



# The Elephant's Ear

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### Speakers for April:

Trey Gowdy

and

Jeff Duncan

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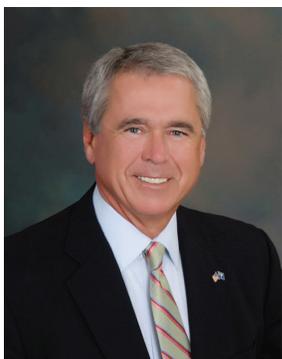
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We are proud to have these men to speak with us this month. We have candidates for Senate Bill Connor, Richard Cash and a representative for Lee Bright along with the Candidate for Lt Governor Pat McKinney.



Pat McKinney has spent his entire adult life in South Carolina, working in the private sector, raising a family and serving his community. He has been married to Pam for 29 years. Pat is the proud father of three married daughters. As a small business entrepreneur, Pat understands the importance of the interaction of business and the quality of life. He and Pam are active members of St. Michael's Church in Charleston - and Pat's faith serves as the compass that guides his life. This has led him into many varied areas of community and faith-based volunteer service. Pat's South Carolina business career spans over 40 years. Pat's persistence, and God's faithfulness, led to a successful real estate career on the South Carolina coast. After working in Hilton Head, Charleston, Isle of Palms and Kiawah Island, Pat recently retired from Kiawah Partners, where he served as Managing Partner of the real estate company. Twenty-five years ago, in 1988, Pat helped organize the group of investors and personally wrote the financial model to purchase Kiawah Island from the Kuwait Investment Co. - at the time the largest single real estate transaction in South Carolina history. His website is [www.voteatmckinney.com](http://www.voteatmckinney.com).



Richard Cash is not a typical political candidate. His life experiences include a proud father, a corporate computer analyst, a full time pro-life missionary, a volunteer youth coach and athletic director, and the founder and owner of two small businesses. A staunch conservative all of his life, Richard entered the sphere of politics in the 2010 election cycle, when he was one of eight Republican candidates who entered the race for Gresham Barrett's vacant congressional seat. As a political outsider, Richard shocked a field of better funded candidates. After winning the original primary vote, Richard narrowly lost a run-off to Rep. Jeff Duncan, who has gone on to represent the third district admirably in Washington. Richard's life experiences and his uniquely passionate message have prepared him to enter the sphere of politics once again. Richard graduated Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with a degree in Economics and Business Administration. Richard worked in Greenville as a computer analyst and programmer for five years after graduating. Richard and his wife Marcia have been married for 28 years, and have 8 children. His website is [www.richardcash-forsenate.com](http://www.richardcash-forsenate.com).



Bill Connor is a 24 year Airborne Ranger Infantry officer and Afghanistan combat veteran. He currently serves as a Lt. Colonel in the US Army reserves. He is a Citadel graduate who returned to SC after active military service. He has been married to his wife, Susan, for 23 years and they have 3 children. The Connors make their home in Orangeburg, where Bill and a partner operate a small general practice law firm with an additional emphasis in military law. In 2010 he ran for Lt Governor and beat out some high profile opponents. His wife is an OBGYN at the Connor Healthcare for Women. His website is [www.billconnorsc.com](http://www.billconnorsc.com).



Lee Bright - we will have a representative for Lee since he is in session. Lee Bright won the State Senate seat for Spartanburg County in 2008. He is married and has 2 children. He is director of business development for BBD, LLC and operates a trucking brokerage. In 2013 Sen Bright is the lead sponsor for the Constitutional Carry Bill, The Firearms Freedom Act and Freedom of Choice Healthcare Act. His website is [www.brightforsenate.com](http://www.brightforsenate.com).

## Notes of Interest from Our President -- Linda Slaton

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A year from now, in March of 2015, there will be a Precinct Meeting. This is the first level of involvement with the Republican Party. At a precinct meeting, you will elect the leaders of your precinct to represent your voice for the Greenville Republican Party. You will also declare your intention to attend the county and state conventions. Plan to attend a County Convention where you will have an opportunity to meet and hear from the Presidential Candidates, and have a chance to vote for leaders and policies from the county (April 2015) to the state convention (May 2015).

Our updated website should be up and running by our March meeting. Please check out our new website, [www.gcrwc.org](http://www.gcrwc.org).

April will be a Mini-Fund Raiser for 2014. Tickets can be purchased for the price of \$20.00, at the March meeting from Kathy Snyder-Garrett, or, checks can be mailed to Mary Beth Green at 117 Mitchell Ave. Clemson, S.C. 29631. Reservations will not be taken for April, and Standing Reservations will not apply. Your ticket will be your admission to hear House of Representatives Trey Gowdy and Jeff Duncan. As a new service, tickets can now also be purchased by going to the website, [GoGreen.com](http://GoGreen.com) and signing up on line. It should be noted that there will be a charge to [GoGreen.com](http://GoGreen.com) for using this service.

