



The Elephant's Ear

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Thursday, August 21, 2014

August Meeting: Derek Lewis & Stacy Shea

GCRWC Luncheon Dates

- Aug 28, 2014
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Speakers for September: AFP and Matt Moore

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Derek Lewis

Derek Lewis is the Executive Director of Greenville First Steps, a local non-profit that helps build collaborative partnerships with businesses, churches, schools, non-profits and neighborhoods teacher, and to ensure children enter school on track and ready to succeed. Their work in building community collaborations has been nationally recognized, including Project Pinwheel, our county-wide Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Campaign that engaged 300 community partners and reached over 40,000 homes in the upstate.



He has 15 years of non-profit experience, understands what it takes to build budgets that rely on the financial support of others, knows what it means to be a good steward of other people's investments. Last year, Greenville First Steps leveraged \$1.50 for every dollar allocated to us.

He is running for Greenville County School Board so that I can help provide leadership in coordinating community wide efforts to support teachers, schools, and families to build a collaborative approach to education. I want to continue supporting School Improvement Councils, PTAs, Administrators and Teachers in their efforts to strengthen our local schools. I am a strong supporter of high-quality public schools. He has many teachers in his family. He has served on SICs for Greenville High School, Bell's Crossing, and on the inaugural AJ Whittenberg's Community Engagement planning team.

Derek has a great deal statewide public policy and advocacy experience and is currently serving as one of Gov. Haley's appointees to the SC Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, along with Sen. Mike Fair and Sen. Brad Hutto. Hedrick and I have been longtime, active members of this community. I currently serve on a variety of organization boards and committees.

You can see more on Derek at www.lewis4schools.com.

Stacy Shea

Stacy Shea is the president of Adamantine Alliance, which she formed with her husband, recently retired Navy SEAL Thom Shea, to promote and deliver the teachings in their best-selling book, *Unbreakable: A Navy SEAL's Way of Life*.



In addition to being the promotional force behind the book, she delivers leadership training and motivational keynotes around the country.

She will also share with us the story of the Center for Self Governance who will be beginning a new class in September. They teach citizen's to work with our legislators and elected officials.

As one of Greenville's newer residents, she has been honored to be nominated as a Liberty fellow, is a member of the Greenville Professional Women's Forum and the Women of St. Francis.

She resides in Greer with her husband and their three children.

Notes of Interest from Our President -- Linda Slaton

We feel so safe here in America. It seems that the turbulence in the world doesn't affect us. However, Lisa Benson informed us how we are directly affected. This month's program will offer suggestions how we can begin to get involved with our legislatures to affect changes we feel are necessary to maintain our American Way of Life. If you enjoyed last month's program, please give Cheryl Cuthrell a personal thank you. She worked for four months to bring Lisa Benson to us as well as helped coordinate her speaking engagements throughout the state. Cheryl has been a woman on a mission to see that our club has dynamic programs, and I would like to take this time to give her a recognition for the work she has done. This club takes the coordinated work of officers and committees, and I have been blessed to have such a dynamic committed team. Thanks to all of our committee chairs and members for the work you have done for the GCRWC. We could not be effective without all of you.

Just a reminder to make sure your reservations are turned in by Monday night before the meeting on the following Thursday. The Poinsett Club requires that our number of reservations be turned in 48 hours before the meeting. **Beginning with the August meeting, if you call in after Monday, your name will be placed on a walk-in list not the check-in list. As a result, please be aware that you may have to wait until those with reservations are seated.**

Volunteer Opportunity

Scholarship Committee: I am still looking for two to three people to head a Scholarship committee. This would entail getting in touch with various universities in our local area to make them aware of national and local scholarships that are offered to rising junior and senior women majoring in economics or political science. The forms, requirements, and applications are already in existence, so this committee would act as an informative body to make universities aware of their existence. If you are interested, please call me at 288-0560. If no one volunteers, please expect a call from me to volunteer you!

