



# *The Elephant's Ear*

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**Thursday, September 26, 2013**

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## *Fill Your Trunks With Treasures!*

GCRWC cordially invites you to join us at our  
Fundraising 2013 Elephant's Auction Luncheon!

Great Location - Great Food - Great Fellowship  
Great Auction Items - Over \$10,000 of Auction Items - Great Causes!  
Sharing Proceeds from Auction with  
Safe Harbor and The Julie Valentine Center!

*We already have a great variety of items with more to come!*  
Silent and Live auction-  
Live Auction conducted by Terry Hester - Terry Hester's Auctions

**When ---Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:00**  
**Where --- Poinsett Club**  
**Cost \$16.00**

Reservations must be made by NOON Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Cheryl Cuthrell (864)335-8094 or [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com)

*Girls and Guys - Don't miss this event - Come and Enjoy!*

*We would like to give a special thank-you to Betty Poe and Gary Hester Interiors for their very generous donations to our auction (valued at over \$4,000)!*

*We would also like to thank our member, Kate Anderson, for her graphic design work , and her husband for his donation of estate planning and cigars.*

*Thank you to our auctioneer, Terry Hester. His expertise will help make our auction a big success!*

Thank you, club members for the wonderful auction items so far. A few footnotes follow for the home stretch to keep the momentum going!

1. Although the deadline is Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, please take your auction items to 300 Crescent Ave. as soon as possible, or at least call and give me the details. We are hoping for full participation from our members. If you receive the newsletter by email, the updated donation form is attached. Remember to attach the business card to the form. If you are bringing those yummy cakes and pies, please call me with details ASAP.
2. The final 7 to 10 days is time to boost attendance to the auction by (continued on next page )

## Notes of Interest from the President—Debbie Spaugh

**THE MEMBERS OF THE GREENVILLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB WISH TO CONGRATULATE BETTY POE FOR BEING NOMINATED AS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NFRW!! THE LAST TIME SOMEONE FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SERVED AS AN OFFICER OF THE NFRW WAS IN 1971. WE ARE SO PROUD THAT BETTY IS ONE OF THE DRIVING FORCES OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN!!!**

Please remember that our members will vote on Amendments to our By-Laws at the September luncheon. Copies of the By-Laws and the proposed Amendments were distributed at the August luncheon, sent by email to members, and mailed to members with no email.

### TERRY HESTER'S AUCTIONS

As they frequented auctions on a regular basis, Terry and Sherry Hester developed an unrivaled passion for the business. They both knew they had a knack for “buying and selling” but more importantly, knew the importance of a satisfied customer. In 1972 the couple opened Terry Hester Auction Service. Their desire was to create an exciting, family auction environment that would be enjoyed by everyone, young and old!

Terry Hester Auction Service has become one of the most recognizable names in the auction industry today. While growing the business for over 40 years, Terry's passion for auctions has not diminished and this is evident with every auction and the ever-growing crowds he draws. We are excited to have Terry Hester conduct our live auction!

Footnotes (continued)

using creative advertising, without spending money. Our Auction Committee members are sending the media release to various media outlets. We are creating an Event Page on Facebook, where we can post auction items and reservation information. The Julie Valentine Center and Safe Harbor have Facebook pages. For our members on Facebook, go to these pages and invite any mutual friends to the event. Oh, just invite all your friends who you know would enjoy our Auction, our Club, and both Women's Causes! Our goal is to pack the house—so— get your reservations in early!

3. On the day of the Auction, we will start at 11:30 to give everyone time to browse the Silent Auction items and start writing your bids and the Live Auction items, so you will know which of those items you want to bid on. We are fortunate to have Terry Hester Auctions as our auctioneer. He will keep the Live Auction moving, profitable, and entertaining! We will have FUN!

4. If you have a Question, I have an Answer, or know someone who does!

Kathy Snyder-Garrett—864-787-8550

We begin our update this month with one of the biggest topics of discussion in the political arena right now, Syria. President Obama has pressed to intervene in Syria after reports of chemical weapons being used on the people there. There is still debate on whether the government used the chemical weapons or the rebels, but we won't speculate on that here. What I'd like to focus on is a resolution working its way through Congress. A couple of weeks ago, Obama made a speech declaring that he would seek the approval of Congress before taking military action. Since that speech, members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee met to hear testimony and draft a resolution to go before the full Senate. The resolution, as it stands today, would require Obama to attempt all diplomatic options before using any weapons of mass destruction. These weapons can only be used against the government, if the government is using the chemical weapons. It also limits our involvement to 60 days, with the possibility of one 30-day extension. Congress must be notified prior to any military strike and also be involved in any political negotiations. Finally, the resolution bans the use of U.S. troops on the ground in Syria. This resolution allows for force to be used, while putting limits on our involvement and the use of our precious resources, our soldiers, for any type of political gain.

Congress returns to Washington this week and the Senate is expected to take up the resolution mid-week. The House leadership is wavering on how to proceed related to the resolution. They might wait to see how the vote goes in the Senate. Then, if it passes, they will decide either to draft their own resolution or vote on the Senate version. Also part of the timeline is a potential filibuster by Senator Rand Paul, who believes we have no responsibility in a Syrian civil war. Many activists agree with Senator Paul's position. They believe there is no threat to the United States and that we should allow Syria to sort out its own internal issues. Those who agree with President Obama state these chemical weapons could quickly grow into a larger threat outside of Syrian borders and we should deal with that possibility by destroying those weapons now.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there are also fiscal deadlines looming on the horizon for Congress as they return. So, after dealing with Syria, they must also deal with another continuing resolution so that government can keep functioning after the new year. They will also need to deal with the debt limit, which is fast approaching again. Keep an eye out on the news and I'll bring you more updates as decisions are made in Washington to choose the future direction of our Republic.

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★ **Welcome to our New Members** ★  
★ **The Membership Committee is pleased to announce the following ladies have joined** ★  
★ **GCRWC: Grace Mayfield and Deidra Odumakinde.** ★  
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★ Remember that the person recruiting the most new members and associates will receive Auction ★  
★ Dollars to be spent at the club auction. If there is a tie, we will have a drawing. ★  
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**Check out our  
website:**

**[www.gcrwc.org](http://www.gcrwc.org)**

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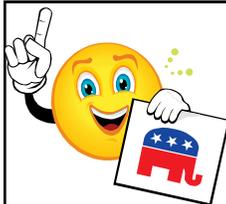
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### GCRWC Luncheon Dates

12:00 - 1:00 PM

(Except September, which is 11:30  
AM to 1:00 PM.)

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| Thursday | September 26 |
| Thursday | October 24   |
| Thursday | December 5   |



**September Luncheon 11:30 - 1:00  
THE POINSETT CLUB**

Please make reservations to [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com) or by calling Cheryl Cuthrell at 864-335-8094 by 12:00 PM (Noon) Monday, September 23. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM Monday September 23 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, September 23.