

— IN THE SPOTLIGHT —

**GLENN MCCALL, SECOND VICE CHAIR, SOUTH CAROLINA GOP  
TO SPEAK AT JULY 26 MEETING**

This past May, a number of our members who were chosen as delegates attended the South Carolina Republican Party Convention in Columbia.

One of the speakers was so enthusiastic, so dynamic and so informative we asked him to come to Greenville and speak to our club.

So on July 26, Glenn McCall, second vice chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party and chairman of the York County Republican Party, will be our featured speaker. Mr. McCall lives in Rock Hill, and he is employed as senior vice president of Bank of America in nearby Charlotte.

Over the past several months, many of our members have expressed concern about some of our elected representatives. Our meeting on July 26 will provide us with an excellent opportunity to hear from our state Republican Party and learn where it stands on some of the critical issues we face in our nation and our state today.

In addition to Mr. McCall, you will also have a chance to hear and meet Amy Ryberg Doyle, one of



Glenn McCall

our own GCRWC members, who is a candidate for Greenville City Council District 1.

You will learn why Amy is running for city council, and which issues she feels are the most important to District 1 and the city of Greenville. For more information visit Amy's web site at [www.amyrunning.com](http://www.amyrunning.com).

Join us at noon for lunch and fellowship on July 26 at the elegant Poinsett Club in beautiful downtown Greenville. *Geri Warren.*



Amy Ryberg Doyle

**MEMBERS, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!**

Members, please call the appropriate person below or e-mail Carol Cobb to make your luncheon reservation by **noon, Monday, July 23.**

Last Name • A — C: Nancy Cline 281-0534

Last Name • D — F: Linda Slaton 288-0560

Last Name • G — J: Ann Brown 295-3964

Last Name • K — M: Lucy Kilby 233-6000

Last Name • N — P: Karen Mims 288-2162

Last Name • Q — R:

Last Name • S — Z: Shirdale Hebert 268-2540

Carol Cobb — e-mail: [carolcobb@aol.com](mailto:carolcobb@aol.com) by noon, Monday, July 23. **Cancellations: Call 220-5068 by 8 p.m. on the Monday before the luncheon.**

*Please note: You will be billed \$14 if you make a reservation and do not come to the luncheon.*

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!**

Jamie Bach, Ann Daly, Virginia Harper, Nancy Minor,  
Martha Parker and Chris Raynes.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

We will have a membership contest at our July 26 luncheon with a nice prize for the person who brings the most guests. We will also give a nice gift to each member who gets a new member to join the Greenville County Republican Women's Club before Aug. 1. So let's get busy and invite Republican friends and family.

We are looking forward to our guest speaker this month, Glenn McCall, second vice chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party. Also our own Amy Ryberg Doyle, a candidate for city council, will speak.

You do not want to miss the August meeting for many reasons. First, our guest speaker will be from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Second, the nominating committee will announce its slate of officers for 2008-09 and third, we will elect delegates to

the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women's state convention in North Charleston, Oct. 18-21.

Each club is entitled to have one delegate for each 10 members. The registration fee of \$125 will be paid for the delegate by GCRWC. Delegates and alternates will be responsible for transportation or carpooling and reservations for rooms at the Sheraton.

SCFRW President LaDonna Ryggs will be at the July luncheon to tell you more about the exciting convention.

We have some important meetings ahead, so make plans to attend and bring a prospective member.

Sincerely,  
*Betty Poe*

## — PROFILES: LAURA CLEMENT COUSAR —

*Highlighting members of GCRWC — By Joanne Meadows*

Laura Clement Cousar is a true Southerner. She grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, received her B.S. degree from the University of Alabama, went to graduate school at Duke University, and then moved to South Carolina.

Duke University was a romantic setting for Laura Cousar. There she met her future husband. Laura was in a therapeutic dietetic internship at Duke Medical Center when she met George Cousar. He was a fourth year medical student. George was from Bishopville, S.C., but he spent most of his early life in the former Belgian Congo, where his parents were

medical missionaries with the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Cousar and his new bride moved to Greenville in 1967 when he opened his ophthalmology office. He specializes in diseases and surgery of the eyes.

The Cousars have lived in Greenville at their Stonehaven home in the Parkins Mill area for 35 years. They have two daughters. Martha is an R.N. at Roper Hospital in Charleston. She lives on Daniel Island.

The older daughter, Catharine Perkins, lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband, Bill, and their three children, ages 15, 11 and 8. Laura's car is often headed south on I-85, where Laura loves to visit with her grandchildren.

Laura has been active in many organizations including the Greenville County Medical Auxiliary, Junior League of Greenville, Crescent Community Club and the Greenville Garden Club. She has also been involved with fund-raising for the Piedmont Women's Center. The Cousars are members of First Presbyterian Church.

Laura enjoys reading, baby-sitting and traveling. The Cousars have traveled extensively worldwide with her two brothers. She loved having a home base in many countries with day trips to sightsee in the area.

Laura has been a member of the Greenville County Republican Women's Club for several years. She was invited to attend GCRWC by her friends, Betty Orders and Detti Piper.

## Sunshine report

The GCRWC extends deepest sympathy to the family of Nancee Knight, who passed away June 25.

Nancee was a longtime member of our club, and the last few years was unable to attend. A daughter, Nancee Lee Yearick, was a past vice president.

We also extend deepest sympathy to Dot Stroud in the passing of her husband, Bill. He was the father of Tony Faulconer, and grandfather of Dotty Hollis, all GCRWC members.

