

— IN THE SPOTLIGHT —

**DON'T MISS OUR JUNE PROGRAM  
ON AMERICANISM**

On Thursday, June 28, our annual program on Americanism will have three special features you will not want to miss.

Colonel Robert Browning (U.S. Marine Corps retired), our own Pat Browning's husband, will join us to discuss his experiences in the Middle East and his more recent service to support our men and women in the military.

Bob started and runs First Presbyterian Church's Military Ministry, and you will be amazed to learn what he has accomplished for our military personnel and what could be done at your own church or by other organizations.

Bob is a native of Florida and received his college degree from Florida State University. After joining the Marine Corps, he served two tours in Vietnam. Subsequently, he served in the United Kingdom and in Bahrain, a vital part of the Middle East. He also served in the Pentagon. After his retirement, Bob worked in the aeronautics industry, and he now has his own international consulting firm. We are fortunate to have Bob join us between his international work and travel.

In addition to Bob Browning, we will also feature another Marine veteran at our June 28 meeting. Al Bergman and his band will entertain us with patriotic music. Al was raised in a musical family, and he successfully followed in the family tradition. His uncle, Dewey Bergman, played with Guy Lombardo for more than 30 years. Following his service as a Marine, Al played with Charlie Spivak, and he still plays at Furman University, for his church, the American Legion, the Shriners and at various other places and occasions around Greenville.

In addition to Bob and Al, we will also have a pre-



Robert Browning

sentation that describes the purpose and success of the Fisher Houses, which are located at more than 30 military hospitals today. These facilities house military personnel, active and retired, and their families, in a home setting when they are undergoing medical treatment. Without these homes away from home, many military families would be unable to spend this important time with their veteran because of the expenses it would entail. This is a service deserving of support, and as part of our Caring for America program, we will provide envelopes for those who would like to contribute.

Thanks to Karen Mims for chairing this important Americanism program. Join us for a delicious lunch at the beautiful Poinsett Club at noon on Thursday, June 28. It will be a great way to start your Fourth of July celebration! *Geri Warren.*

**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, June 25.**

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: Wanda Rabenda 325-6568

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

Carol Cobb — e-mail: carolcobb@aol.com by noon, Monday, June 25. **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 MEMBER!

Christian Przirembel

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

If you were at the May luncheon, you heard our guest speaker, Bob McAlister. The first part of his speech was about the difference between Democrats and Republicans, and it was great and well received.

Then he began to tell us how much he supported the senior senator from South Carolina, and you could feel the air in the room quickly change, but you continued to be the gracious group that you are.

Well, later I received a telephone call from Mr. McAlister, who said that his wife sort of kicked his behind all the way home to Columbia and that he had lost sleep over the situation, so he apologized—not for what he said, but for how he said it. Apology accepted.

A sincere thank you to our members and associates who worked for my election to the board of the Greenville County GOP. It is so good to have a member of our club serve on the board. Many of our club members and associates serve as precinct presidents and executive committeemen.

Carol Cobb, Gisela Dales, Joanne Meadows, Betty Poe and Geri Warren represented you at the SCFRW quarterly board meeting, Saturday, June 9, at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia. Our own Mary Carolyn Garton was elected delegate at large to the NFRW convention.

The date of the SCFRW state convention will be Oct. 19-21 at the Sheraton Hotel in North Charleston. Some of the highlights of the meeting will be a campaign management school, presidential forum, dinner cruise for regents, and a prayer breakfast at Charleston Cypress Gardens.

Clubs can take one voting delegate for each 10 members. It is important that we increase our membership by the end of this month. Of course, we can take alternates and as many guests as possible. Cruising, dining, learning and voting! Ladies mark you calendar now. We are going to have a blast!

Hats off to GCRWC members who worked the polls for the June 12 Republican primary for city elections for mayor and water commissioner. This was a completely volunteer effort. Some of you worked a half day, some worked all day (that was from 6 a.m. to after 7 p.m.), and others worked at County Square receiving the boxes from workers. I would like to name you but I am afraid I would miss someone.

