



The Elephant's Ear

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October 26 Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club

\$18.00 Members / \$20.00 Non-Members

November 3 Fundraiser Luncheon Meeting

12:00 Noon, Poinsett Club

\$25.00 Members and Guests

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mary Beth Green

Perfect weather, good food, interesting speakers, committed women, fun, laughter and beach-walks! GCRWC delegates stayed busy, talked a lot and shared stories with each other, learned more about one another, and had such a great time together during the SCFRW 2017 Convention, October 13 to 15. We won the award for the most number of new members of any Club in the state. I thank you all for encouraging friends and family members to attend our meetings. I appreciate all your fresh ideas and the dedication of Membership Chair, Dianne Mitchell and her team. In addition, our own Kathy Davis was elected 2nd Vice President of SCFRW. I hope everyone will attend in two years for the next Biennial State Convention. Governor McMaster and Tennessee Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn made presentations at the Saturday night banquet. Cheryl Saks from Bridge Builders presented "The Prayer Saturated Family" during the ecumenical breakfast Sunday morning. She provided several examples of answered prayers, including a school that changed from a high number of drug overdoses to a drug-free campus, all because people joined at the school to pray.

Speaker Nick Adams challenged us to tell the good news of Americanism. He confronted the liberal agenda of political correctness and promoted the American ideals and blessings of Liberty. Adams described the responsibilities of freedom as opposed to passing countless regulations every year. He serves as an example of sharing the blessings of Liberty rather than standing by while others try to take it from us. If we want to keep our republic and keep our American liberty, we must teach our children the blessings of Liberty even through service on local boards and commissions.

For example, I serve on my city's Planning Commission and have recently been called an "elitist" and a "Groupthinker." I support open spaces in Clemson rather than "Densification", a term for building more houses in smaller and smaller land places. The current proposed zoning would allow and encourage a new official zoning code so that Clemson homes and family neighborhoods can be destroyed in order to make way for more and smaller homes on smaller and smaller lots to allow for more people who want to live here. Trying to rebuild our neighborhoods like parking decks just isn't what young families need. The cascading effect of "parking-deck" housing developments would be mainly to profit real estate companies, developers, and their banks while sacrificing the very community they are intended to serve. The new zoning proposal does not benefit our neighborhoods. This is another so called solution that only creates more problems.

There is clearly an overall push to convince people that they need to work, sleep, shop and do all their activities in one area. That's being a "Groupthinker!" I am NOT a "Groupthinker." Our personal vehicle is not to be replaced by forced mass transit furthering the controlling limitations of the Groupthinkers! We want and cherish liberty. Is Groupthink what we wish for our grandchildren and their grandchildren? Common sense and truth will win out. Please bring your common sense questions and liberty principle of smaller government and less taxes to the local unelected positions of boards and commissions. Liberals love to run the government in order to try to run our lives. After all, they want to tell others the "correct" way to live. They are the Groupthinkers. Oppose Groupthink! (OGT)

**** OCTOBER 26th LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

Racine Cooper, 2nd Vice President

Tom Davis is a Republican member of the South Carolina State Senate, representing District 46. He was first elected to the chamber in 2008 and was an at-large delegate from South Carolina to the 2016 Republican Convention.

Senator Davis is considered to be one the most conservative Senators in the chamber at this time. He serves on the following committees: Finance, Corrections and Penology, Invitations Chair, and Labor and Medical Affairs.

Senator Davis has visited the Upstate numerous times to speak about what is happening in the South Carolina Legislature. Plan to come listen to and have a conversation with this informative speaker. **Make your reservations by Sunday, October 22**



**** NOVEMBER 3rd FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

Henry McMaster is a politician and attorney who is the 117th and current Governor of South Carolina. He assumed office on January 24, 2017 and previously served as the 91st Lieutenant Governor from 2015 to 2017. He held the office of Attorney General from 2003-2011.

The son of attorney and former state representative John McMaster, Governor McMaster is a lifelong servant of the our state and is currently seeking re-election to the office of Governor. **Make your reservations by Sunday, October 29, (including those with "standing reservations" for this additional meeting.)**

***** COME TO THE MEETINGS EARLY TO SOCIALIZE *****

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SUPPORT OUR FEDERATION SISTERS IN CALIFORNIA!

The California Federation of Republican Women Caring for America Committee has initiated a gift card drive for Federation members **who have been impacted by the wildfires in California.**

The immediate need is for gift cards for businesses that sell personal essentials (i.e. Wal-Mart, Target, Home Depot, Lowe's) or for prepaid generic gift cards (i.e. VISA, MasterCard).

Please send the gift cards to:

Gaylon Kastner
Kastner Honda
480 Soscol Avenue
Napa, CA 94559

OR

Sherry Rallis
1702 Larkspur Drive
Placentia, CA 92870

GCRWC Members might also donate \$\$ and we will purchase the gift cards to send. Some families have lost everything! CFRW will get your gifts out to where they are needed as quickly as possible. Thank you for caring, and God bless you.

