

— IN THE SPOTLIGHT —

ANNUAL AUCTION FUND-RAISER SET FOR OCT. 25 MEETING

The countdown has started! Our annual auction fundraiser is just days away. It will take place at our next meeting, Oct. 25.

We are not only building on the success of past auctions, but adding new ideas for an even brighter future. So, when you are shopping, look for those small treasures to donate to the auction.

New this year

Here's the new part—two auctions will take place at one time—a silent auction and a line auction by professional auctioneer James McDowell of Eagles Basket Auctions. Ask your favorite restaurant for dinners for two—many restaurants give them—or ask for small things, beauty services such as massages, manicures, facials, or movie or theater tickets—all these make for great packages.

Bring guests to win free luncheons

Most important, how many guests have you invited to the auction? New this year is that GCRWC members with guests who are present at the auction will have their names placed in a drawing to win free luncheons for all meetings in 2008. Bring guests and increase your chances of winning! Your name will be put into the drawing for every guest you bring to the auction. Thank you Betty Poe for this idea and putting some money where my mouth is.

Here are some suggestions for guest to bring:

1. A shopaholic would be great.
2. Those friends or relatives who always brag about how much money they spend need to be there. Bring them on!
3. If you have a friend or acquaintance who you know would just enjoy an auction, invite them. They are also potential new members.

Use these standard excuses for spending too much money: "I got a bargain," "I knew you would love it," "one less Christmas gift to buy" or "I donated it for my country."

Rules to remember: Plan your strategies. There are no best friends at this auction. If you want it, outbid her! If you feel bad later, give it to her for Christmas.

Remember unique gifts and friends with money. Be ready for fun, fellowship and success.

Drop off items to Kathy Snyder-Garrett at More Than Hair, 8 Toy St. (behind the law office of Fulton and Barr) Tuesday through Friday, 9 to 6, or call one of the numbers below, and we will pick up your items from your home. If you can't get something to us in advance, please call so we get a description and work it into the auction. Call Kathy at 325-7652, Wanda at 325-6568 or Betty at 907-1577.

This is the only fund-raiser we have, so please support your club. In lieu of your contribution to the auction, your cash donation will be accepted and appreciated.

Your enthusiasm and interest will make this the most exciting auction yet. Going once, going twice. Sold to the highest bidder. *Kathy Snyder-Garrett.*

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, Oct. 22.**

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 carolbcobb@aol.com by noon, Monday, Oct. 22. **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.



2008-2009 SLATE OF OFFICERS—From left: Pat Jenkins, recording secretary; Betty Orders, corresponding secretary; Carol Cobb, second vice president; Geri Warren, president; Kathy Davis, first vice president; and Mary Carolyn Garton, treasurer. Voting will take place at the Oct. 25 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Our Oct. 25 luncheon will be a jam-packed meeting—so, what will be different about this one? Aren't they all filled to the brim? This luncheon may run more than our usual one hour because of the election of the 2008-2009 officers (see photo on page one) and our annual auction.

Plan now to attend, donate an item for the auction, and most importantly, bring friends who like to shop. This is our

only fund-raiser, and we need your support to keep the club financially sound. Of your \$15 annual dues, \$5 goes to the national federation and \$5 to the state federation, and we only get to keep \$5 for our club.

This does not pay for all the things we do during the year. For this \$5 you get 11 newsletters, and we buy memorial gifts for members who pass away, and pay for delegates to attend the state and national conventions. We contribute to national scholarships, and have many other projects.

These are just a few of the things we do, and we really need your continued help in supporting the club. We make a small amount at the luncheons, but with that we have to pay speaker expenses, and we have to pay when people make reservations and don't show up.

GCRWC has 15 delegates attending the SCFRW state convention in North Charleston Oct. 19 and 20. We wish all of you were going with us, but we will do our best to represent you well. We will have much to report at the Dec. 6 meeting.

Sincerely,
Betty Poe

Sunshine Report

The GCRWC extends deepest sympathy to the family of Eleanor Ethridge, who passed away unexpectedly early Sunday morning, Oct. 7. She was the sister of Catherine Hendrix. She will be greatly missed.

We extend our sympathy to Edna Cobb on the death of her brother, James Earl Kelley.

Catherine Hendrix had two falls in the past five weeks and is sore.

Carol Cobb had surgery Sept. 28 and is doing well.

Gloria Collins fell and broke her wrist and is healing slowly, but has little pain. Gloria will be traveling to Wisconsin to be with mother who will be having surgery. ,

Lucy Kilby had an auto accident and was banged up, but is doing well. *Mary Carolyn Garton.*

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www.gcrwc.org

— PROFILES: SHELLY KAY HADDON —

Highlighting members of GCRWC — By Joanne Meadows

Shelly Kay Haddon is new to the Greenville County Republican Women's Club, but she is not new to Greenville. She is a native Greenvillian and deeply rooted in the community.

Shelly graduated from Hampton Park Christian School. She is also a graduate of Tabernacle Baptist College, where she earned a B.S. degree in elementary education.

Her parents and grandparents are probably known to many "old timers." Her grandfather, William Marshall Kay Jr., affectionately known as "Junior," was one of the first Greenville County councilmen. Alan and Wanda Kay owned and operated Kay's Kitchen downtown, where the Mast General Store is today. Prior to the downtown location, their restaurant was located on White Horse Road. Shelly helped her parents by refilling teas and working at the register.

Mr. Kay closed the downtown store in the 1990s and became a manager for Chick-fil-A at Haywood Mall. Today he manages the Chick-fil-A's at Laurens Road and Haywood Road. Shelly worked with her dad at the mall store and at Furman University concessions with her grandparents while she was in school.

One day when Shelly was 15, she helped her father cater the football camp for Wade Hampton High School. She met Patrick that week, and he asked for her phone number. Patrick kept that phone number for two years. He called her when he came home from college, and they started dating.

Patrick Haddon attended Hiwassee College in Tennessee and then transferred to Tabernacle Baptist College. The couple married in 2000 and then



both graduated in 2002. Patrick is the owner of LawnXscapes.

Shelly taught K-5 three years at John Knox Presbyterian Church Kindergarten. Today she is a stay at home mom with son, Bonner, who is 2 years old. She is also expecting their second child in the late spring.

In 2003 the Haddons received a precinct meeting card, attended the meeting and became delegates to the Greenville County Convention. Today both are active in the GOP. Shelly is the secretary-treasurer for the Upstate Young Republicans. Patrick is the chairman of the S.C. Federation of Young Republicans. He is also a commissioner for the Parker Sewer and Fire District.

When Shelly is not busy with Republican events, she enjoys baking and crafts. The couple enjoy family oriented events with their extended families. They reside at North Franklin, and they are members of Unity Baptist Church.

Business at NFRW's 34th Biennial Convention

On Sept. 27, more than 1,800 Republican women from across the nation gathered in the desert valley of Palm Springs, California, for the four-day, 34th National Federation of Republican Women's Biennial Convention. It was an exciting, interesting and educational time, with enthusiasm for Republican values sparking electricity in the air.

The general session on the first day began in the large hall of the convention center. It was much like our own state and county GOP conventions, only much larger. Each state had its name raised on the tall poles, ready to discuss and vote on the issues to be addressed. The keynote speaker for the meeting was Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and he was introduced by Congresswoman Mary Bono, who represents the Palm Springs area in the U.S. House. As you can imagine, he was well-received by the delegates at the convention.

One of the most heated debates during the session related to an issue that will directly impact our own GCRWC. The debate centered on the need for the NFRW to raise the amount it charges for dues and a proposal made in Washington at a meeting in March that the NFRW dues be increased to \$30 per member. Current NFRW dues are only \$5 per member. After heated discussion, the NFRW dues were increased, but only by \$3 per member for a total of \$8 per member.

Another controversial topic at the convention involved the election of the new slate of NFRW officers for 2008 and 2009. The nominating committee had nominated a member from North Carolina for first vice president, and our Greenville delegation was supporting her. The immediate past president

of the NFRW, however, nominated the current second vice president for the position of first vice president, and the air was charged with controversy. In the end, the nominee from North Carolina was defeated.

The election of officers was interesting also in terms of the formality of the process. Each delegate was required to present a picture ID and her delegate badge in order to vote. The voting began at 6:15 a.m. Sunday morning and closed sharply at 8:30 a.m. It then took several hours for the votes to be counted. In the end, the delegates elected the following officers for 2008 and 2009:

President—Shirley Sadler (Ohio)

First Vice President—Sue Lynch (Wisconsin)

Second Vice President—Jane Lane (New Hampshire)

Third Vice President—Sharon Sollenbarger (Colorado)

Fourth Vice President—Rae Lynne Chornenky (Arizona)

Secretary—Jeannine Long (Oklahoma)

Treasurer—Tricia Greene (Arkansas)

After the convention, the NFRW board of directors elected three members-at-large to the Executive Committee. We are proud that LaDonna Ryggs, president of the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women, was elected to a member-at-large position. Way to go, LaDonna!

Closer to home, our pride and excitement showed at the Saturday luncheon as our own Marlene Dowd was recognized as South Carolina's recipient of the state's My Favorite Teacher award. Marlene was one of only 14 state nominees for the national award. What a wonderful achievement, Marlene.

On Sunday, the convention featured a straw poll for the party's presidential nominee. Mayor Giuliani received 50.21 percent of the 765 votes cast, with Sen. Fred Thompson running a distant second with 20.94 percent of the votes. Gov. Mitt Romney had 14.42 percent, and Gov. Mike Huckabee received 6.66 percent of the votes.

In addition to the debates and voting, the convention was filled with informative addresses by Republican leaders. Speakers included national security experts, authors, political experts and other notable important guests. Workshops dealt with such topics as public speaking, leadership and other timely and practical subjects.

The general session on Sunday was dedicated to honoring our men and women serving in the United States military. Included were moving patriotic musical performances, as well as informative talks concerning counter-terrorism. The NFRW awards were also presented on Sunday during the luncheon. LaDonna Ryggs accepted three awards on behalf of South Carolina: the Betty Heitman Award for State Excellence; the Campaign Award (25 to 49 clubs in South Carolina); and the first place Caring for America State Federation Award.

Our own GCRWC was also recognized in the program for winning the coveted Diamond Award, which is presented to local clubs that demonstrate excellence in membership development, campaign activities, programs and club functions. The Diamond Award is the top award for individual clubs. Congratulations and thanks go to our president, Betty Poe, and to all of our loyal, active members.

To read more about the convention, you can go to www.nfrw.org. Geri Warren.

Fun times at the National Convention

The opening gala gave convention-goers the red-carpet treatment. An Old Hollywood-style welcome included a fall fashion show by Beverly Hills designer David Hayes with his professional models. Diamonds were from the collection of Joan Castle Joseff, known as the Jeweler to the Stars. Joan is a staunch supporter of the NFRW. Acclaimed vocalists sang and danced to movie-related music, while wearing the original costumes.

The most memorable event for me was traveling to Simi Valley, California, to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum. More than 100 Republican women participated in a ceremony to honor the memory and legacy of President Ronald Reagan. During the ceremony a wreath was placed on President Reagan's tomb.

After the tour we were served lunch in the Air Force One Pavilion. We were privileged to board the historic aircraft, which is the centerpiece of the Air Force One Pavilion, a magnificent 90,000 square foot facility. This aircraft, with the serial number 27000, flew seven U.S. Presidents: Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton and our current President, George W. Bush. The Reagan Library received the airplane in a decommissioning ceremony Sept. 8, 2001.

It was quite a memorable trip! *Mary Carolyn Garton.*

DATES OF INTEREST


Dec. 3	Greenville County GOP Executive Committee Meeting 7 p.m., Greenville Tech
Dec. 6	Noon GCRWC at Poinsett Club

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Join Us for the October Luncheon Meeting

Thursday — Noon

Oct. 25

*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**