Edna Cobb fell last month and broke her nose. She is doing well, and we hope to see her at our luncheon.

Please pray for Judy Cooter as she continues to battle an infection.

## Executive Committee meeting

The next Greenville County Republican Party Executive Committee meeting will take place Monday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. at Greenville Tech. Everyone is invited.

On the agenda will be the election of members to the following committees: Rules, Finance and Candidate Recruitment. You do not have to be a member of the Executive Committee to be elected. Candidates will have one minute to speak on why they should be elected.

So if you are interested in running or if you know someone you would like to nominate, please plan to be at the meeting.

## State convention

The SCFRW state convention will take place Oct. 18-21 in North Charleston. Hosts are the Berkeley County Republican Women. The registration fee is \$125 per person, and the room cost is \$119 plus tax.

A regents cruise is on tap for Thursday, Oct. 18, when Palmetto and Crescent Regent level ladies will have a dinner cruise around Charleston Harbor. A Presidential dinner is set for Oct. 19 at 6:30 with the candidates. A Presidential forum follows at 7:30.

The business session is scheduled for Saturday morning. It will include election of new officers and any new bylaw changes.

On Sunday morning from 9 to 11, visit one of the beautiful gardens and commune with nature and God during our prayer breakfast.

## DATES OF INTEREST

July 26	Noon GCRWC at Poinsett Club
Aug. 6	Greenville County GOP Executive Committee Meeting 7 p.m., Greenville Tech. Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan- sas), presidential candidate, will attend.
Aug. 23	Noon GCRWC at Poinsett Club
Sept. 28-30	NFRW Convention Palm Springs, California
Oct. 18-21	SCFRW Convention Sheraton Hotel North Charleston

### Marlene Dowd 'My Favorite Teacher'

Marlene Dowd, member of the Greenville County Republican Women's Club, was named "My Favorite Teacher" by the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women.



Mrs. Dowd teaches keyboarding at Northwood Middle School in Taylors. She has taught business education courses for more than 30 years on the middle and high school, secretarial school and technical college levels. She is exemplary in her dedication to her students, school and colleagues.

### SCFRW 2008-2009 slate

(as presented by Nominating Committee)

President	Mary McAbee Anderson Republican Women
First Vice President	Betty Poe Greenville County Republican Women
Second Vice President	Sandra Bryan Capital City Republican Women
Recording Secretary	Mikki Hunter Knightsville Republican Women
Treasurer	Lisa Manini Sox West Columbia Republican Women

The election will take place at the SCFRW Convention in North Charleston in October.

## Senate examines border guards' case

Urge Sens. Graham and DeMint to support  
a Presidential pardon for Ramos and Compean

In light of his commutation earlier this month of Scooter Libby's prison sentence, the President certainly should have no objection to extending the same courtesy to U.S. Border Patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean.

The U.S. Senate conducted a hearing July 17 to examine the events that led to the unjust prosecution of the two border guards and recommend a Presidential pardon.

Ramos and Compean, who are currently serving 11- and 12-year prison sentences, were guarding the Mexican border near El Paso, Texas, on Feb. 17, 2005, when they intercepted a van carrying 743 pounds of marijuana and attempted to stop the illegal drug-smuggler from crossing the border.

Despite requests for a congressional pardon in H.R. 563 ([www.thomas.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:h.r.00563](http://www.thomas.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:h.r.00563)), which currently has 100 cosponsors, and at least 160,000 petitions and 15,000 faxes from U.S. citizens to the Department of Justice and the White House, the Bush Administration continues to maintain that the border guards received a fair trial, even though the facts of the case point to the contrary.

Urge Sens. Lindsey Graham and Jim DeMint to support a Presidential pardon for Ramos and Compean. *Patty Stoner.*

## Book of the Month

*The Troops Need You, America: Six Ways to Help Them Win From Your Living Room* by Major Eric Egland. Check out the author's web site at [www.troopsneedyou.com](http://www.troopsneedyou.com)



## Plan for ICE on Aug. 23

It Promises to Be a Hot Time at the Poinsett Club

Immigration is one of the most important and most controversial issues facing our country and our state today.

With President Bush, Sens. Lindsey Graham, Ted Kennedy and others fighting to pass an immigration reform bill, we have been discussing the issue of immigration almost continuously for months now.

We have listened to reports and discussions on television and the radio, and we have read about it in our newspapers and on our computers. We have also raised our voices to express our concerns to our elected representatives, sometimes to no avail.

To provide our members with the most accurate information, we have lined up experts on immigration to speak at our Aug. 23 meeting — ICE.

ICE, or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, has agreed to have an agent from Atlanta join us at the Poinsett Club Aug. 23 to provide us with their insight on immigration. They have also agreed to discuss the impact of immigration on the nation as a whole, and on South Carolina specifically.

This is one program you will not want to miss, so mark your calendars and plan to join us. In fact, it will be a great time to bring a friend and future member. But don't bring your coat because it could be a very hot meeting. See you Aug. 23. *Geri Warren.*



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## The Elephant's Ear

July '07

Join Us for the July Luncheon Meeting

Thursday — Noon

July 26

at the Poinsett Club (807 E. Washington St.)  
in beautiful downtown Greenville, S.C.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND & BRING A REPUBLICAN FRIEND.

THE COST FOR THE LUNCHEON IS \$14 PER PERSON.

— REMEMBER —

GUESTS NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS BY NOON  
ON MONDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON