



The Elephant's Ear

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Event for February:
TBD

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January Meeting:

Ellen E. Weaver | President & CEO | Palmetto Policy Forum

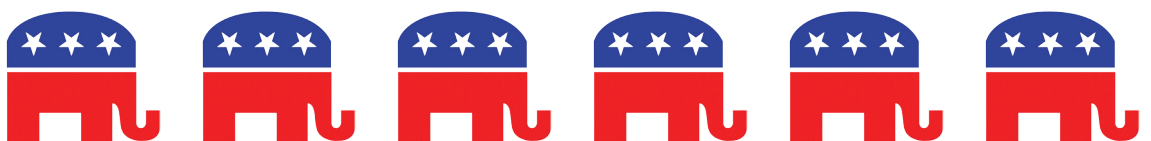
Greenville, South Carolina native Ellen Weaver worked for 12 years in the office of U.S. Senator Jim DeMint, serving in numerous roles in both Washington, DC and South Carolina. Her final assignment as State Director included responsibility for management of staff, communications, outreach and political strategy in the state.

Now leading Palmetto Policy Forum (PPF) – an independent, state-based “action engine” dedicated to bring citizens together to implement bold policy solutions that expand opportunity for every South Carolinian – Ellen has authored opinion pieces in Investor’s Business Daily, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Washington Times and across the opinion pages of South Carolina.



She is especially passionate about expanding high-quality education choice for every student, having experienced its power in her own life. PPF’s flagship publication, Empower Opportunity: Education Options for South Carolina Families, is an award-winning resource guide for parents in the Palmetto State and can be found at www.mysceducation.org in both English and Spanish.

Ellen is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia and the Columbia Rotary Club. In her spare time, she is an avid reader, musician and “dog mom” who loves to travel.



Notes of Interest from Our President, Mrs. Linda Slaton:

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The club's condolences go out to the family of Mary Drawdy who passed away last week. Mary is a past 1st V. President and served as president when her sister, Betsy Farnsworth, then president was recuperating from an injury. Her sister-in-law, Pat Earle, daughter-in-law, Sarah Drawdy, and niece, Jenny Earle have all been members of our club and have served in a variety of offices.

New Price for Lunch

Please remember that the price of lunch will be \$17.00 starting with the January meeting. The price increase is due to the Poinsett Club raising their price to \$16.52 per lunch. Plan to have your checks made out ahead to GCRWC or the correct amount in cash to make check-in as simple as possible.

SCFRW Board Meeting: All members are eligible to attend.

The first SCFRW board meeting for 2015 will be Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the Phillips Market Center, State Farmers Market, in West Columbia. All officers and club members are eligible to attend.

Precinct Re-Organization

Have you ever asked yourself, "How can I be more involved"? How can I meet all of the presidential candidates running for the 2016 Republican Party on one morning in Greenville? Would you like the opportunity to vote your voice at the Greenville County Republican Party? This March you will have the opportunity to carry your voice to the Greenville County GOP as well as sign-up to attend the Greenville County Convention to be held April 2015, but you will have to attend your Precinct Meeting on March 16, 2015. Please mark your calendars for this date.

Legislative Notes -- Karen McManaway

Rocky Roads Ahead?

The road tax was defeated in the November election on a county level, but on a state level, our lawmakers aren't ready to throw the towel in just yet.

Sen. Nikki Setzler, leader of Senate Democrats, recommends creating a fund for improving our interstate by taking sales tax on cars and leveraging it with revenue bonds to accumulate almost \$600 million per year.

Rep. Tommy Stringer, has pre-filed two similar bills that creates a tool to transfer non-federal aid secondary roads from state to county control for up to 21,000 miles of secondary roads now in the state's road inventory to county government. Why 21,000? These are considered secondary roads and are not eligible for federal aid and these roads should be managed by the counties according to Rep. Stringer.

Rep Stringer states that SCDOT manages the 4th highest number of road miles as compared to other states and before SCDOT can be reformed, its true scope and mission must be decided. The SCDOT should be concentrating on improving our overall state road system, not the two lane road in your neighborhood.

The bills that have been pre-filed are identical except for the funding method and a tax credit. One bill carves out funds from the existing gas tax. The other bill increases the gas tax while granting an income tax credit as an offset. The funds will flow through a newly created T-fund and are designated to be used only to improve current roads during the transfer process. These bills have a sunset provision. Once the transfer is completed, the T-Fund is eliminated.

The carving out funds from the existing gas tax may survive, but the bill that increases our current gas tax may have little chance of survival as Gov. Nikki Haley has threatened to veto any increase in the gas tax. A problem for both bills may be that some county officials have already made it known that they are not happy about the idea of accepting state roads within their jurisdictions, citing a lack of trust, money, and expertise.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NOTES

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CONTEST

The SCFRW (SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION of REPUBLICAN WOMEN) is sponsoring a statewide Membership Renewal Contest GET PUMPED! The contest runs from November 1, 2014 thru January 31, 2015.

So, **LET'S GET PUMPED** and win this contest because as the largest club in the state we are up for the challenge!

To renew your membership please fill out the Renewal Form below and mail it with your check made out to GCRWC for \$20.00 to Mary Beth Green, 117 Mitchell Avenue, Clemson, SC 29631, or return at our meeting January 22, 2015.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM (PLEASE PRINT) DUES ARE \$20.00 PER CALENDAR YEAR.

NAME: _____
 STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
 COUNTY _____ 9 DIGIT ZIP CODE _____
 PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____
 FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NUMBER (HOUSE 1-7)* _____

WOULD YOU LIKE OUR NEWSLETTER (ELEPHANT'S EAR) SENT BY EMAIL YES _____ NO _____

NOTE 1: IF ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THE RENEWAL FORM HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR JUST FILL IN YOUR NAME AND WRITE SAME NO NEED TO FILL OUT THE RENEWAL FORM AGAIN.

NOTE 2: TO RECEIVE THE ELEPHANT'S EAR AND BE ON THE GCRWC MEMBERSHIP LIST YOU MUST RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY FEBRUARY 2015.

*Required by the NFRW

SUNSHINE NEWS

The passing of Mary Earle Drawdy.
Karen Titcomb had surgery and will continue medical treatment.

If anyone knows of any illness with a club member or their family please notify Pat McManaway
Sunshine Committee Chair at 329-9030 or patsymcmanaway@gmail.com

*** 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. 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.

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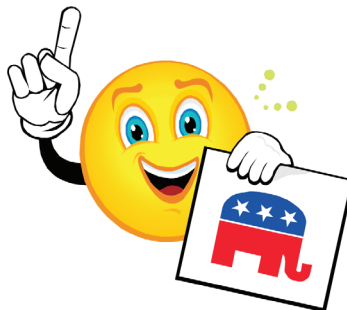
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January Luncheon 12:00 - 1:00
THE POINSETT CLUB

Please make reservations to gcrwreply@yahoo.com or by calling Evelyn Hargett at 864-630-2315 by 8:00 PM Monday, January 19th. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Monday, January 19th to avoid the \$17.00 luncheon fee. If you have a standing reservation contract for the 2015 year and not able to attend, please email Evelyn by 8:00 PM on Monday, January 19th.