

# Reminders

## Attention— Mr. & Mrs. Spartanburg County Republican Reminders – April 2009 Rick Beltram, Chairman

CALENDAR

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### Upcoming Events



**April 7, 2009—County Convention** – 6 PM Registration ; 7 PM program - at the Carolina Country Club –Holly Hall. Make certain that you are there early to enjoy a free light supper before the program begins. The Carolina Country Club staff is planning a special treat for us. County officers, state delegates and alternates will be elected at that meeting. In addition, resolutions will be offered for consideration. Candidates and area elected officials will also be on hand to speak to us. This event is FREE and open to the public.

**Fri, May 15 - SCGOP Silver Elephant Banquet:** Be watching for details about this year's Silver Elephant Banquet that precedes the State Convention on Saturday May 16, 2009. It promises to be a lively event.

**Sat, May 16 - SCGOP State Convention** – at Columbia Convention Center. A new state party chairman will be elected during the convention. In addition, the delegate will be considering various new planks to the party's platform. It is vital to our county to have a full delegation at this convention in order to have an effective voice. For carpooling options and other concerns, please call the party headquarters at 542-1992.

**NOTE:** The Spartanburg GOP has updated the website. We have local party updates, as well as national and world news on the website. The new site was designed by using DotNetNuke technology and is easily updatable and current.



**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**

#### **APRIL:**

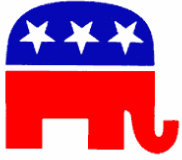
TUES 28	WED 29	THURS 30
9-11AM	9-11AM	9-11AM
2-4PM	2-4PM	2-4PM
5:30-7:30P	5:30-7:30P	5:30-7:30P

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.

**A Word of Gratitude:** There is never time that I, as Chairman, am not grateful for the many volunteers that make up the GOP team. However, I have been especially grateful over the past four weeks as we have worked through the difficult task of reorganization in preparation for the upcoming convention. Office volunteers have been plentiful and dedicated to the task. Precinct presidents have braved icy roads, snow and the closing of many locations to get the job done. In addition, they have offered extra time and effort so that no one was excluded due to the weather. A HUGE thanks to Gary Towery, who was the committeeman for six years. Gary and his wife, Dottie, handled this task from 2001 until 2007. He has graciously given of his time and talents to make certain that this task was completed correctly and in a timely fashion.

**A Word of Appreciation:** Katon Dawson has been the SC GOP Chair since 2002. In May, Katon will step down from this position. Katon has earned our respect for his tireless efforts. He is recognized as being one of the most successful state party leaders in the entire nation. His leadership has enabled South Carolina to enjoy national attention and the ability to attract national GOP leaders to our area. Katon, and his wife, Candy have given much time, talent and leadership to our party. Katon will be recognized at our county convention on April 7. Please take a moment to express your gratitude personally to Katon.





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### A Word about Reorganization:

Reorganization of the precincts and county organization is mandated by state law and SCGOP rules every two years. Extensive promotion and radio ads were utilized to bring out as many people as possible. Unfortunately, a late winter blizzard on March 2nd, hampered efforts. In spite of the elements, over 300 grass roots activists braved the snow and closings to conduct their meetings. A makeup meeting was held on Monday, March 23rd. Again, over 300 activists participated in this makeup session. The process of reviewing credentials of the participants will be completed by Thursday, April 2nd. The final list of county delegates will be posted on our website ([www.spartanburggop.org](http://www.spartanburggop.org)) on April 3rd. If there are any concerns about the list, please contact the Chairman immediately in order that all issues are resolved before the convention on April 7th.

### A word from our Quote Master:

Alice Armantrout with her Dear Friend, Thomas Jefferson:

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

*Thomas Jefferson*

It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.

*Thomas Jefferson*

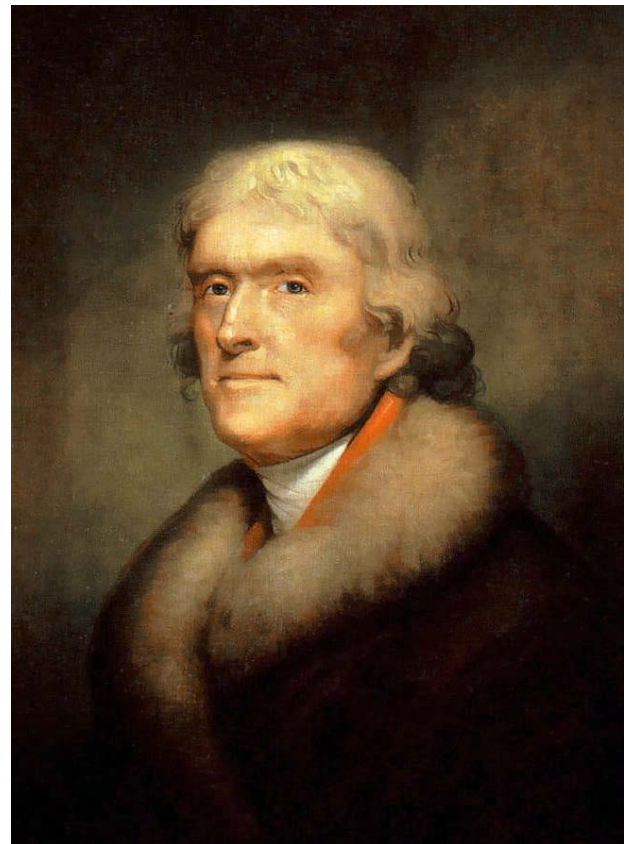
I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

*Thomas Jefferson*

My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

*Thomas Jefferson*

Perhaps our newest president should listen to our third President...



The screenshot shows the website for the Spartanburg County Republican Party. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Contact, Photos, Elected Officials, GOP History, Newsletters, and Calendar Of Events. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image featuring the American flag on the left and a photograph of a town square with a fountain on the right. A search bar is located in the top right corner of the banner area. Below the banner, there is a section titled "County Convention" with a sub-heading "Share your Republican experience with us!". To the right of this section is a "News Feed" widget from "GOP.com newsfeed" showing three news items: "3/31/2009 RNC Celebrates Woman's History Month", "3/28/2009 Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) Delivers Weekly Republican Address", and "3/23/2009 Chairman Steele Names New Media Director". At the bottom of the page, there is a "Thank You" message from the party to its volunteers.