



The Elephant's Ear

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Thursday, May 22, 2014

GCRWC Luncheon Dates

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For Superintendent of Education – Gary Burgess was educated in public schools of SC. He obtained a Dr of Education at USC, Masters at Converse College and a BA at Wofford College. He recently served on Anderson County Board of Education from 2010 to 2014 and served on Mick Zais's Education Transition Team in 2010.



Currently he is the CEO of Burgess Research Action group. He has served as Superintendent of Schools, and Adjunct Professor at The Citadel, Converse College, and Principals of Pendleton, DR Hill and Whitlock High Schools and Assistant Principal at Byrnes and Intern Principal at Dorman.

Gary is married to Quintella .and has 3 children Lee, Alexandra and Nathan.

For Superintendent of Education – Sally Atwater is a native of Union, South Carolina. She earned her Bachelor's degree in elementary and special education, and two years later received her Master's degree in special education, both from Winthrop University.



For the past two years, Sally has worked as a teacher at Forrest Hills Elementary and at Hendersonville Elementary in Colleton County. Sally works with disabled students ranging from first to fourth grade, teaching subjects from reading to science.

Sally is the mother of three daughters; Sara Lee, 34, a teacher, Ashley, 28, a nursing student, and Sally Theodosia, 24, who works for Teach for America in Marlboro County. In February 2014, Sally became a grandmother to Evelyn, first born of Sara Lee and her husband Dieter.

For Lt Governor – SC Businessman Michael Campbell founded Palmetto International LLC and serves as President and CEO. Palmetto International represents and secures projects for companies to participate in the reconstruction efforts in Iraq. Prior to this he founded the Crescent Group and serves as it's President and CEO. Crescent Group is a business development-consulting firm specializing in government relations and also the co-owner of 19 Wendy's located throughout SC.



In 2003 Gov. Mark Sanford appointed Mr. Campbell to the Governing Board of Natural Resources where he is Vice Chair and the Chairman of the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee. Previous to this he served as the Director of Business Development and Governmental affairs at Quoadx, and joined a technologically advanced electronic commerce and bill payment corporation named TeleQuest Corp. He was VP of Marketing and Business development for *BancPlus*.

Mr. Campbell has vast experience and knowledge in the political arena with service in various roles of the campaigns including his father SC Gov. Carroll Campbell Jr and at the age of 12 he had his first exposure to national politics volunteering for the presidential campaign for President Ronald Reagan. Since then he has been involved in the presidential campaign for George H W Bush, Strom Thurmond, Bob Dole, George W Bush, Lindsey Graham and played an integral role in the election of Mark Sanford.

He was born in Greenville SC and attended USC. He is married to Marie Ruffin Smith and they have 2 children.

Adjutant General of South Carolina - MG Robert E. Livingston, Jr.

He will also be coming to speak for just a few minutes.

Legislative Day was a great event. We were recognized by the South Carolina House and Senate. The brunch and lunch at the City Club and Blatt House was delightful as well as the wonderful speakers. The event was culminated by our own private tour of the Governor's Mansion. It was a day to met other South Carolina Federation of Republican Women from across the state. Please, plan to attend this special day at the next occurrence. A special thank you to Karen Titcomb, Legislative Chair for all of your hard work to make this day a special event

I would like to thank Janie McPhee, Membership Chair, for all or her team's hard work. She as well as Marlene Dowd, Barbara Koproski, and Camilla Ploof have seen to it that our new members are receiving the needed information packets, and a personalized note of welcome. Janice and her team have made great efforts to contact non-renewals. The membership committee is currently working on the new directory with pictures to be made in May, June and July.

Susan Kendrick, Pubic Relations Chair, has invited all members to her home for an informal get together for the sole purpose of socializing on Sunday, June 1st. Susan is planning this informal social occasion which will allow us to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. The theme of this party is "Salad". Please bring your favorite salad as every thing else will be provided. RSVP to Susan at susankendrick1@charter.net or call 423-6873. Directions will be provided as she receives your RSVP. Susan lives in Simpsonville near the Heritage Park.

Legislative Notes - - Karen McManaway

Timeless

As I was going through my morning routine and listening to "Life Today" with James Robinson he played a clip from the 1980 National Affairs Briefing with Ronald Reagan, then Governor of California. Mr. Robinson and other religious leaders had gathered together in united prayer for our country and had invited Mr. Reagan to speak. I ended up late for work that day as I was riveted by his words. When it was over, I put it in the back of my mind and hurried to begin my day. The following week Mr. Robinson played the same clip over. Again, I had to listen to every word although I had just heard it the prior week. To my great joy, Mr. Robinson has posted this great speech on Youtube. I listened again and wrote down almost every word and felt led to share this with my fellow Republicans. Before I share this speech with you, I want to thank all of the wonderful members of this club with whom I have the privilege and honor of serving with for our Lord and our country. I feel this speech is even more important and relevant today than ever.

