



# The Elephant's Ear

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## GCRWC Luncheon Dates

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Jeff Duncan is a South Carolina native and a 1988 graduate of Clemson University. Prior to being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He is the President and CEO of J. Duncan Associates, a South Carolina based, family owned real estate marketing firm which specialized in statewide real estate auctions.

Duncan served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives from 2002-2010, where he served as the Chairman of the House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee from 2007 to 2009.

During his tenure in the South Carolina House of Representatives, Jeff was known as one of the most conservative House Members, earning recognition as a "Taxpayer's Hero" from Governor Mark Sanford for his work combating wasteful government spending and fighting against tax increases. Jeff's other awards include "Guardian of Small Business" award from the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), A+ rating from the Club for Growth, Palmetto Leadership Award from the SC Policy Council

during his Freshman term; "Legislator of the Year" recognition from both the SC Recreation and Parks Association and the SC Wildlife Federation, and The Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor awarded by the Governor of South Carolina.

Elected in 2010 to the 112th Congress, Jeff currently sits on three House committees including the Natural Resources Committee, the Homeland Security Committee, and the Foreign Affairs Committee. He also serves as the Subcommittee Chairman of Homeland Security's Oversight and Management Efficiency Subcommittee. Additionally, Congressman Duncan was appointed by Speaker John Boehner to the Executive Committee for the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission.

Jeff takes a particular interest in the promotion of nuclear energy, a topic especially important to South Carolina, home of the Savannah River Site nuclear complex. Energy independence is vital to national security and a segue to job creation. Congressman Duncan views nuclear power as a key ingredient in that equation. He supports the use of the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada as a long-term storage site for nuclear waste. Although he is a strong proponent of American solutions to American energy issues, Congressman Duncan is not in favor of federal energy subsidies for alternative energy or ethanol.

Duncan has also worked the national security angle to border enforcement from his position on the Foreign Affairs Committee. When news reports broke in October 2011 that the Iranian government allegedly wanted members of Mexican drug cartels to carry out an assassination on U.S. soil, Duncan introduced a resolution urging the government to consider Iran a threat to the Western Hemisphere when formulating counterterrorism strategy.

Act! for America presented Representative Duncan with the "2011 National Security Patriot Award" because of his strong and enduring commitment to protecting our national security and democratic values. Jeff also serves as the co-chairman of the Sovereignty Caucus along with Colorado Republican Doug Lamborn. The Caucus seeks to combat the influence of international organizations and multilateral agreements on United States policy. He urges greater scrutiny of foreign aid and has been an advocate for blocking economic assistance to governments that oppose the United States in the U.N. General Assembly.

In September 2011, Duncan became the only member of Congress with a 100 percent rating on the Heritage Action for America legislative scorecard "covering the full spectrum of conservatism." He finished the 112th Congress at the top of the House leader board.

Jeff has been married to his wife Melody for twenty-five years and they have three sons: Graham, John Philip, and Parker. The Duncan family are members of First Baptist Church of Clinton, South Carolina.

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**LEGISLATIVE DAY IS MAY 7th!** Please check your closet for your **BLACK PANTS** or **SKIRT, WHITE TOP,** and **RED JACKET.** It's been four years since we have had a state meeting in Columbia for the S.C. Federation of Republican Women. We will be leaving by bus at 8:00 A.M. for Columbia on May 7th from Haywood Mall and a 2nd pick-up point off Harrison Bridge Rd. in Simpsonville. You will be notified of each location later. This is your chance to meet with members across the state, and meet your representatives at the Capitol. The decision by email poll decided that we will leave Columbia about 3:00 P.M. to return home. There is a reception at 4:00 at the Lace House with Governor Haley that we will not attend because that would not allow us to leave Columbia until 5:30 and return home about 7:30. (Two hours to allow for 5:00 traffic on I-26.) If you wish to stay for the entire day to include the Lace House drop-in, please plan to make your own transportation arrangements. Karen Titcomb, Legislative Day Chair, will be taking up the \$25 at the April 24th meeting which covers the cost of the bus. An additional \$15 will be collected at the brunch by the SCFRW when you check-in. Please plan to bring additional spending money for the gift shop at the Capitol. The cut off date for me to notify SCFRW for our count is the April 28th.

S.C. SENATOR TIM SCOTT will be speaking at Bob Jones University on April 22nd at the Founder's Memorial Amphitorium. There will be campus help with directions and parking.

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Representing South Carolina's 4th District, Trey Gowdy entered Congress with a resolute commitment to the conservative principles that have guided him throughout his years in public service. At the core of those principles lies a firm belief in a limited government that inspires trust and demands accountability.

Representative Gowdy serves on the House Committees on Education and the Workforce, Ethics, Judiciary, and Oversight and Government Reform. He also serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security for the Judiciary Committee. In these capacities, Representative Gowdy has fought to highlight facts, uphold the Constitution, rein in the ever-expanding scope of the federal government, and restore America's trust with a renewed spirit of honesty, fairness and reason.

He served for 6 years as a federal prosecutor and served as the 7th Circuit Solicitor. During his tenure, he started a Violence Against Women Task Force and a Worthless Check Program, enhanced and expanded Drug Court, and implemented a Drug Mother Protocol designed to assist expectant mothers break the cycle of addiction.

He was awarded the Postal Inspector's Award for the successful prosecution of J. Mark Allen, one of "America's Most Wanted" suspects. He also received the highest performance rating a federal prosecutor can receive – two years in a row. He has been recognized statewide for his commitment to victim's rights and drunken driving enforcement and nationally for excellence in death penalty prosecutions.

Trey is married to Terri Dillard Gowdy, and they have two children: Watson and Abigail. Terri works for the Spartanburg School District as a teacher's aide. Watson is a sophomore at Clemson University and Abigail is a rising 10th grader at Spartanburg High School. The Gowdy family also includes three dogs: "Judge," "Jury" and "Bailiff."

# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY – SC VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

Americans for Prosperity is a nation-wide grassroots organization advocating limited government and individual and entrepreneurial freedom. I'm excited to inform you about AFP-SC's Voter Registration Drive. We have a highly effective system, which we have tested in other states. We have identified 55,000 South Carolinians, who are aligned with us on the issues, but are not registered to vote.

During the next couple of months, we will contact these underrepresented individuals and register as many of them as possible to vote. We will contact them via social media, mailers, phone banking, and door-to-door efforts. We need activists to help us with this very important undertaking. We will train you to use our mini I-pads and phones. Since South Carolina allows citizens to register to vote online, we can register people at their front door, or by phone, to vote. When they go to vote, they simply show their photo ID.

Please join us in registering thousands of like-minded South Carolinians to vote! If you want to make a big difference in our state, please contact me.

Debbie Spaugh  
AFP-SC Upstate Field Coordinator  
Debbie@afpsouthcarolina.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. 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 Members for March!**

Susanna McShea & Joanie Spencer  
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### Membership Notes

We will be taking pictures for the New Membership Directory at our May, June and July meetings at the Poinsett Club. Tom Hanson, our photographer, will take pictures at the May meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and then from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please make an effort to have your picture taken for our Membership Directory since it is great way to familiarize yourself with our club members. If you prefer to use your picture from the 2012 directory please contact Janice McPhee, Chairman of the Membership committee, at [airborne82@charter.net](mailto:airborne82@charter.net) or 864 967-9618.

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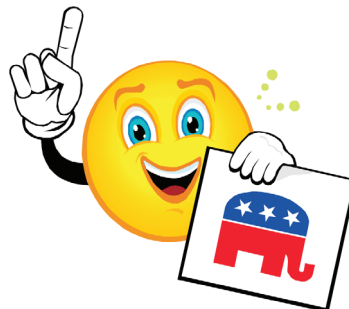
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April Luncheon 12:00 - 1:00  
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Please make reservations to [gcrwreply@yahoo.com](mailto:gcrwreply@yahoo.com) or by calling Evelyn Balsiger at 864-630-2315 by 8:00 PM Monday, April 21st. Cancellations must be made by 8:00 PM on Monday, April 21st to avoid the \$20.00 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, April 21st. You can also purchase tickets online at <http://go-greenevents.comGCRWApril>.