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Subject: Re: The Monthly Meeting September 5th, @ The Palmetto Club

Hello All,

I am excited to remind you of The Monthly Meeting October 3rd, at The Palmetto Club from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

This month we are proud to have Rick C. Wade as our honored guest speaker. A native of Lancaster, SC, Mr. Wade attended USC to receive his Bachelors in Biology. He continued his education at Harvard University's Kennedy School graduating with an Master in Public Administration. Mr. Wade put his education to use by serving as the Chief of Staff to Lt. Gov. Nick Theodore, and holding a cabinet position under Jim Hodges as the State Director of the SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

More recently, Mr. Wade severed as a Senior Advisor to President Obama, and severed as the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Gary Locke. He currently serves as Senior Vice President of GreenTech Automotive ("green car" company owned by Virginia gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe). He also founded The Wade Group in 2011, a global business development and strategic communications firm that helps companies compete and win on the international stage.

Mr. Wade has dedicated the majority of his adult life to public services. There has hints that he will continue that dedication by potentially challenging Senator Tim Scott for his U.S. Senate position ([The State article on Senator Tim Scott vs. Rick Wade U.S. Senate Race](#)). This monthly meeting will be a great opportunity to hear from an very distinguish South Carolinian on how to move our State forward.

To learn more about Rick C. Wade before Thursday's Monthly Meeting, please visit this link by the Washington Post.http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/rick-c-wade/gIQAP3jhAP_topic.html

In efforts to continue positive conversations about moving Columbia and the State forward, we have decided to make a slight adjustment in our meetings. We have been approached by several attendees about the ability to invite other friends and business acquaintances. This is something we are very excited several reasons:

- 1) It shows that you have seen value in The Monthly Meeting
- 2) Every attendee has a different network of people that we may not be able to reach.

Our ultimate goal is to create a forum of discussion concerning the betterment of our Community

while connecting Like-minded Professionals to one another and to Community Leaders. So for this meeting and all meetings moving forward we think the best way to accomplish our goal is to shift the Monthly Meeting from **invitation only to BRING A FRIEND**. We hope that all participants come looking to add to the conversation, and the opportunity to network with driven young professional. Out of respect for our speaker, we ask that you arrive no later than 6:00pm.

Expected Meeting dates for 2013:

October 3rd – The Palmetto Club- Confirmed

November 7th – The Palmetto Club-TBA

December 5th --- Christmas Party at 701 Whaley