Carol Cobb, Kathy Davis, Marlene Dowd, Mary Carolyn Garton, Joanne Meadows, Betty Orders, Wanda Rabenda, Nancy Robinson, Geri Warren and I attended the SCFRW Leadership Training Session June 18 at the Marriott Hotel in Greenville. SCFRW President LaDonna Ryggs explained the duties of a club president. The SCFRW vice president, Mary McAbee, spoke on leadership development skills, and Marlene Saad, SCFRW fourth district director, told us how to have good programs for a better organization. We had breakout sessions where clubs could exchange ideas and share desserts.

Our June luncheon will be our annual Americanism program. It will be a day of flag waving, honoring our military, learning about Fisher Houses at military and Veterans Administration hospitals and an opportunity to contribute to the work they are doing. You just better show up or you are going to miss a really fun time.

See you June 28.

Sincerely,  
Betty Poe

## — PROFILES: Pat Browning —

*Highlighting members of GCRWC — By Joanne Meadows*

Did you realize that among the members of the Greenville County Republican Women's Club there is a former marathon runner? One member has run in four Marine marathons. **Pat Browning** no longer runs marathons, but she still runs and swims daily. She is an early bird, and she enjoys her daily jogs around Thornblade.

Pat was born in Illinois, was reared in Florida, and has lived all over the world. She and her husband, retired Marine Colonel Bob Browning, met at Florida State University.

Pat has a degree in health care administration. She worked as office manager for a doctor in St. Louis.

The Brownings have one son, Scott Browning, who lives with his wife in northern Virginia. Scott is a paramedic, and his wife is a nurse practitioner. Pat is often on the road to Virginia visiting her two grandchildren: Matthew, 13; and Alexandra, 7.

Other weeks Pat heads south to Winter Park, Florida, to visit her mom. In between those travels, she flies to Portugal with her husband.

Geri Warren introduced Pat to GCRWC. They are in the same Sunday school class at First Presbyterian Church. Pat is on the congregational care committee.

She is also the lay leader of the Elderberry group at her church. She helps plan trips and speakers for the senior citizen's class.

The Brownings are busy planning a hiking vacation. They will fly out west and hike six to 11 miles daily in New Mexico and Colorado. Pat and Bob, her husband of 45 years, plan to be at the June 28 GCRWC meeting, where he will be the speaker.

Pat enjoys the GCRWC when she is in town. Unfortunately that is not too often. She did volunteer work for the Victory 2006 Campaign.

## Volunteer Hours

From LaDonna Ryggs, state

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## Sunshine report

Catherine Hendrix had surgery,  
is home recuperating and would to

## DATES OF INTEREST

- June 23 South Carolina Federation of Young Republicans breakfast, 8:30, Marriott—Pelham & I85
  
- June 27 SCGOP luncheon, noon at Clarion Hotel, Columbia. Speaker: Fred Thompson
  
- June 28 Noon — GCRWC at Poinsett Club
  
- July 26 Noon — GCRWC at Poinsett Club
  
- Sept. 28-30 NFRW Convention Palm Springs, California
  
- Oct. 18-21 SCFRW Convention Sheraton Hotel North Charleston

### Meghan Dowd gets Eagle Forum Collegians Summit scholarship

Congratulations to Meghan Dowd, NFRW student associate member, member, for her selection as a scholar-



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### Betty Poe elected second vice chairman of Greenville County GOP

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### Mary Carolyn Garton elected delegate to national convention

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## Brit proud to be Republican

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My interest in politics and the Republican Party has been election when my sixth grade class took part and followed the of a handful of students that campaigned for and supported

At this time, my mother and I were still resident legal aliens

With great delight at Ronald Reagan winning the presi-

Much to my surprise, my other classmates started quickly

Inside this box was a beautiful package with a book about the White House, post cards and a letter addressed to me

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### Book of the Month

*How to Raise an American: 1776 Fun and Easy Tools, Tips, and Activities to Help Your Child Love This Country* by Myrna Blyth and Chriss Winston.



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## Celebrate America!



*"It is easy to take liberty for granted,  
when you have never had it taken from you." Vice President Dick Cheney*

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*Join Us for the June Luncheon Meeting*

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

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*Bob Browning*  
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June GCRWC meeting.

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*from Betty Poe, President GCRWC*

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*Important upcoming events*  
for GCRWC members

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*Brit proud to be Republican*

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**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**