Susan Kendrick, Publicity Chairman, graciously offered her home for New Members Orientation, which was held on March 18th. Thank you, Susan, for opening your home.

I apologize to those of you who are experiencing difficulty in receiving your newsletters and emails. Reach Mail is the program we are now using, and I have been on the phone with them so many times that I am sure they know me by my voice alone. There seems to be a glitch with those of you who use CHARTER.NET. Charter.Net is not allowing emails to go through their system as Charter perceives the email as SPAM. The company is working to straighten this out so our newsletters and emails are reaching everyone. If you are having difficulty in receiving your newsletter, please contact Kate Anderson. via [katherineaveryanderson@gmail.com](mailto:katherineaveryanderson@gmail.com) or by calling 363-3634.. For any other concerns about emails, please contact me at 288-0560.

## Fundraising Committee Update -- Kathy Snyder-Garrett

Our April luncheon hosting Representative Trey Gowdy and Representative Jeff Duncan is just around the corner. We are so excited! Cost of the fundraising luncheon ticket is \$20.00. Ticket sales are going fast and furious. This is one you don't want to miss!

### Three ways to purchase tickets:

1. Purchase at the March Luncheon.
2. Send a \$20.00 check to 117 Mitchell Ave, Clemson S.C.29631. Ticket will be at will call day of luncheon.
3. You can purchase tickets with a credit card for 22.09 at the following link:

<http://go-greenevents.comGCRWApril>.



Ticket will be printed on your computer when purchased.  
Any questions call Cheryl Cuthrell at 335-8094  
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[GO-GREENEVENTS.COM](http://GO-GREENEVENTS.COM)

Great event to invite friends and potential club members! Take Action -- Starting Now!!!  
A Special Thank You to our AMAZING slate of officers and executive board members. They are the Best!!!

# Legislative Notes - - Karen McManaway

## Medical Marijuana May be Legalized

Our Representative, Jenny Horne, has introduced a bill named "Julian's Act." It was named after a 3-year old constituent who suffers daily with dozens of seizures. The family will be relocating to Colorado so that their daughter will have access to cannibidiol, which is oil derived from marijuana. This bill will make this liquid legal and accessible if a patient has a prescription from a doctor or is participating in a clinical trial for treating severe forms of epilepsy.

Under the bill, doctors will be protected from being arrested or sued for prescribing or providing the oil in limited circumstances. Rep. Kris Crawford, who is a doctor, stresses that this bill is not intended to legalize marijuana for recreational purposes, but it could really make a difference for those suffering from extreme forms of epilepsy.

Democrat House Minority Leader, Todd Rutherford, has also introduced a bill to legalize marijuana for medical use, but is not as restrictive as the Republican bill. His version would allow residents with a debilitating medical condition to register with DHEC to legally use marijuana.

There are over 104,000 people in our state that is been diagnosed with epilepsy with 2,100 new cases diagnosed annually. Founder of the SC Advocates for Epilepsy, Karen St. Marie as asked legislators to broaden the bill to other monitored consistent sources, but Republicans want to take it a one small step at time to limit abuse.

### \*\*\* Volunteer Work Hour Reminder -- Julie Hershey \*\*\*

This is a reminder to turn your volunteer work hours into Julie Hershey so that our club can receive credit for hours attending and working for Republican Party efforts and candidates for office. There are many good 2014 candidates who will appreciate your volunteerism - let's help to get them elected . . . as well as receiving credit for our club. Please report all activity hours from July 2013 through the present. Have you attended committee meetings or attended Republican events? Be sure to count your travel time as well. Report your total hours by the month to Julie Hershey at [jrhershey@charter.net](mailto:jrhershey@charter.net).

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**Welcome to our New Member for February**  
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Jacqueline Herlong

### Membership Notes

If you have not renewed your membership, the fee is \$20 for 2014. At the end of March, those members who have not renewed their membership will be dropped from our membership list as required by the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Please drop by the Membership Committee table to renew; or mail your renewal to Mary Beth Green, Treasurer, 117 Mitchell Avenue, Clemson, SC 29631.

We are starting to work on the New Membership Directory. If you would like to place an ad in the directory, it is \$25 per advertisement. Please stop by the Membership Table and see Janice McPhee. We appreciate and thank all those past contributors who helped make our book a success.

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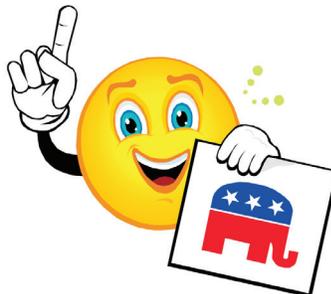
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March Luncheon 12:00 - 1:00  
**THE POINSETT CLUB**

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