Legislative Notes -- Karen McManaway

House Passes Border Funding Bill and Prohibits DACA Expansion

The August recess was delayed a bit for our folks on Capitol Hill with decisions to me made in regards to our border crisis. The House of Representatives finally passed a package of bills to address the border crisis. First, the House approved a \$694 million emergency-funding bill to deal with the surge of unaccompanied alien minors crossing the border into Texas. Next, the House passed a bill that prevents President Obama from expanding his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) amnesty program that is the primary cause of the surge. Both bills passed a day after House GOP leadership was forced to pull weaker measures from the floor because they did not have sufficient votes to pass.

The legislation would provide funds to address the influx of children at the U.S.-Mexico border, including \$35 million to reimburse Texas for the use of National Guard troops. It also would speed the deportation of Central American children arriving at the border.

"There is a crisis at our southern border and it is a crisis of the president's own making," said Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte, a Virginia Republican. "Since the president isn't taking the serious action needed to secure the southern border, the House is doing so."

The House vote on the bill, H.R. 5230, came after a revolt by some Republicans forced Speaker John Boehner of Ohio and his new leadership team to cancel a vote scheduled for yesterday on a \$659 million plan.

The Senate didn't advance its \$2.7 billion measure and left Washington already. Both proposals are short of the \$3.7 billion Obama sought to cope with about 57,000 unaccompanied children who arrived at the border from Oct. 1, 2013, through June 15. That was double the total from the same time a year earlier.

Obama told reporters at the White House that House Republicans were "trying to pass the most extreme and unworkable versions of a bill that they already know is going nowhere" as neither he nor the Senate would endorse it.

Herein lies the problem! It seems no matter how out of control the immigration problems gets, our Politian's can't seem to agree on anything. Therefore, the issue and the costs to our nation keep spiraling out of control, not to mention the threat to our national security.

A Special Note of Thanks

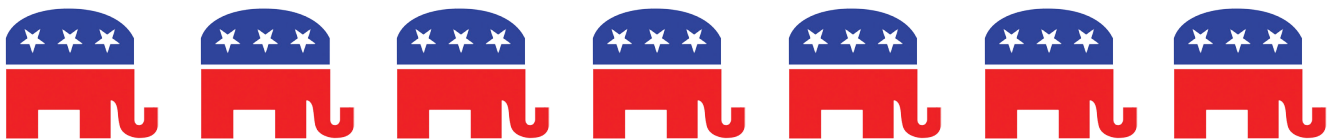
On behalf of the Women of the Greenville County Republican Women's Club, we'd like to give a special "Thank You" and show our sincerest appreciation to Bob Dill, publisher of *The Times Examiner*. Bob Dill has been a wonderful supporter of our club. We would like to ask each of members to please support his publication. You can find more information about *The Times Examiner* on his website, www.timesexaminer.com.

Welcome New Members for July!

Diane Hardy, Bobbi Gregory, Leann Corbin, Idell Koury, and Jamie Lou Lane

Membership Notes

If you would like to advertise your business and place a business card in the 2014 Membership Directory the cost is \$25.00. Please contact Janice McPhee at airborne82@charter.net or at 864 967-9618 We will be accepting ads until the end of August and hope to have the new Directory available to you September 2014.



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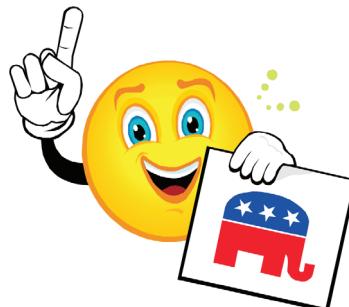
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August Luncheon 12:00 - 1:00
THE POINSETT CLUB

Please make reservations to gcrwreply@yahoo.com or by calling Evelyn Hargett at 864-630-2315 by 8:00 PM Monday, August 25th. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Monday, August 25th to avoid the \$16.00 luncheon fee. If you have a standing reservation contract for the 2014 year and not able to attend, please email Evelyn by 8:00 PM on Monday, August 25th. You can also purchase tickets online at <http://go-greenevents.comGCRWCAugust>.