

Around the **LAKE NEWS** Spring 2016
**Clover-Lake Wylie
Republican Women**

**LAKE WYLIE'S HOME AND GARDEN
TOUR RETURNS**

Tour offers scenic waterfront views

Homes and settings with a French-country flair included

Spring welcomes the return of the dogwoods, daffodils and the Lake Wylie Home and Garden Tour. The Clover-Lake Wylie Republican Women's Club will host its thirtieth home tour on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Held to benefit the Fay Bergman Scholarship for students in the Clover School District attendance area, the tour will feature six homes for viewing and a specialty luncheon.

"Our homes on tour represent an eclectic selection of new and gently loved homes," said Peggy Upchurch, the club's president. "The tour spans the area's 30-year history from an updated golf course and lakefront homes of leisurely River Hills to the latest innovations of Allison Creek lakeside homes," Upchurch said. Originating in River Hills, the only area subdivision at the time, the tour has expanded to feature homes in River Pointe, the Landing and other locations on the shores of Lake Wylie.

This year's home tour will feature three homes in River Hills and three homes in the Allison Creek area.

"Tour-goers will be treated to scenes and settings with a French-country flair," Upchurch said. "They will be able take a break from the tour, relax, slip into a French frame of mind and enjoy one of three specially prepared lunches in a French provincial setting at the Café de le Concord, the familiar Concord Cove restaurant." The cost of lunch is separate and may be purchased for \$17.95.

Tickets may be purchased at the Cleaners, the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce, from club members, the River Hills Community Association office and at the main gate (on the day of the tour). Cost is \$20.



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RNC Vice Chair McCall wants the people to decide

McCall gives insight into the Republican National Convention

Glenn A. McCall, vice chairman of the 2016 Republican National Convention, was the guest speaker at the Clover-Lake Wylie Republican Women's monthly brunch and meeting at the River Hills Country Club on Friday, Feb. 26.

McCall discussed the state and national political scene and gave insight into the upcoming 2016 Republican National Convention, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in July. His talk focused on how the Electoral College works, the possibility of a brokered convention and the inner workings of the national GOP. "We don't want to decide," said McCall. "We want the people to decide who should represent the party."

A retired senior vice president of the Charlotte-based Bank of America, McCall has served as chairman of the York County GOP. In 2008, South Carolina Republicans elected him as their first black national committeeman, and he is currently vice president of the state party. McCall co-authored the RNC's post-mortem's "Growth and Opportunity" report and travels extensively on behalf of the RNC.

McCall serves on Winthrop University's Board of Trustees, and he and his wife Linda are active in local Christian ministries.

Also, during the meeting, S.C. District 48 Representative Ralph Norman and Planning Commission member Jamie Henrickson exchanged the pros and cons of the rapidly expanding growth in Lake Wylie.



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-- Glenn McCall, RNC Vice Chair

WINTHROP Young Republicans Active

The College Republicans at Winthrop University hosted a candidates' stump speech meeting at Dina's Place at the DiGiorgio Campus Center on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Students and representatives gave speeches in support of their favorite presidential candidate.

Kat Yoffie is president of the College Republicans at WU, while Dean of Library Services Mark Y. Herring is adviser for the group.

Kat Yoffie, President of the College Republicans at Winthrop University



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Kat Yoffie

Notes from the President



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Peggy Upchurch

We are off to a great start for our 2016-2017 Club year. You seem to like the new business-meeting format. The rectangle tables are best suited to seeing and hearing the speakers and Friday's mid-session break gave us a chance to socialize. Our objective this year is to provide a forum on political issues and candidates that are critical to this community. We are working toward a stronger, more involved club that can help mold the future of our community and state. We are packing a lot into a small time frame. The Board would appreciate your feedback.

In January, we heard from two newly announced County Council candidates, Allison Love and Doug Meyer-Cuno. Sheriff Bruce Bryant's son-in-law and candidate for Sheriff, Kevin Tolson also stopped by to meet us and talk about his candidacy. And in February, Margaret Blackwell gave us an overall view of 2016 races and issues: Clover School Board single member districts, incorporation, athletic tax district and growth. York County Planning Commission member Jamie Henrickson and State Legislator and Developer Ralph Norman argued the pros and cons of the rapidly expanding growth in Lake Wylie. It was short. If you want a longer discussion, let me or Program Chair Barbara Haba know. And we were honored to have as our main speaker, Glenn McCall, who is vice chairman of the 2016 National Convention. Glenn reminded us that S. C. has been targeted by the Democratic Party and how easily our solid red state can turn purple.

We are finalizing the Home Tour project and will be calling for help as soon as the details are ironed out. Bessie Meeks has found a perfect graphic artist, freelancer Wendy Taylor, to help with the advertising and tickets.



This year's theme will address the 30-year history of our club and tour tied in with a few sites with a French-country ambience.

And the most exciting news is having a great group of moms and working

women come on board! That's this Board's main goal and we are adapting our meetings to accommodate more of them. We should have plans finalized for a 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meet & Greet drop-in within a few weeks.



And remember, a girl needs to be three things: classy, sassy and Republican.

Cordially,
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Family: Sons—Jakarri Thomas, 22; Charlie Hoffmann, 17; and Erin Marie Hoffman, 13.
Attended: University of Tennessee in Knoxville and Cumberland School of Law at Samford University
Hobbies: collecting antique china and artwork
Most memorable candidate sighting: Ronald Reagan when I was working for Gov. Lamar Alexander. I was only 19 and he was huge!!!
Book recently read: Cyber Warfare, by Bobby Akart
Song in my head: “I Cant Feel My Face When I’m with You,” by the Weekend.

Tracking our Scholar at North Greenville College

Scholarship winner Mollie Trainer, who graduated from Clover High School and now attends North Greenville College, shares the following:

“I want to thank you for your continued generosity towards my education. My words cannot express my gratitude.

“I have been on the Dean’s List every semester. Last semester I had the opportunity to intern with a neonatal nurse practitioner at the Greenville Memorial Hospital. This opportunity has enabled me to gain hands-on experience in the medical field, specifically where I want to pursue a career. I was thrilled to be a part of such an extraordinary opportunity.



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Mollie Trainer

“Your support has helped shape me into the student I am today.” -- Mollie Trainer, Scholarship Winner

“Since my freshman year, I have served once a week at the Frazee Dream Center in downtown Greenville. This is an after-school program for underprivileged inner city children. I can say with all my heart that this has been the highlight of most of my weeks at school.

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S.C. Senator Katrina Shealy Helps Swear in CLWRW Officers

The Clover-Lake Wylie Republican Women's Club installed officers for the 2016-2018 year during the club's annual fall champagne tea held in November at the home of Peggy Upchurch and Don Long in Lake Wylie. More than 50 club members and their guests attended.

S.C. Senator Katrina Shealy (R-Lexington) helped swear in the new officers as fall hovered in the air and guests enjoyed an array of hors d'oeuvres.

"I was very appreciative, for I was presented with an elephant ice bucket and political scarf as I ended my two years as president of our club and welcomed Peggy," said Suzanne Krause, outgoing president. "New ideas and events are always exciting as new leadership takes the helm."



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The Clover-Lake Wylie Republican Women's Club officers for the 2016-2018 year are, from left: Gloria Hein, secretary; Jamie Henrickson, first vice president; Pam Cullen, legislative liaison; Peggy Upchurch, president; and Margaret Blackwell, treasurer. Officers were sworn in by S.C. Senator Katrina Shealy (R-Lexington). Not pictured: Barbara Haba, second vice president.

CANDIDATES STUMP AT BRUNCH



Several county candidates, along with representatives for the presidential candidates, attended a brunch held by the Clover-Lake Wylie Republican Women during their January meeting.

Allison Love and Doug Myer-Cuno are running for the county council seat previously held by Bruce Henderson. Henderson decided not to seek re-election, citing work and family obligations.

Representatives for Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio and Carly Fiorina also attended and stumped for their candidates.

When the meeting was rescheduled because snow, sleet and freezing rain fell upon the Carolinas, a few invited candidates were unable to reschedule. Here's who represented the presiden-

tial candidates:

Megan Phelps for - **Sen. TED CRUZ**

Sue Harmon for - **Sen. MARCO RUBIO**

Bill Vetter for - **CARLY FIORINA**

Teresa Unrue for - **DONALD TRUMP**

The South Carolina Primary was February 16. Anyone registered to vote in South Carolina up to one month before the primary could vote in the election.

MEET OUR LOCAL CANDIDATES

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Name: **Kevin R. Tolson**

Office Seeking: **YORK COUNTY SHERIFF**

Age: **46**

Resides in: **York**

Career: **Senior Investigator, Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office.**

Family: **Married to Beth Tolson; two daughters.**

Guiding Focus: **"As I have done in my entire career, I will keep honesty, integrity and professionalism as my guiding focus."**

Greatest Concerns: **1) Strengthening the enforcement of laws for drug offenses and related crimes; 2) A more comprehensive approach in detecting, investigating and prosecuting domestic violence crimes; 3) Training Sheriff Office staff in applicable laws to make better cases that will result in more successful court dispositions; 4) Expand technological capabilities to increase our effectiveness of securing digital evidence.**

Website: www.tolsonforsheriff.com

"I want to expand technologies to increase our effectiveness in securing digital evidence."

--Kevin Tolson, Candidate for Sheriff

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Name: **Allison Love**

Office Seeking: **YORK COUNTY COUNCIL, District 2**

Age: **51**

Resides in: **Clover, S.C Lake Wylie area**

Career: **Owner of Allison Love's Fine Jewelry**

Family: **Parents, Bob and Brenda Love; friend, Eric; 16-year old dog and a newly adopted 4 month old Potcake puppy.**

Self-described as: **Conservative Republican**

Greatest Concerns: **1) attention to roads; 2) lake quality and preservation; 3) managing growth as it moves along our most-traveled roads; and 4) being heard at the county level.**

Previous office held or civic involvement: **Winthrop Library Advisory Board, Children's Attention Home Charter School Board, York County Zoning Board of Appeals, York County Land Use Planning Committee.**

Website: www.voteforallisonlove.com

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Name: **Doug Meyer-Cuno**

Office Seeking: **YORK COUNTY COUNCIL, District 2**

Age: **53**

Resides in: **Lake Wylie**

Career: **Owner /Founder of Carolina Ingredients, an industrial seasoning manufacturing and distributing company.**

Family: **Wife, Dr. Margaret Edwards Meyer-Cuno; four adult children.**

Self-described as: **a Committed Republican**

Greatest Concerns: **1) Explore the possibility of Lake Wylie becoming an incorporated town; 2) broaden the perspective of the County Council by creating at-large districts, representing the whole of York County; 3) create more green space for parks and recreation in Lake Wylie/ Clover area; and 4) preserve Lake Wylie and secure environmental buffers for York County's primary water supply.**

Positions held: **Vice Chair of York County Economic Development Board, Lake Wylie YMCA Board, Chairman of Gaston Day School Board, President of Waterford Business Park; honored by Gov. Nikki Haley as the S.C. Ambassador for Economic Development in York County.**

Website: dougmyer-cuno.com

Party Chairman Resigns

Announces bid for Senate



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Wes Climer

York County Republican Chairman Wes Climer announced his resignation on March 7, indicating his intentions to run for the S.C. Senate. Climer will run against long-time Republican incumbent Wes Hayes.

“Our membership rolls are growing,” Climer said. “Our partnership with the Winthrop College Republicans is breathing new energy into our operations. Our precinct organization is robust and growing stronger by the day; and our Executive Committee is filled with highly talented and committed men and women who ably promote Republican candidates and values,” he said.

Vice chair Margaret Blackwell, a member of the CLWRW, served as interim chair until the party convened and elected Joel T. Hamilton to lead the party. “I am humbled and deeply honored by the support of the Executive Committee and look forward to working with all of you to continue to grow our party and to elect conservatives to office,” Hamilton said.

Annual Champagne Tea



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Audra Van Wie
Emily Snow



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Mary Spohn and guest



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Lynn Viets with Glenn Beck



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Gayle McDonald and Jamie Henrickson

Ted Cruz rally with Glenn Beck



PHOTO BY L. VIETS

Glenn Beck with Gloria Hein

NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. Representative

Mick Mulvaney was the guest speaker for the March 18 brunch meeting of the CLWRW.

Suzanne Krause, immediate past president, received the Bronze Award for Community Service from the Federation. President Peggy Upchurch presented the award to Krause at the February meeting.

The Board approved the following new chair appointments: Lynn Viets, scholarship; Blanche Bryant and Marianne Falls as co-chaplains; Betty Ellis, who will continue to work with Jamie on making calls to membership; and Pamela Carlson and Sandee Wilkerson, hospitality. Connie Counts will serve as sunshine chair.

Peggy Upchurch and Margaret Blackwell attended the Republican presidential debate in Greenville, S.C., on Feb. 13th.

Gloria Hein attended Decision America 2016 in Columbia, S.C. on Feb. 9th. Franklin Graham advised Christians to vote and to get involved in local politics--from school boards to county representatives. Over 7,000 people attended the rally.

Peggy Upchurch, Margaret Blackwell and Pam Cullen attended the Feb. 6th SCFRW meeting in Columbia. Club members were challenged to keep track of volunteer hours.

CLWRW Club members Bessie Meeks, Allison Love, Margaret Blackwell and Peggy Upchurch attended a roundtable hosted by York County Republican women at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant on Monday, March 14. The York County delegation--Ralph Norman, Gary Simrill, Wes Hayes and Tommy Pope; along with S. C. Senator Greg Gregory (R-16), provided updates on roads and taxes.

The state convention for the Republican Party is scheduled for May 6th and 7th in Columbia.