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CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT MAY 22 MEETING



Buddy
Witherspoon



Steve
Loftis



Stephen
Salter



Bob
Taylor



Bryan
Haskins



Jim
Burns



Brad
Medcalf

The GCRWC is pleased to introduce a lineup of candidates again for our May luncheon who will be competing in the June primary. We will have candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, Greenville County sheriff, County Council 21 and County Council 22.



Mary Anne Inglis

Bob Inglis, the incumbent congressman in the Fourth District, will face Charles Jeter. Bob's wife, Mary Anne, will speak in his place since Congress is in session. From 1993 to 1998 Bob represented the Fourth District. He was elected again to Congress in 2004 and to a fifth term overall in 2006. He serves on the Science & Technology Committee and is ranking member on the Energy & Environment Subcommittee. He also sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee

and co-chairs the House Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Caucus. He and Mary Anne have five children and live in northern Greenville County. Mary Anne is a member of GCRWC.

Jeter is a professional engineer and vice president for Environmental Affairs for RMT, Inc. He worked as director of SC's Water Quality Programs at South Carolina DHEC from 1967 to 1981. He also served in the Reagan Administration as Southeast Regional Administrator for the EPA and other appointed policy positions from 1981 to 1986. He and his wife, Helen, have three children and eight grandchildren.



Charles Jeter

Dr. Buddy Witherspoon will be running against incumbent Lindsey Graham in the primary for U.S. Senate. Since 1996 Witherspoon has served as the state's committeeman to the Republican National Committee. He was a GOP elector to the 1996, 2000 and 2004 electoral colleges from South Carolina. He received his D.D.S. and M.S.O. from the University of North Carolina. He and his wife, Joyce Ann, have one daughter and three grandchildren.

Steve Loftis, the incumbent Greenville County Sheriff, faces Stephen Salter in the primary. Sheriff Loftis has been in law enforcement since 1974. He began his career with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office in 1977 as a Deputy II. He became a captain in 1994 and served as a captain in the Judicial Services Division, Uniform Patrol, Field Operations and the Administra-

tive Services Division. He was elected sheriff in January 2003. He and Cathy, his wife of 36 years, have two children.

Salter is a K-9 officer with the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport Police Department. He has been in law enforcement in SC for the past 16 years, having worked for the Greer Police Department, Spartanburg and Greenville County Sheriff's Offices and Greenville County Forensics. He is married to Heather Salter.

Bob Taylor, the incumbent, and Bryan Haskins will be running against each other for County Council 22. Councilor Taylor was elected in 2000 and serves as the Council parliamentarian. Among his degrees are a Ph.D. in mathematics from Clemson University and an MBA from USC. He is the dean of the College of Arts and Science at Bob Jones University. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children and 11 grandchildren.

Haskins was born and raised in Greenville. He received his B.S. in political science from USC in 2006 and returned to Greenville in June 2007 and started a property management business, Zataria Industries, LLC. While in Columbia, he worked on several committees in the House of Representatives. He is the son of Gloria Haskins and the late Terry Haskins.

Jim Burns, the incumbent for County Council 21, will be facing Brad Medcalf in the June primary. Councilor Burns serves as chairman on the Public Works, Planning & Development Committee. He is a senior vice president with Carolina First Bank. Burns graduated from Leadership Greenville with Class 28. He and his wife, Kathy, have three children.

Medcalf is a businessman in commercial banking with BB&T. He received his master's of accountancy from Samford University. Brad is a lifelong resident of Greenville County, a graduate of Leadership Greenville Class 33 and a member of the Airport Environs Commission. He and his wife, Carri, have a one-year-old son. His mother, Donna Medcalf, is a member of our club.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the May luncheon.
Kathy Davis.

**GCRW's
Americanism Program
June 26
Patty Stoner, Chairman**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Have you ever considered yourself to be a political activist? When you look at all the political activities our members are involved in — political activist may be quite the appropriate terminology!

In April and May alone, we had 35 members travel to Columbia and participate in the SCFRW Legislative Day on April 15; at least 11 members and nine associate members attended the Fourth Congressional District Convention April 21 for the purpose of electing delegates to the National GOP Convention in Minneapolis in September. The GCRW had 12 members and 10 associate members elected at our last county con-

vention who will serve again as Greenville County delegates along with eight alternates for the state GOP convention May 31 in Columbia.

So, yes, we are a vibrant club and yes, we do fit the definition of political activists! Let's continue to grow and increase our voice in support of our Republican cause! (By the way, all of these listed activities can be counted in our campaign hours—talk with Carol Cobb.)

We have nine candidates scheduled to speak at our May 22 luncheon. These candidates range from U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and Greenville County Council to Greenville County Sheriff.

— GRASSROOTS: KATHRYN PENCE —



Highlighting members of GCRW — By Fiona Davidson



Kathryn Pence and her husband, Tom, live in Greer and are active in two churches, Brookwood and De-venger Road Presbyterian. Kathryn and Tom met in college and will soon celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Kathryn and Tom have raised a son and a daughter, David and Evelyn. David graduated from Clemson University and has been in business with Tom for the past eight years. They operate a computer services company called Acumen IT. In 2008, they received the Small Business of the Year award from the Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

Evelyn and her husband, Chris, both graduated from the University of Tennessee and live locally. Evelyn works as a sales manager.

Kathryn grew up in Columbia, South Carolina, and later graduated from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

Tom was born in Tennessee, but grew up in Salisbury, North Carolina. Tom originally worked in the retail business, and they moved frequently. However, both are glad to be back in the Upstate.

Kathryn's father worked as a federal bank examiner for many years. After retiring, he became interested in researching the family's history. He also helped other families and became quite successful at it, so much so, that he later became a registered state ge-

nealogist.

Kathryn's mother, Lillie Craig, also a GCRW member, grew up in Aiken, South Carolina.

Now 93, Mrs. Craig lives at home with Kathryn and Tom.

Kathryn and Tom both enjoy their Bible study as well as taking part in a singing group that visits nursing homes.

To celebrate their 40th anniversary, Kathryn and Tom visited Israel. They visited many spiritual places and found the trip to be a true blessing. Their travels have also taken them to Ireland while involved with the Irish Children's Summer Program.

Kathryn's family history involves two political figures. Daniel S. Henderson served as a South Carolina state senator in the late 1800s and coauthored a bill against duelling. Gen. Robert E. Craig served as adjutant general of South Carolina from 1923 to 1926. Kathryn is proud of her family's heritage.

Kathryn joined the Greenville County Republican Women's Club about 2½ years ago. She is chairman of the newly created Memorial Service Committee.



Kathryn Pence

As I talk with people around the state and with other clubs outside of South Carolina, they are amazed at the quality of speakers we have at our meetings. Way to go first vice president and program chairman Kathy Davis! This would be a great time to invite a neighbor or friend to see, hear and meet the candidates.

Also, make plans to attend the Old Fashioned Stump Meeting May 24 at the Greenville Jet Center.

Barbecue + hot dogs + politics + family + music + a moon bounce + kids' contests = fun for the whole family. Come support your candidates in a straw poll vote! Cost: \$15 adults; \$5 children (under 12).

This is a fund-raiser for the Greenville County Republican Party to pay for such necessities as rent and utilities. This money stays in Greenville! Tickets will be on sale at our next meeting or call Betty Poe at 907-1577. See you there!

Sincerely,

Geri Warren

GCRWC Directories

Thanks to our sponsors and advertisers listed in the back of our directory. Let's return their generosity, and support them in their businesses whenever possible.

If you have not already done so, you may pick up your directory at our May meeting.

Please note the following corrections:

Janie Wylie: no picture available.

Bill Wylie

Joanne and Willis Meadows: work number is 864-235-6850.

Mitsy Ballentine: e-mail is MDBallen@aol.com

Welcome New Members!

Myrna Hardy and Sandra Stroup.

Legislative Corner

The Immigration Debate Continues



After a previous showdown over immigration between the two bodies of the S.C. General Assembly, the S.C. House has again attempted to address the issue of illegal immigration.

The SC House passed a bill that would make it illegal for businesses that knowingly hire illegal workers, and requires them to use a driver's license or a federal electronic system, commonly known as E-Verify.

The S.C. Senate passed a similar bill with stiff penalties for businesses that knowingly hire illegal workers with the exception of one major detail. The Senate bill allows private firms to use a state version of the Federal I-9 form in addition to the other methods for checking a worker's status that are in the House bill.

Gov. Mark Sanford and Republicans in the House argue that allowing businesses to use a state version I-9 form is a large loophole, and that it is not a true step for reform.

So what is the difference between E-Verify and the I-9 form, and why is this such a big deal in the debate over illegal immigration?

According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration: "E-Verify is an Internet-based system operated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA). E-Verify is currently free to employers and is available in all 50 states. E-Verify provides an automated link to federal databases to help employers determine employment eligibility of new hires and the validity of their Social Security numbers."

In contrast, the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, is a federal form that is already required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the Senate bill would create a state version of the form that employers must retain on file. Critics of the state proposed I-9 argue that this form has little accountability and is too open to abuse, just as the federal I-9 has been in the past.

Finally, proponents of E-Verify cite the example of Arizona, which reports a decline in illegal immigrants due to self-deportation. *Jamie Bach.*

GCRWC Member Delegates

The following Greenville County Republican Women's Club members and associate members were elected delegates to the South Carolina Republican Party Convention, May 31, in Columbia.

Members

Judy Cooter
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
Samuel Harms
Dennis Jones
Willis Meadows
Tom Mims
Billy Mitchell
Jill Kintigh
Wendy Nanney
Connie Holmes

Alternates to Convention: Thomas Hanson, Lucille Sullivan, Frankie White, Linda Slaton, Patricia Arceneaux, Wanda Rabenda, Betty Eskew and Caroline Head.

Legislative Day



The following GCRWC members attended Legislative Day in Columbia April 15.

Jamie Bach, Mitsy Ballantine, Susan Becko, Pat Browning, Carol Cobb, Shirley Cowart, Lillie Craig, Karen Crane, Gloria Cullins, Kathy Davis, Marlene Dowd, Mary Drawdy, Becky Egert, Brenda Gantt, Mary Carolyn Garton, Shelley Haddon, Barbara Hales, Joan Hamilton, Susan Hoag, Faye Jay, Pat Jenkins, Catherine Pence, Camellia Ploof, Betty Poe, Ann Powell, Cheryl Pressley, Sandra Price, Wanda Rabenda, Zelda Rosti, Cheryl Smart, Patricia Stoner, Geri Warren, Frankie White, Janie Wylie, Carol Adams Wilcox.

GCRWC Members Attend Fourth Congressional District Convention

The following GCRWC members and associate members attended the Fourth Congressional District Convention April 21.

Marlene Dowd, Mary Drawdy, Shelly Haddon, Caroline Head, Julie Hershey, Mary Anne Inglis, Karen Mims, Joanne Meadows, Betty Poe, Wanda Rabenda, Patty Stoner and Geri Warren.

Associate members: Bob Dill, Bob Dowd, Dennis Jones, Patrick Haddon, Samuel Harms, Willis Meadows, Tom Mims, Billy Mitchell, Wendy Nanney and Tommy Stringer.

Three national delegates and three alternates were elected at the meeting. The delegates are Wendy Nanney, Samuel Harms and Robert Ryggs. The alternates are Scott Case, Doug Wavle and Mike Green.

Attention Members: Campaign Award Program

Did you know that GCRWC has a reputation? That's right — for winning awards!

Did you know: associate members' volunteer hours count toward the Campaign Award? Did you know that you earned nine hours if you went to Legislative Day?

We have many members and associate members who are tirelessly working on campaigns and attending meetings. This is an effective tool to demonstrate the power of GCRW at the local, state and national levels.

Please record your hours and enter them into the Volunteer Log Book each month as you arrive at our meetings. Each of our members will be receiving a tally worksheet this month at our meeting. We want to be the club with the best volunteer reputation!

I will be available to answer your questions at the meeting. *Carol Cobb.*

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Thursday — Noon — May 22
Poinsett Club downtown Greenville



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 22	Noon: GCRW at Poinsett Club
May 24	Old Fashioned GOP stump meeting Greenville Jet Center
May 30	Silver Elephant Dinner, Columbia
May 31	South Carolina Republican Party Convention, Columbia
June 10	VOTE: Republican Primary
June 21	NFRW 70th Anniversary, Chicago
June 26	GCRW Americanism Program Noon: Poinsett Club
Sept. 1 to 4	National GOP Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota