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Greg and I are going to see the Governor when she is in Greenville on the 26th - she has always been so encouraged when she comes to Aiken and we know her time constraints have tightened enormously this last week.

If there are several dates you can send to her I am sure she will do everything she can to make it happen.

The pressure of the campaigning has just begun so hopefully you can send her some dates ...and even if it happens that she can move things around and come at the last minute sometime in the future I feel sure she will.

No matter where she is she always talks so respectfully about our club...it is probably where she would rather be!

See you in September ( wasn't that a song?)

Betty

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 13, 2013, at 11:34 AM, "kgordon657@aol.com" <kgordon657@aol.com> wrote:

Betty,

Thanks for response. Sorry to tell you we just had word from Governor's staff that she is booked for September and can't come. This is very disturbing since they had committed on June 18 to coming and had been delaying on giving us a firm date out of five dates we had given them. Tony and I are extremely disappointed in this development. Look forward to seeing you in September!

Ken

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From: Betty Ryberg <bettyryberg@gmail.com>  
To: kgordon657 <kgordon657@aol.com>  
Sent: Tue, Aug 13, 2013 6:57 am  
Subject: Re: Aiken Republican Club (ARC) Update

We will definitely be at the meeting in September. Greg and I are out of town and will be unable to attend this Wednesday.

Thank you for all your work!

Betty Ryberg

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 12, 2013, at 11:37 AM, "kgordon657@aol.com" <kgordon657@aol.com> wrote:

With August already upon us, the ARC is poised to bring its members a star-studded lineup for the fall season.

This Wednesday, we kick off the second half of the year with **Ashley Landess**, the President of The S.C. Policy Council. I'm sure everyone will enjoy Ashley's lively

and animated talk about the goings on behind the scenes in state capitol politics. Her passion for her work and belief in what she does will be evident as she tells you about the dark side of politics in the shadows of the Capitol. All is not well in Columbia and Ashley will expose you to both the good and the bad.

In September, we will be featuring **Nikki Haley**. It is always an honor to welcome our governor to the Club as a guest speaker. I think many people in Aiken feel a special kinship with Governor Haley because our city was an early supporter of her run for the State House. Be watching for an announcement on the September meeting as we are expecting a sellout for this event. GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY!

What would the year be without some words of wisdom from **Newt Gingrich**? Well, you can get some of Newt's thoughts on today's political posturing when he and Callista visit the ARC in October. Both members of the political couple have books coming out that month and I'm sure they would be happy to sign a copy for you at the close of our meeting. Newt's last visit to Aiken was a sellout and we expect no less this time. AGAIN, GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY FOR THIS EVENT!

November ushers in the start of the winter Holiday Season. Christmas shopping will be in full swing when we meet and our our Speakers Committee is working to bring you a **very special guest** for the year's final luncheon. The individual we are reaching out to is someone many of you have expressed interest in over the years. Keep your eyes and ears on alert for an announcement in the near future! We are confident this event will sell out but, as always, ARC members will be given priority time to make reservations for the event.

To wrap up the year, we will be having a **Christmas Party**. In the last two years, this December event has not been well attended and I would be interested in your feedback on ways we can make it more appealing to the membership. My personal goal is to increase attendance by at least 50 percent in 2013. So, let me hear your ideas on improving this annual party.

Next year should provide us with all the politics we can handle. With both primaries and elections in the offing, we expect to have an abundance of speakers wanting to visit the Club in 2014. The Speakers Committee will start reaching out to potential guests in September as well as blocking off months to accommodate our local and state level officials. Our aim is to have the year booked by the end of the first quarter. While this is an ambitious goal, I think we can meet it.

Your Board is working hard to make the Club a place both members and speakers want to be associated with on a regular basis. But we need your help and input to attain this goal. Remember, this is your Club! Let's work together to make the rest of 2013 and next year a big success!

See you at the next meeting,

Ken Gordon  
President  
The Aiken Republican Club