Prints, Julie’s Boutique (commitment), Sutton’s Shoes (commitment)

Get creative !!! To report donations or any Questions, call me at 787-8550. **Kathy Snyder-Garrett**

Celebrate this July 4th with uplifting, patriotic music! ***Blessed to be Living in America* CD by Jessa Garrett, \$10.00.**

“America”, “Over the Rainbow”, “The Prayer”, “Blessed”

The “American Medley” – “The Star Spangled Banner”, “God Bless the USA”, “God Bless America”

It is my prayer that the songs on this CD will make you forever grateful that we live in a country where we are truly free to find, know and worship God. It is only through His unchanging love, grace and mercy that we are blessed.

Yes, blessed to be living in America . Jessa Garrett 2003

We are still one nation, under God, and He is still in control.

Available at June luncheon or call 864-787-8550 Kathy Snyder-Garrett

The session for this year in the SC Statehouse finished up recently. A couple of bills we were watching (Ethics Bill and Nullify ObamaCare) were on the calendar in the Senate but never actually made it to a vote. In fact, many of our Senators (and a number of Republicans) voted to adjourn for the year so they would not vote on these 2 bills. This is a strange action since both of these bills were quite watered down by the time they made it to the floor. So the bills had no teeth to enforce their new laws.

SC attempted a restructuring bill last year. The Department of Administration bill is back in 2013 and actually made it to Conference committee. This means the Senate passed a version and the House made changes that the Senate did not agree with. So 3 members from the House join 3 members from the Senate and they decide on a compromise. That is currently where the bill sits, so it is unclear whether anything will be done before next year. But there is a chance it might pass before the bill dies again like last year. Here are a few highlights. A new agency was created to oversee bonds and procurement of funds (who agrees to contracts). This agency will be overseen by the same members of the Budget and Control Board. There are also 5 other boards or commissions created, including the Charleston Navy Base Museum Authority. This isn't reform, just moving things around and giving it a new name. As long as a handful of people control the money of the state, we will always have this type of corruption.

The U.S. Senate is just starting debate on the Immigration Bill. There was a bipartisan group of 8 Senators who worked to craft this bill and there are 300 amendments to be addressed from the floor of the Senate over the next 3 weeks. From what we are told and as the bill stands right now, it sets a 13 year journey to citizenship for illegals who came before 2012 or overstayed their Visa. They would have to pay fines, back taxes, and other fees. And the bill requires tighter border security than exists today. However, it doesn't close the border so there will still be a problem of illegals coming across into the United States. We'll see how the Senate changes this bill as it moves forward.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

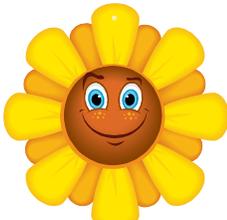
Even though the majority of our volunteer opportunities have passed, many of you still will acquire hours through GOP meetings, such as Executive Committee Meetings, and volunteering for our club, or in other capacities. Also, remember to include your hours for attending the NFRW meeting in Atlanta, the NFRW Convention in Louisville, KY, and the SCFRW Convention in Folly Beach, SC. Please remember to continue to maintain your volunteer hours and be prepared to log them in at our club meetings or email to me at: ldslaton@yahoo.com.

Linda Slaton

Welcome to our New Member for May

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that Ann Genovese joined our club in May. Ann also won the drawing for a free lunch for a future GCRWC meeting. Since Barbara Koprowski recruited Ann, she will be in the running to receive Auction Dollars, if she recruits the most new members prior to our club auction. Auction Dollars can be spent at the upcoming GCRWC auction.

Sunshine News



We send our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery to our member, Sylvia Bass, as she recovers from knee surgery.

Greenville County Republican
Women's Club
Debbie Spaugh - President
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**Check out our
website:**

www.gcrwc.org

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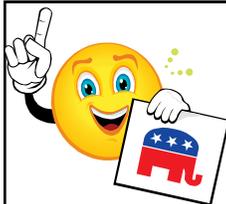
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GCRWC Luncheon Dates

12:00 - 1:00 PM

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



**June 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, June 24. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Monday, June 24 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, June 24.