"DOLLARS FROM HEAVEN"



If you have a special charity you would like to see receive the "Dollars from Heaven" proceeds this year, please turn in the information to Mary Beth Green (presgcrwc@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

Remember to donate by placing your dollars in the baskets found on each table at our meetings. Thank you for being generous!

VOTING AT OCTOBER MEETING

We will vote during the October 26 meeting for the 2018-2019 GCRWC Officers. ***All members in good standing please plan to attend.***

Also, an amendment to the GCRWC Bylaws was presented during the September meeting. Since the Bylaws Committee has presented it, the amendment does not require a second. The vote for this amendment is scheduled during the October meeting.



Debbie Spaugh, Legislative Chair

THE NUCLEAR FIASCO

In 2008 Santee Cooper partnered with SCANA (the parent company of SCE&G) to build two V.C. Sumner nuclear reactors. Due to the construction project falling years behind schedule and suffering major cost overruns, the project was abandoned July 2017. Customers of these two utility companies have already paid \$2 Billion through 14 rate hikes to pay for construction costs and debt service. Now, SCANA is asking for \$2.2 Billion more from its ratepayers to shut down the project and pay off debt from the failed project. Thanks to South Carolina Legislators, who passed the "Base Load Review Act" in 2007, ratepayers are on the hook to pay SCANA's debt for the failed project.

Santee Cooper is the state's largest energy supplier and serves about two million people in all forty-six counties in South Carolina. It is a state-owned utility and is funded entirely by ratepayers. Santee Cooper's customers are on the hook for at least \$3.4 Billion to pay off debt associated with the failed project.

Who is responsible for this fiasco? As is often the case in South Carolina, State Legislators bear most of the blame. According to the SC Policy Council, the Public Service Commission (PSC) is responsible "for all decisions to approve the nuclear construction project's plan at every step of the way." Public Service Commissioners are elected by the General Assembly. The Public Utility Review Committee (PURC) screens and nominates candidates to the PSC. The PURC is required to do annual performance reviews of each PSC member, and of the PSC as a whole, and present the reviews to the General Assembly for reelection consideration. The PURC is made up of 3 House members, 3 Senate members, 2 members of the general public appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 2 members of the general public appointed by the Senate Judiciary Chairman. Per the SC Policy Council, "Any problems with the nuclear project should have surfaced early under the oversight of the PSC. Those problems should likewise have been identified by the PURC as it oversaw the PSC and forwarded to the General Assembly as required by state law."

Santee Cooper is governed by a 12-member board of directors, who are nominated, screened and confirmed by State Legislators. According to the SC Policy Council, "as problems piled up, Santee Cooper should have reported the situation to state regulators and the General Assembly." According to the Freedom Action Network of SC, Santee Cooper CEO, Lonnie Carter, who is retiring with a "\$16 million retirement package funded by us [South Carolinians], actually dropped some inconvenient truth for politicians at yesterday's legislative hearing. He stated that, "ULTIMATELY, YOU {LEGISLATORS} HAVE THE ULTIMATE CONTROL OF SANTEE COOPER."

If you want to take action, click on FAN's link to ask your legislators what they know and when they knew it: <http://actnow.io/HjEXGtw>

To counteract all the naysayers against Republicans in 2018 please go to this site

https://ballotpedia.org/United_States_Congress_elections,_2018



Mary Beth Green accepts **Diamond Achievement Award** on behalf of GCRWC at the SCFRW Convention.

WATCH FOR "REVOLUTIONARY" NEW IDEA

Are you familiar with some of the inspiring women who lived during the Revolutionary War and played a part in shaping our nation's history? Watch for an upcoming email with news regarding our special Membership Drive!



**** CAMPAIGN NOTES ****

Janice McPhee, Campaign Committee Chair

GCRWC Members - this is a reminder to turn in your volunteer hours worked from July 2017 through December 2017. If you attended GOP meetings, attended Republican events, or worked by helping before or after our luncheon meetings, this all counts toward Volunteer Hours worked. Be sure to count your travel time to and from the meetings and events. Report your total hours by the month to Janice McPhee, 864-967-9618, email jatmwgm@charter.net or see me at the next meeting.

We will be having another drawing for two members to win a free lunch at our December Christmas Luncheon!

The drawing will be held at our November meeting and those who have reported Volunteer Hours to Janice McPhee are eligible and will be entered in the drawing.

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*Be sure to make reservations for all guests, also. Any lunches (including "standing reservations") not cancelled **by noon on Monday, October 23 or October 30** will be billed by the club. We still must pay the Poinsett Club for lunches ordered. Thank you!*

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