

# Reminders

## Attention— Mr. & Mrs. Spartanburg County Republican Reminders – March 2009

**Rick Beltram, Chairman**

**CALENDAR**

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### Upcoming Events

**Mon, March 16, 6:45 p.m.—Palmetto**

### House Repub Women and Spartanburg County Repub Women

Meeting will be held at the Marriott at Renaissance Park. Dinner can be ordered when you arrive. The women will host a Q&A for those candidates seeking the State Chairmanship - South Carolina Republican Party. Rick Beltram, Karen Floyd and Kevin Hall have been invited to participate. Dinner begins at 6pm - Q&A will begin at 7pm at the Spartanburg Marriott Hotel dining area.

### April 7, 2009—County Convention (6 p.m. Registration; 7 p.m. program begins) at the Carolina Country Club's Holly Hall

Please join your fellow convention delegates at our county convention (you must attend your precinct reorganization to be eligible to be a delegate or alternate from your precinct). We will elect our county officers and state delegates and alternates at the convention as well as pass resolutions from the precincts. We always have a good slate of elected officials and speakers with us, and this time will be no exception. Make your plans to attend.

**Fri, May 15 - SCGOP Silver Elephant:** Be watching the mail for details about this year's Silver Elephant program the night before the state convention in Columbia.

**Sat, May 16 - SCGOP State Convention:** This year's state convention will be great. We will be electing a state party chairman and voting on new planks to the party's platform. We want to be sure that Spartanburg County has a full delegation—it is vital to our county having an effective voice at our state party!

**ITEM: Bronze Elephant \*** Thank you to those that have recognized the need to sponsor our Spartanburg County Republican Party. It is through your support that our office is open and doing the work of giving a voice to conservative values. Your BE committee will be planning our "thank you" event for October, please let us know if you would like to have a role in the planning. (Membership - Individual \$60; Couple \$90; Family \$120)

### Election Commission Training Sessions for Poll Workers:

In order to certify to work on Election Day you must attend three two hour classes. Each class will be on a Tues, Wed, and Thur. Look at the times listed below and give us a call to sign up. If none of these are good for you right now we will have others later in the year. Let us know if we need to get in touch with you then. **(864) 596-2549**

#### MARCH:

TUES 24	WED 25	THURS 26
9-11AM	9-11AM	9-11AM
2-4PM	2-4PM	2-4PM

#### APRIL:

TUES 28	WED 29	THURS 30
9-11AM	9-11AM	9-11AM
2-4PM	2-4PM	2-4PM
5:30-7:30P	5:30-7:30P	5:30-7:30P

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Please feel free to call with any questions you may have and let us know when you would like to attend. You are required to attend all three sessions. Call Becky at (864) 596-2549 and sign up right away.

**ITEM:** Brand new website is under development at [www.spartanburggop.org](http://www.spartanburggop.org)! The new website is larger, easier to navigate, more user friendly and you will have the ability to create an account on the site and upload pictures or videos yourself.

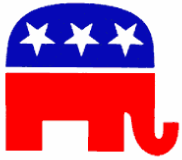
The new site is being built using DotNetNuke technology and will be easily updateable and kept extremely current.

Please bear with us however for the next week or so while the site is being finished. It will take about another 10 days to complete but it will be well worth it in the end.

The new site will have a constant news feed from the national GOP website as well as blogs and photos. It will also have the Republican Creed and a comprehensive history of the Republican Party from the days of Abraham Lincoln until today.

When finished, be sure and tell all your friends about the new site at [www.spartanburggop.org](http://www.spartanburggop.org)!





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## Highlights From February:

### **Thurs, February 19, 7 p.m.—Exec Committee Meeting**

The second EC meeting of '09 was held Thurs evening at the Country Hearth Inn and Suites on the corner of Business 85 and I-26. Precinct reorganization packets were handed out. If you are not sure that someone from your precinct was in attendance to pick it up, please call the party headquarters at **(864) 542-1992**. Katie Baham from the SCGOP gave a great presentation on what was in the packets and how to use the forms.

The featured guest speaker was SC Cong. Gresham Barrett (R-3<sup>rd</sup> Cong. Dist). He mentioned that not one House Repub voted for the Obama / Pelosi / Reid stimulus. He believes that any stimulus should help small businesses, not hurt them. He cited that in SC alone, there are 350,000 small businesses representing 97% of employment.

Spartanburg County Election Commission Director Henry Laye spoke about the need for more people to get involved in the election process as poll managers. He could use about 500 more workers.

Mr. Laye discussed some of the issues our county is facing and needs to improve: reducing precinct size (52 of the 92 Spartanburg County precincts exceed the standard of 1,500 voters), parameters on early voting (this will be done by the legislature), increasing number of poll managers, and scannable IDs (this could make it where you would not have to alphabetize the lines you stand in).

State Senator Shane Martin gave the legislative update. Samuel Harms, Greenville County GOP chairman gave an overview of the Greenville/Spartanburg radio promotion for precinct reorganization. He also spoke about the Greenville party's lawsuit on Registration by Party to force the legislature to address the issue.

State Committeeman LaDonna Ryggs gave the committee report. She mentioned that current SCGOP chairman Katon Dawson has announced that he will not seek a 4<sup>th</sup> term. Three candidates have formally announced their candidacy to date. State party chairman candidates—Spartanburg County GOP Chairman Rick Beltram and Spartanburg's Karen Floyd, former Republican candidate for Superintendent of Education were both at the meeting. The third candidate, Attorney Kevin Hall from Columbia was not in attendance.

Spartanburg officials in attendance were: State Senator Shane Martin, State Rep. Joey Millwood, State Rep. Steve Parker, County Auditor Sharon West, County Councilman O'Neal Mintz and Pacolet Mayor Elaine Harris. Thank you all for your support of the Spartanburg County Republican Party!

**Spartanburg County Republican Party wishes to send a huge THANK YOU to each of our volunteers who served as poll workers, poll managers, and poll watchers in the November elections. Without your service, we could not have had the great evening that was ours! While most places around the country saw huge Republican losses, South Carolina had an 80% victory ratio for our Republicans! Your hard work and dedication to our candidates and our cause is the reason we did so well, and that the OBAMA Tide was STOPPED at the NC/SC state line. Again, THANKS to all of our great volunteers!**

