



The Elephant's Ear

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OUR SPEAKER IS MARY QUINTEROS TALLOUZI WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT



MARY QUINTEROS TALLOUZI

The May 23rd luncheon for the Greenville County Republican Women's Club will be in honor of our Armed Forces. Our honored speaker for this meeting will be Mary Quinteros Tallouzi. Mary says she will always remember the plaintive feeling in her soul as she asked herself: "What do I do now? How do I define my life?"

Her search began in September 2006 when her son, Staff Sergeant Daniel Tallouzi, was wounded from a mortar attack in Iraq. Shrapnel the size of a quarter crossed both hemispheres of Daniel's brain and lodged in the center. He endured more than two years of recovering in hospitals before returning home and eventually passing away in February 28, 2009. During those years, Mary served as Daniel's caregiver, a 24-hour a day job she performed with great love. "Life stops for the advocate," says

Mary. "As a caregiver, I experienced the loss of a son and a profound change of life. The military has been a part of our family since the Korean War. I'm proud of Daniel's admiration for our family legacy, and we're honored that he now walks among the eternal warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom."

Mary was born and raised in Temple, Texas and relocated to New Mexico in 1990. Today, Mary lives in the beautiful town of Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Mary raised three children, Christopher, Daniel and Jennifer, mostly as a single parent. The older children, Christopher and Daniel, both proudly served their country in the Army and both were deployed to Iraq. In a book titled, *Pediatrician Soldier*, a chapter is devoted to Daniel with many short descriptions about him written by special people in his life. Mary and Daniel also fought to have Daniel treated in a private facility, and that experience was featured in the *New York Times*.

As a result of her experience with Daniel, Ms. Tallouzi now works with Wounded Warrior Project and is a spokesperson on behalf of caregivers across the nation. She will be sharing her story with us at the luncheon so please make your plans to attend. Please go to woundedwarriorproject.org for more information regarding this worthwhile organization. Please consider treating an active duty or retired armed forces member to our luncheon. It will be well worth the extra sixteen dollars you would spend. Please plan to make your reservations no later than 8:00 PM Monday, May 20 to gcrwreply@yahoo.com or by calling Cheryl Cuthrell 335-8094. Cost of the luncheon is \$16.00 and should be paid using a check.

BY KATHY DAVIS, ARMED SERVICES CHAIRMAN

Notes of Interest from the President—Debbie Spaugh

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We elected our five-member Nominating Committee at the April luncheon. One of the five elected, Kathy Snyder-Garrett, decided she wants to run for office, so she cannot be on the Nominating Committee. As per our By-Laws, our Executive Board voted and Magda Aguila was unanimously elected to the Nominating Committee. So, the five members of the Nominating Committee are: Magda Aguila, Mary Beth Green, Pat McManaway, Karen Mims, and Betty Poe. The Committee will present the slate of officers at the August meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided that the nominee is qualified and has notified the President, in writing, that she will serve in that office if elected. Election of club officers shall be conducted during the October meeting. Elections shall be held by secret ballot.

Membership Notes

The Membership Committee wishes to announce that these three ladies have joined: Kate Anderson, Tracy Phillpott and Elizabeth Albers. They will be recognized at the May meeting.

Who said there is no free lunch? Those new members joining since April and up to the start of the May meeting will be placed in a drawing for a free, future GCRWC lunch. Encourage your friends who are considering a membership so they can participate in the drawing during the May meeting. Still more good news as GCRWC will give Auction Dollars to the member recruiting the most members and associates before the September meeting. Auction Dollars can be spent on any merchandise up for bidding.

For those slow to rejoin this year, phone calls and almost 90 letters were mailed to former members who had not renewed for 2013. We are having a good response and Jenny Earle has received many renewals. The Membership Committee also wants our luncheon guests to know they are special to us and we now have a guest register at the Membership check-in table. Additionally, we are interested in your friends so please let us know if there is someone you wish us to contact. Our committee always has members at the check-in tables available to take you're your information. Help us raise our numbers in order to make our community more informed and effective in promoting Republican principles.

Per the *Greenville News*, 4/26/13, Rhode Island, a heavy Catholic state and the lone holdout in New England, the Senate voted to legalize Gay marriage. Now all of New England has passed this legislation.

Providence, Bishop Tobin called homosexual marriage immoral. He should have repeated what GOD declares through the Bible. In Genesis 18:20, GOD says, "The outcry of Sodom is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave." Read Genesis 19 and see GOD's judgment on societies given to homosexuality.

1Kings 15, GOD placed a king over Judah named Asa. "He did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord." God blessed him because his rule pleased GOD. In verse 12, "he took away the sodomites out of the land." Meanwhile in Israel, Ahab became king. (1 Kings 16) "Ahab did more to provoke the Lord to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him." He instituted Baal worship, forsaking the God of Israel. He built Baal's temple with a grove in Samaria. The grove concealed the abominable practices of male prostitutes committing homosexual acts.

GOD's wrath was expressed with a severe drought. No rain in Israel for 3 ½ years. Rivers dried up, people suffered, many died, yet Judah had rain. You see GOD withholds blessings because of national sins. GOD controls weather, storms are not the result of 'Global Warming!' GOD is the same today as He was yesterday. Read Romans 1:18-32 to see what GOD thinks about this new law in Rhode Island. **Sylvia Long, Chaplain**

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You may have heard that H3101 (Nullify ObamaCare) actually made it through the SC House of Representatives. There was a fear it would fail on 3rd reading, but it was indeed passed. But don't celebrate just yet. We all know the Senate is where good legislation is maimed or killed. So we need to press in and contact our Senators to get this bill through committee and to a vote. With a Republican majority, this should be possible.

But we should also be aware that our "representatives" might be talking out both sides of their mouths. Not long after H3101 passed the House, H4095 was introduced. This bill expands Medicaid under ObamaCare and has 28 cosponsors who also voted to nullify ObamaCare. Call your House members and tell them not to expand Medicaid with H4095, especially Bruce Bannister.

There has also been an ethics bill floating around Columbia. H3945 is an attempt to reform our state's ethics laws to prevent corruption in government. The bill creates a new 16-member committee to police lawmakers. Who is on that committee? Well, 8 lawmakers and 8 citizens who are elected by lawmakers. So much for accountability. Also, lobbyists are required to register. Criminal penalties are restored for violations of this law and a requirement is created that private income over \$2500 be disclosed.

We'll discuss some federal legislation next month, including an immigration bill and an internet sales tax that already passed the Senate. In the meantime, call your SC legislators!

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!!

Our club will be sending in volunteer hours to the SC Federation of Republican Women at the end of May. These hours are counted from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. You will need to estimate your volunteer hours for June. Please email your volunteer hours to ldslaton@yahoo.com, or be prepared to enter them in the book at the May luncheon. **REMINDER:** If you attended your precinct reorganization, the County Convention, the Silver Elephant Dinner, and/or the State Convention, those meetings count for volunteer hours. Also remember to include your attendance at GCGOP Executive Committee meetings. If you helped preparing for the County Convention, that also counts. Remember to include your transportation time to these events. Also, if you have worked for the GCRWC Thursday meetings, before or after the meeting, include those hours. The 12:00—1:00 meeting time does not count for volunteer hours.

Linda Slaton, Campaign Committee Chair

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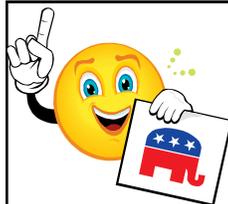
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GCRWC Luncheon Dates

12:00 - 1:00 PM

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



**May 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, May 20. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Monday, May 20 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, May 20.