"Throughout history man has adopted 4 billion laws. It always seems to me, however, in all of that time and all those laws, we have not improved one iota on the 10 commandments. Today, traditional Judeo-Christian values based on moral teachings on religion are undergoing what is perhaps the most serious challenge in our national history. Nowhere is this more pronounced or more dangerous than in the area of public policy. So it is fitting that the topic of our meeting is "National Affairs" for it is precisely the affairs of our nation that face challenge to those values is the greatest. In recent years we have seen new and cynical attitudes on the part of those who would seek to remove from public policy debate the values of traditional morality. This tactic seeks to not only discredit traditional moral teaching, but also to exclude them from public debate by intimidation and name calling.

We have all heard it charged that whenever those with traditional religious values seek to contribute to public policy they are attempting to impose their views on others. We are told that any public policy approach that incorporates traditional values is out of bounds. This is a matter that transcends partisan politics and Ledemands the attention of every American regardless of party. If we have come to a time in the United States

when the attempt to save moral traditional values is reflected in our public policies leaves one open for irresponsible charges then the structure of our free society is under attack and the foundation of our freedom is threatened.

Under the pretense of separation of church and state, religious freedom cannot be advocated in many of our public institutions, but atheism can. I have often thought of serving an atheist a delicious gourmet meal dinner and then asking he/she whether they believed there was a cook. When I hear the 1st Amendment used as a reason to keep moral traditional values away from our policy making, I am shocked. The 1st Amendment was written not to protect the people and their laws from religious values, but to protect those values from government tyranny. This is what Madison meant when he drafted the Constitution and that precious 1st Amendment. This is what state legislators meant when they ratified it, and this is what a long line of Supreme Court decisions meant. But over the past 2 or 3 decades, the federal government seems to have forgotten both that old time religion and that old time Constitution. When I made the decision to seek the Presidency, I quoted one of the early colonists who landed on the Massachusetts shore telling the little band with him that the eyes of all mankind are on them and that they can be as a shining city upon a hill. Well, the eyes of all mankind are still upon on pleading with us to keep our rendezvous with destiny and gives hope to all that yearn for freedom and cherish human dignity. We have God's promise that if we turn to him and ask for help, we shall have it. With His help we can still become the shining city upon a hill. I have always believed with a blessing brings with it a responsibility. A responsibility to use that blessing wisely, to share it generously, and to preserve it for those who come after us. If we believe that God had blessed America, when we do not just have the right to vote, but a duty to vote. We do not just have the freedom to work in campaigns and run for office, and comment on public affairs, we have a responsibility to do so. That is the only way to preserve our blessings, extend them to others, and hand them to our children.

If you do not speak your mind and cast ballots, then who will speak and work for the ideals we cherish. Who will vote to protect the American family and respect its interest in the formulation of public policy? Who, if not you and millions more like you will vote to defend the defenseless, the weak, the very young, the poor, and the very old? When you stand up for your values, when you assert your civil rights to vote and to participate fully in government then you are defending our true heritage of religious liberty. Our response can be in every man and woman who seek divine guidance in the policies of their government and the promulgation of our laws.

When the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, they were told their government and laws must be models to other nations showing the world the wisdom and meaning of their God. To us, as to the ancient people, there is given an opportunity and a chance to make our laws and government not only a model to mankind, but a testament to the wisdom and mercy of our God. Let it be said of us...surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR APRIL!

**Ann K. Brewton, Dettie Piper, Kelly B. Clemens
Bang Hall and Kathy Emerson**

Membership Notes

WE WILL BE TAKING PICTURES FOR OUR 2014 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AT OUR MAY MEETING FROM 11:00 TO 12:00 AND AFTER LUNCH FROM 1:00 TO 1:45. IF YOU PREFER NOT TO TAKE A NEW PICTURE AND USE YOUR PICTURE THAT WAS IN THE 2012 DIRECTORY PLEASE ADVISE JANICE MCPHEE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE BY EMAIL AT AIRBORNE82@CHARTER.NET OR TELEPHONE AT 864-967-9618. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN AT THE MAY MEETING WE WILL ALSO BE TAKING PICTURES AT THE JUNE AND JULY MEETINGS.

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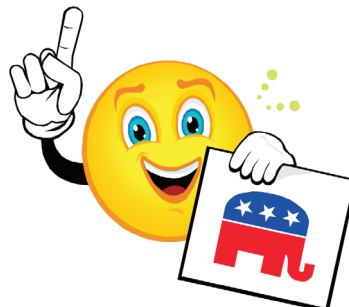
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April Luncheon 12:00 - 1:00
THE POINSETT CLUB

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