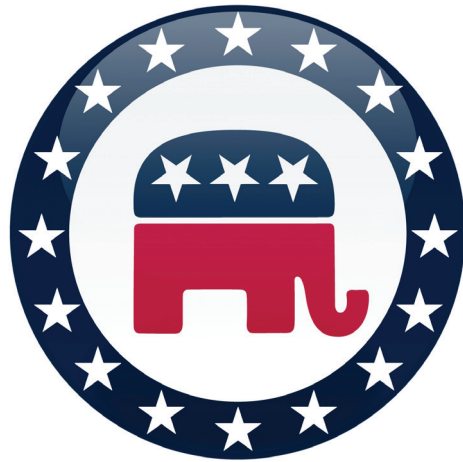


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May 2011



Mentioning

The Monthly Newsletter of the
West Metro Republican Women's Club

Next Meeting ... May 9, 2011

Guest Speaker: Curtis Loftis

6 p.m. Social Time; 6:30 p.m. Meeting Begins
Location: Cotton Grill (Lexington's Old Mill)
711 E. Main Street, Lexington

Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. is the State Treasurer of South Carolina. He is a native of Lexington County and a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He is a business owner, and the founder and benefactor of The Saluda Charitable Foundation.



As the State Treasurer, Mr. Loftis is the "private banker" for South Carolina. He is responsible for the investment, cash management and safekeeping of the State's general and restricted funds and the assets of the South Carolina Retirement Systems. He also serves as the Vice Chairman of the State Budget & Control Board, and as a member

of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission, which manages the system's approximately \$25 billion investment pool. The Treasurer is also the Chairman of the State Board of Financial Institutions, the Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Tobacco Authority, and the Vice Chairman of the South Carolina Education Authority.

Outside of the office, Mr. Loftis is an avid outdoorsman. He enjoys spending time hiking, fly fishing, rock climbing, hunting and clearing his land. His love of travel has taken him all over the world and led him to establish his philanthropic organization to help people in less developed countries.

Message From The President

I hope you all will be at our May meeting, with guest speaker Curtis Loftis. This is our last meeting before we take a "summer break," since we do not have regular club meetings in June or July.

Please be sure to read the information about the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women's (SCFRW) Legislative Day, which takes place Thursday, May 12. Several of our members have already signed up to attend, so I hope we will have a great showing from West Metro.

By the time we reconvene in August, hopefully our field of presidential candidates will start shaping up even more so than now ... and that you are carefully considering who you want to support. Once you've made your choice — get involved!! That's what makes Republican women so special ... our great spirit of volunteerism and willingness to work hard on behalf of our Republican candidates.

Finally, thanks again to the candidates running for SC GOP Chairman for a great debate held in Lexington. Hosted by West Metro Republican Women and Capital City Republican Women, there was "standing room only." Thanks especially to Katrina Shealy and the Wingate for providing the venue, to Danny Frazier for providing desserts, and to Susan Aude for being our moderator.

Finally ... hope to see you Monday, May 9 and Thursday, May 12 (for Legislative Day) ... and then have a great summer!

--Kim Wellman

Snack Sacks A Super Success!

A HUGE “thank you” to our club members and to delegates to the Lexington County Republican Party’s convention for the tremendous amount of “snack sacks” you all donated ... plus more than \$200 in cash donations ... to Lexington’s Snack Sack program. The snacks filled up the entire back seat, floor board and trunk of a car. All of these food items will go to needy children in Lexington schools. As a result of our efforts, we received the following note from Huntley Crouch, coordinator of Lexington’s Snack Sack program:

“On behalf of the Snack Sack program, I would like to thank you and the West Metro Republican Women for your gracious and very generous support of our program. The amount of food you collected is overwhelming and will make such a difference to Snack Sacks and the children we serve. I am so appreciative of our community helpers. The response that we received from your group speaks volumes about the commitment you have to our community and its youngest members. Thank you truly is not enough, but please know that because of you and West Metro, a difference has been made. Please share this with the group so everyone will know how much their efforts are appreciated.”



WMRW members Mia Howard, President Kim Wellman and June Fusco collect snack sacks at the LCRP convention

More Words of Thanks

We also received the following note from WMRW member Irby Shultz, following her recent hospital stay:

“Thanks to the West Metro Republican Women for the lovely arrangement of a basket full of flowers. That is so nice of you. It really brightened my day and stay in the hospital. The WMRW truly are caring ladies and I love all of you.”

SCFRW Legislative Day

Once again, your humble president is chairing SCFRW’s annual Legislative Day ... so she is counting on your support and attendance to make this year’s event the best ever! See the flier on the next page for more information ... and remember to wear RED!! Cost is only \$10 to attend, but here’s the kicker: you must be a member of SCFRW (and being a member of WMRW makes you a member of SCFRW). So ... if you haven’t joined our club yet, now’s a great time to do so because you don’t want to miss this event! If you do plan on attending, make sure you RSVP to Kim Wellman by Monday, May 9 (the day of our monthly club meeting).

Mamie Eisenhower Library Project

- The club has purchased five “library bound” editions of books about Ronald Reagan that we will donate to Lexington schools. We selected books about President Reagan to commemorate this year’s Reagan Centennial. Thanks to Linda Toole who has agreed to help us find a great “home” (schools) for these books about a great President!

WMRW: Movers and Shakers ... and Winners!

During our recent precinct reorganization meetings, members and associate members of WMRW made their marks: seven of our members are now precinct presidents, and five are now precinct executive committeemen.

Then, at the Lexington County Republican Party’s convention, 12 of our members were elected delegates to the state convention (with Katrina Shealy receiving the most votes of ALL delegates) and another 12 were elected as alternates.

On top of that, WMRW members **Ottis and Shirley Smith** received the very prestigious Bill Jackson Award from the Lexington County Republican Party at the convention. This award is given to long-time volunteers for the party who exemplify the ideals of the Republican party, its platform and creed. This is a well-deserved honor for the Smiths. Way to go!



SCFRW Legislative Day Thursday May 12, 2011



Tentative Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Breakfast Buffet at the Palmetto Club

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. State House Activities

10:30 a.m. - Noon: We walk across the street, from the Palmetto Club to the State House grounds, to observe and be recognized in both the House and Senate Chambers.

Noon - 1 p.m.: We'll take turns (staggered in three groups) enjoying a 15-minute video presentation about our State House and its history in the State House auditorium. When your group is not watching the video, use this time to visit the State House Gift shop, or to visit with your legislator.

1:15 p.m.: Group picture on the Capitol steps (south side)

1:30 p.m.: Depart State House and head over to Governor's Mansion

2 p.m. Reception at the Governor's Mansion

We'll conclude our day with light refreshments and casual conversation with our invited Constitutional Officers.

Other Information

Cost: Just \$10 per person (must be a Federation member)

Remember to wear **RED** ... and comfortable shoes! If rain is forecast ... bring an umbrella!

Please RSVP to your club president by May 9.

CARPPOOLING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!!

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Welcome New Members

Jean Biediger

Teresa Biediger

Deborah Kelderman

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to this club member who
celebrates a May birthday:

Irby Shultz