

— IN THE SPOTLIGHT —

**BOB MCALISTER, 'MASTER POLITICAL COMMUNICATOR,'  
TO SPEAK AT MAY 24 MEETING**



Bob McAlister

Get ready to get fired up for the campaigns! We are fortunate to have Bob McAlister coming to our May 24 luncheon at the Poinsett Club. Bob has run campaigns and masterminded communication strategies for some of our most favorite Republican politicians for more than 30 years, including Sen. Strom Thurmond, Gov. Carol Campbell and President George W. Bush. He has a wealth of experience—with a capital *E*.

As you can imagine, Bob is also a tremendous speaker and constantly in demand. Most recently, he was the keynote speaker at the Richland County Republican Convention, April 21.

Bob is a native Greenvillian, having graduated from Carolina High School in 1968. He attended the University of South Carolina and received his degree in journalism in 1972. After graduation, he moved to Washington and wrote speeches for Sen. Thurmond, and then came home to work for Channel 4 and WFBC Radio right here in Greenville.

Gov. Campbell recognized Bob's talents, and he made Bob communications director and chief of staff. He became so close with Gov. Campbell that Bob delivered the eulogy for Gov. Campbell at his funeral.

In 1994, Bob opened McAlister Communications, a public relations firm that specializes in assisting large companies and CEOs with crisis management,

media relations and public speaking. Bob did not lose his political touch though. He served as a strategist for President Bush in 2000, for Lindsey Graham in 2002, and he is now serving as an adviser to another presidential candidate.

Bob lives in Columbia and serves as a blogger for the *State* newspaper, and he writes opinion columns for newspapers. He and his wife, Carol, also took time for 15 years to start and develop a death row ministry, which has been the subject of several books. Don't miss this chance to hear someone who has helped shape our state and our country, and whose life reflects the values we cherish. Join us at noon on Thursday, May 24, our regular meeting day, for what will be a special chance to hear and visit with a part of our state's history. *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 **8 p.m., Monday, May 21.**

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: Manisay Gabbard 335-8892

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

Carol Cobb — e-mail: carolbcobb@aol.com by 8 p.m., Monday, May 21. **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!**

Janice Lollis and associate members Samuel Harms,  
Dan Rawls and Anthony White.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

May and June are busy months because of all the deadlines.

Thanks to Melinda Lindberg for sending the awards form for the club to the Federation; Kathy Davis for compiling all the volunteer hours of our members; Joanne Meadows and Geri Warren for making a list of all the activities for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 and to all of you who have turned in



Rep. Duncan Hunter (right) with Bob Dill, *Times Examiner* editor, after Hunter's April 13 GCRWC address [Photo by Tom Hanson]

your hours. If you have not spoken to Kathy Davis, please call her as soon as possible (this includes all associate members). Her cell phone is 270-0356

I would like to thank all of you who went to GOP headquarters on Monday night, April 30, to count the ballots for Greenville County Republican Party delegates to the South Carolina Republican Party Convention, Saturday, May 19. It was very detailed work for 3½ hours, but the donuts helped.

The Commission on Women conducted a seminar, "A Seat at the Table" in Columbia, Wednesday, May 9, at Columbia College. The meeting agenda said it would explain how women can get appointed to boards and commissions. I soon discovered that the group was mostly Democrats and liberal. In the near future you will be hearing about a conference about the same subject but from the conservative point of view.

If you missed last month's luncheon, you really missed a treat. Presidential candidate Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) is so passionate about solving the illegal immigration problem and keeping America safe. This month we will welcome Bob McAlister of McAlister Communications, who will give us a snapshot of the coming presidential election.

Make your plans now to be present at the May 24 luncheon!

Sincerely,  
*Betty Poe*

## — PROFILES: THE EARLES —

*Highlighting members of GCRWC — By Joanne Meadows*

Greenville County Republican Women's Club is honored to have three generations of Earles in its membership. Jenny Squire Earle is the daughter-in-law of Pat Earle, and niece of Mary Earle Drawdy and Betsy Earle Farnsworth. Amy Earle, Jenny's daughter-in-law, is a new member. Jenny's nieces, Elizabeth and Susan, are also new members.

Jenny grew up in Bellevue, Washington, where her mother still resides. In 1976 Jenny met her future husband, Joe Earle, at the Evangelical Institute, a small Bible school on Paris Mountain.

She grew up with four sisters, and now she has three sons and two grandsons. Nathan, 28, is an attorney; Elliot, 26, works in grading; and Tim, 18, is a student at Wade Hampton High School. Nathan and Amy live in Travelers Rest with their two sons. Elliot and Tim live at home.

Joe and Jenny live on Timber Lane off State Park Road in the Paris Mountain area. They are members of North

Hills Community Church.

While rearing her family, Jenny earned her degree and worked as a respiratory therapist. Twelve years ago she earned her R.N. degree from Greenville Technical College. Today she is working at Greenville Memorial Hospital in the Coronary Care Unit.

Joe, also an employee of the Greenville Hospital System, is the head electrician for the hospital. His mother and wife claim he can fix anything electrical.

Her hobbies include spoiling her two grandsons and gardening. She has hundreds of day lilies in her yard. Dogs are also her passion, and she has three at this time. "Every home should have a dog, and every dog should have a home," quotes Jenny.

Jenny rode the bus to Columbia April 17 for the SCFRW Legislative Day at the Capitol and for the brunch at the Governor's Mansion. The Earle family continues its involvement in the Republican Party in South Carolina.

## SCFRW News

The South Carolina Federation of Republican Women's quarterly board meeting will take place at the Radisson Hotel on Bush River Road in Columbia on Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. The cost of the meeting is \$18.

Learn what is going on at the state level, get information on all committees and meet Republican women from around the state. Please let Betty Poe know if you are interested in attending. Call her at 907-1577 or send e-mail to [bspoe@charter.net](mailto:bspoe@charter.net).

## Sympathy expressions

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the families of:

Betty Benton, former member of GCRWC.

Mark Payne, son of Peggy Payne, Greenville County GOP secretary.

## DATES OF INTEREST

May 24	Noon — GCRWC at Poinsett Club
June 4	First Monday — noon Poinsett Club
June 4	Greenville County GOP Executive Committee meeting 7 p.m. Greenville Tech
June 9	SCFRW Board Meeting Radisson Hotel, Columbia
June 28	Noon — GCRWC at Poinsett Club
July 26	Noon — GCRWC at Poinsett Club

### Book of the Month

*Rediscovering God in America: Reflections on the Role of Faith in our Nation's History and Future.* By Newt Gingrich.



### GCRWC Member Delegates

The following were elected delegates to the South Carolina GOP Convention, May 19.

#### Members

Judy Cooter  
Anne Danciu  
Kathy Davis  
Marlene Dowd  
Wendy Foulke  
Joan Hamilton  
Julie Hershey  
Susan Hoag  
Joanne Meadows  
Karen Mims  
Betty Poe  
Patty Stoner  
Geri Warren

#### Associates

Bob Dill  
Bob Dowd  
Ed Foulke  
Samuel Harms  
Dennis Jones  
Willis Meadows  
Tom Mims  
Billy Mitchell  
Dan Rawls

#### Alternates to Convention

Thomas Hanson  
Lucille Sullivan  
Frankie White  
Linda Slaton  
Patricia Arceneaux  
Wanda Rebenda  
Betty Eskew  
Caroline Head  
Anthony White

## Presidential hopefuls debate in Columbia

COLUMBIA—The South Carolina Republican Party hosted the first in the South Presidential debate with Fox News May 15 at the Koger Center in Columbia.

Brit Hume, Chris Wallace and Wendell Goler moderated the debate among the 10 leading GOP contenders.

Scores of news media personnel, cameras and media vehicles were outside the Koger Center as were supporters of several of the candidates. A Fair Tax rally took place next door at the Carolina Coliseum.



Outside Koger Center [Photos by Tom Hanson, christianconservativeeditor.com]

## GOP conducts Silver Elephant Banquet

COLUMBIA—The South Carolina Republican Silver Elephant Banquet took place May 14 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

The main speaker was Sean Hannity of Fox News. Hannity showed slides of mass graves in Iraq during dinner.

Also speaking were Sens. Lindsey Graham and Jim DeMint.

First Lt. John Warren, son of Steve and Geri, attended. It was his birthday, and he had driven down from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and had to return that night. Gov. Mark Sanford wished him a happy birthday from the podium to a standing ovation.

About 1,700 people attended, and not all could get in the main room. The buffet food for the overflow room ran out.



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## Celebrate America!

*"For love of country they accepted death." President James A. Garfield*

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*Join Us for the May Luncheon Meeting*

**Thursday — Noon**

**May 24**

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

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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 8 P.M.  
ON MONDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON