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DR. DAVID WOODARD, CLEMSON PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, AUTHOR, POLLSTER, TO SPEAK AT JAN. 24 MEETING

The Greenville County Republican Women's Club is honored to have Dr. David Woodard as our speaker for our January luncheon.

Dr. Woodard is a political scientist who serves as a political consultant for Republican candidates. Successful candidates include the following: Bob Inglis for Congress, 1992; Lindsey Graham for Congress, 1994 and 1996; Jim DeMint for Congress, 1998; Bob Peeler for Lieutenant Governor, 1994; George W. Bush for President, 2000; Gresham Barrett for Congress, 2002; and Jim DeMint for Senate, 2004.



Dr. David Woodard

He has been a professor in the political science department at Clemson University since 1983. He teaches political theory, political parties, politics and the cinema, and American government.

Dr. Woodard is the author of several books. His latest book is *Why We Whisper: Losing Our Right to Say It's Wrong*. He co-authored this book with Sen. Jim DeMint. According to the Barnes and Noble website, *Why Whisper?* calls on Americans who believe in traditional values to resist

the urge to stay silent and thus safe under the shameless onslaught of pressure, intimidation, and ridicule from the San Francisco-loving, *NY Times* reading, multicultural, anti-business, French-first, tree-hugging secular progressives and liberal political elites. This book was just published in January and is available at Barnes and Noble.



Dr. Woodard is also the author of *The America That Reagan Built* and *The New Southern Politics* both published in 2006. Along with several other books published before 2006, he has two books under contract that will be going to press in the near future.

He has received many honors including Alumni Master Teacher Award, Golden Key and the Fluor Daniel Award for Excellence in Teaching. He was the first campus faculty inductee to receive the Mortarboard honor.

Let's give Dr. Woodard a warm Greenville welcome when he speaks to our club in January. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, Jan. 24. Make it your New Year's resolution to attend every luncheon this year. *Kathy Davis.*

Sunshine Report

When it rains it pours. Carol Cobb's family has had a lot of sickness. Her mother-in-law Edna Cobb is recuperating at home after breaking her hip before Christmas. Her son Matthew is recovering from back surgery.

Thomas T. Taylor, died in West Virginia. He was a Navy commander and the son of member Marguerite Taylor, 92, and the nephew of member Doris Latham.

MEMBERS, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

Members, please call the appropriate person below or e-mail Cheryl Pressley to make your luncheon reservation by **noon, Monday, Jan. 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: Wanda Rabenda 325-6568
Last Name • S — Z: Shirdale Hebert 268-2540

Cheryl Pressley — e-mail gcrwreply@bellsouth.net by noon, Monday, Jan. 21. **Cancellations: Call 220-5068 by 8 p.m. on the Monday before the luncheon.**

Please note: You will be billed \$15 if you make a reservation and do not come to the luncheon.

SCFRW Board Meeting

The first SCFRW Board Meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 2, at Embassy Suites in Columbia. Registration, coffee and muffins will be from 8:30 to 9:30. The business meeting will begin at 9:30. We will break at noon, and lunch will be at 12:30. Cost will be \$25. Contact Mary McAbee, President, SCFRW, phone: 375-1715; e-mail: marymac@famview.com.

WORD's Bob McLain to speak at February luncheon

We are excited to have Bob McLain as our speaker for the GCRW Feb. 28 luncheon. He is the program director of News Radio WORD and is the host from 3 to 6 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

What an exciting time to be a South Carolina Republican and, to be more exact, a Greenville County Republican Woman! Having completed an incredibly successful two-year term with Betty Poe as our president, the GCRW is off and running again with the beginning of our club's 52nd year.

Because of our many successes under Betty and Joanne Meadows, including awards for our membership, our newsletter and campaign, other clubs in South Carolina are seek-

ing our position as the number one Republican women's club in the state. How can we continue to grow and maintain our number one status? The answer is simple: We have an awesome group of talented women who have agreed to be our committee chairs and committee members.

If you have not signed up for a committee, it is not too late to sign up. Pick a committee that sounds fun and interesting to you, or one you see a friend on, and jump on board. I am sure you will find it rewarding, as well as a fun and exciting adventure. I am pleased to present our current GCRW leaders for 2008 and 2009:

— GRASSROOTS: FRANKIE WHITE —



Highlighting members of GCRW — By Fiona Davidson



Frankie White and her husband, Anthony, live in Piedmont, South Carolina. They have been married for 39 wonderful years and raised two children. Both now enjoy their five precious grandchildren. Frankie and Anthony attend church at Adon Olam Messianic Congregation in Greenville.

Frankie was born in Woodruff, but spent her early childhood in Leesburg, Florida. Frankie's mother was a homemaker, and her father was an insurance salesman. However, because of family issues and job changes, her family moved back to Laurens when Frankie was a teenager. Frankie attended Laurens High School, and that is where she met her future husband, Anthony White. They actually met through the pastor's son and became high school sweethearts.

After high school, Frankie and Anthony went on to pursue further education. Anthony went on to college at the University of South Carolina and later earned a master's degree in criminal justice. Frankie initially worked as a telephone operator for about two years. After the experience of taking care of her grandfather, Frankie felt inspired to pursue a nursing career. She answered this calling and enrolled in the nursing program at Greenville Technical College.

Frankie and Anthony have extensive experience in their career paths. Frankie's interest in oncology nursing led her to Cancer Centers of the Carolinas. Frankie has many special years of caring for cancer patients and currently works in the research department as a research nurse. Anthony is a skilled criminal investigator for the Barcroft Law Firm in Greenville.

For fun and relaxation, Frankie and Anthony enjoy the outdoors, especially camping and bird-watching. Their trav-

els have also taken them to many interesting places. A few years ago in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Frankie found out firsthand that buffalo are not friendly creatures. Also, in a trip to Napa Valley in California, they experienced all this beautiful wine region has to offer.

Frankie's hobbies include card games, reading, gemstone hunting and dancing with a flair for country and western. Frankie also has a gifted musical talent in playing the harp. One day, Frankie has a goal to play for music therapy.

About 15 years ago, Frankie began an interest in politics and awareness as a Republican. Frankie recalled a funny memory of her father. He had asked Frankie to vote for Bill Clinton in memory of her mother, who had since passed away a number of years before. Kindly, Frankie told him, "Mom is in heaven and now knows that Republicans are right."

Frankie joined the GCRW in early 2007, and Anthony joined as an associate member. Throughout 2007, Frankie has participated in several GCRW events. Also, Frankie and Anthony were chosen to be delegates at the 2007 South Carolina Republican Party State Convention. As of late, Frankie has been busy trying to convert her sister and niece to switch support to the Republican Party.

Dues Are Due

It's time to renew your GCRW membership. Please pay \$20 for the January to December 2008 club year to Mary Carolyn Garton at the Jan. 24 meeting or mail it to her at 107 Sabra Drive, Easley, SC 29642-2959.

Standing committees

By-laws: Gisela Dales
Campaign: Carol Cobb
Finance/Fund-raising: Pam Sowell/
Wendy Foulke (auction)
**Legislative/Comprehensive
Advocacy Program (C.A.P.) Alert:**
Jamie Bach
Membership: Betty Poe
Program: Kathy Davis
Public Relations: Pat Browning

Appointed committees

Americanism: Patty Stoner
Awards: Nancee Lee Yearick
Chaplain: Faye Jay
Community Service: Kathy Snyder-
Garrett
Decorations: Peggy Kirby
Hospitality (Greeters): Gayle Stan-
ley/Virginia Harper
Mamie Eisenhower: Mary Drawdy/
Pat Earl
Membership Directory: Karen
Mims, Nancy Cline, Virginia Waters,
Melinda Lindberg
Memorial Service: Catherine Pence
Newsletter: Geri Warren, Tom Han-
son
Parliamentarian: Joanne Meadows
Sunshine: Laura Richards
Telephone: Cheryl Pressley
Youth: Shelly Haddon

This year will be a critical year in our country's history. Join us as we strive to build on the success Republicans have had in South Carolina, and the success we have had as the number one Republican women's club in South Carolina.

Sincerely,
Geri Warren

Proposed Seal for the GCRW

Have you noticed a new addition to our newsletter? [Hint . . . the SEAL! the SEAL!] Through the skill of Tom Hanson and the generosity of Betty Poe, the Greenville County Republican Women's Club now has a proposal for its very own, uniquely designed official SEAL.

Beginning back in mid-December and continuing into January, Tom has been hard at work continuing to perfect this beautiful design. Once approved by the GCRW Board, we intend to use this seal as our official logo on newsletters, stationary and other GCRW publications.

Many thanks to Tom and Betty.



GCRW Pictorial Directory

Have you had the embarrassing experience of seeing someone at one of our meetings and not being quite sure what her name is? Most of us have been in that situation at one time or another, especially in a club as big as ours. One of our goals this year is to help develop a closer relationship with our fellow GCRW members. To help accomplish this goal and minimize these uncomfortable moments, we are going to develop a pictorial directory.

Tom Hanson will help us on this important project. Tom will be taking the individual pictures of members and associate members, beginning at 11:15 a.m. before our Jan. 24 meeting. He has also agreed to take more pictures for a short time after the meeting, and then to continue at the February meeting. For those of you who work and cannot come early or stay over, we will try to arrange times that would be more convenient for you. We want everyone to be included!

Karen Mims, Nancy Cline, Virginia Waters and Melinda Lindberg have signed on to help with this big project. So come early, wear your prettiest outfit and a big smile, pay your dues for the 2008 year and don't miss being included in our membership directory.

Glimpses Through the Ninth Floor Window

The best seat in the house for the First in the South Debate activities was on the 9th and 10th floors of the Sheraton Convention Hotel in Myrtle Beach. Geri, Betty and Joanne had difficulty leaving their hotel windows.

The panoramic view of the massive Atlantic Ocean with the beachfront skyscraper hotels was unaffected by the all the hype of the political scene below. The four-laned street was barricaded by orange barriers. Massive sand sculptures of the Presidential candidates lined the street on the opposite side.

Young Mitt Romney supporters cheered on one end of the block. Fair Tax advocates lined the opposite end. A couple of *Rudy* signs were lost in the maze of Huckabee, Romney, Thompson and Paul signs. Two large Fred Thomson RV billboards cruised the block. Mike Huckabee in his jogging shorts reminded the spectators of Bill Clinton's jogging days.

A Ron Paul blimp passed overhead and an airplane carrying an Ed in '08 banner flew over the ocean. Secret Service sharpshooters were spotted inspecting the skyscraper roofs.

Dozens of TV satellite vans surrounded the convention center entrance. A media tent welcomed the press corps.

Directly below the windows, dozens of vans unloaded candidates, staff members, Secret Service agents, wives of candidates, reporters, photographers, Fox personnel and avid Republican supporters. Governors, senators and representatives arrived by car or van. Katon Dawson, SC GOP chairman, was everywhere along with his exhausted staff members.

A group of three ducks all in a row were noticed jumping into a small manmade pool in front of the hotel. They seemed oblivious to all the commotion. They had their own agenda.

Legislative Corner

The 2008 South Carolina legislative session began Jan. 8 with several major issues looming on the horizon—from immigration reform and restructuring to a possible cigarette tax increase and DUI reform.

Overshadowing each of these issues is South Carolina's estimated revenue shortfalls of roughly \$160 million—and that's just to continue funding current programs. These bleak budget circumstances will force legislators to make some tough decisions to bring SC's budget back into the black.

Immigration reform has been a hot topic nationally and here in South Carolina. Over the past two years, the state House and Senate have passed separate measures to clamp down on illegal immigration, but both measures failed to pass the entire General Assembly by the end of the 2007 session. These proposals will pick up where they left off last June, and include requiring any business contracting with state and local governments to check the legal status of their employees and making government agencies verify the status of anyone older than 18 seeking public assistance. One bill would make it a felony to harbor or transport illegal immigrants, with more bills to follow.

A possible increase in the cigarette tax is also bound to fire up legislators and their constituents. While there seems to be a growing consensus over raising the tax on cigarettes, there's serious disagreement on how to spend the additional revenue. Gov. Mark Sanford is pushing for a cigarette tax increase that remains revenue-neutral; meaning that while the tax on cigarettes increases, another tax would be cut, for example the income tax, thereby not increasing the overall tax burden on South Carolinians. Some members of the General Assembly, such as Sen. Harvey Peeler and Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, want the money to go toward increased government spending on health care.

Gov. Sanford, law enforcement leaders and S.C. Mothers Against Drunk Driving have also been pushing for tougher DUI laws. A bill that strengthens the penalties against repeat offenders, creates a tiered system of penalties depending on the driver's blood-alcohol content, and removes loopholes in the current .08 law passed the House during the 2007 session and is awaiting action in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Still, Democratic Sen. Brad Hutto, Sen. Jake Knotts and others claim that the answer involves only adding more state troopers, but their argument doesn't address the gaping loopholes in South Carolina's anemic DUI laws that too often let repeat offenders back on the road.

On an editorial note, if any of these issues interest you, stay in touch with your local elected officials. As active Republicans, we need to remain in contact with our representatives to let them know we support initiatives that align with our philosophical beliefs. Write a letter or call them—they need to hear our voices! *Jamie Bach.*

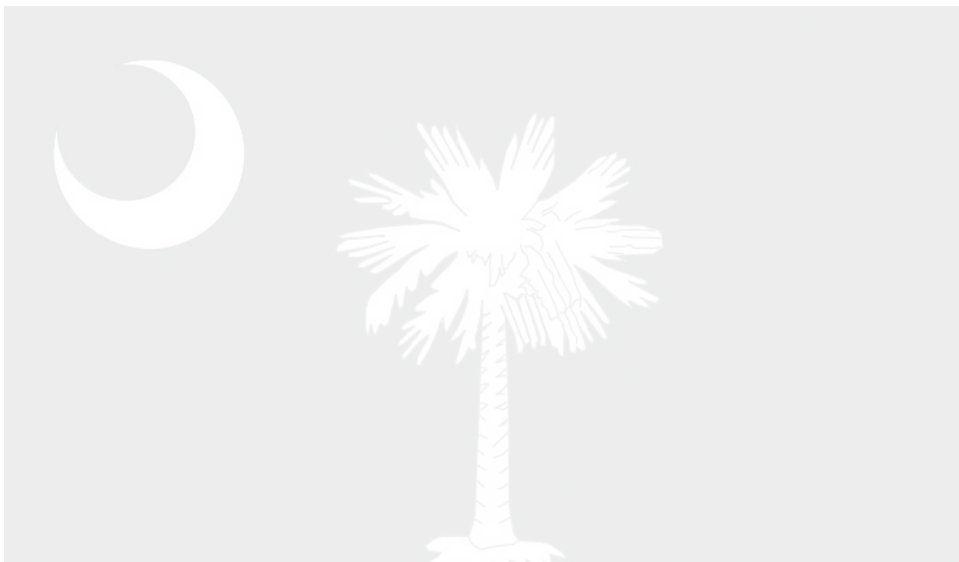
Volunteering Is Rewarding

The Campaign Award Program is an effective tool to demonstrate the power of GCRW at the local, state and national level. The program honors individual clubs and state federations that spend tremendous amounts of time volunteering (non-paid) for our Republican Party, our Republican candidates and our Federation of Republican Women.

Please look for the Volunteer Log Book as you arrive at the meeting and enter your hours each month. It's as simple as that. You'll be glad you did when May rolls around because you'll already have a record of your volunteer hours! Guidelines will be provided with the log book to refer to so you'll know which activities qualify. *Carol Cobb.*

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*With God's help we can and will resolve the problems
which now confront us.
Ronald Reagan's first inaugural address, Jan. 20, 1981.*



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*Join Us for the January Luncheon Meeting
Thursday — Noon — Jan. 24
Poinsett Club downtown Greenville*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 19	South Carolina Republican Primary
Jan. 24	Noon: GCRWC at Poinsett Club
Feb. 2	SCFRW Quarterly Board Meeting Embassy Suites, Columbia
Feb. 4	Greenville County GOP Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Verne Smith Auditorium, Greenville Tech
Feb. 7	Former Sen. Bill Frist, Furman College Republicans, Younts Center, 6 p.m. barbecue, cost \$25. Speech 7 p.m., no cost.
Feb. 28	Noon: GCRWC at Poinsett Club
March 12 to 15	NFRW Spring Board Meeting, Arlington, Virginia
May 30	Silver Elephant Dinner, Columbia