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**To:** Veldran, KatherineKatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov  
**Date:** 12/4/2013 4:48:23 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Legislative Series and Annual Banquet assistance

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They are looking at March, 2014. They usually have the event in the evening. They are flexible on the day of the week.

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On Dec 4, 2013, at 2:21 PM, "Veldran, Katherine" <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

What month are they looking to have this event?  
Katherine

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**From:** Garry Smith [mailto:shihangrs@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 11:27 AM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Subject:** Fwd: Legislative Series and Annual Banquet assistance

Katherine, is this something the Governor would be interested in doing?

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Allison McGarity <amcgarity@simpsonvillechamber.com>  
**Date:** November 22, 2013 at 4:39:28 PM EST  
**To:** Garry Smith <shihangrs@charter.net>  
**Subject:** Legislative Series and Annual Banquet assistance

Hey Garry,

Jennifer and I are working on a few new programs for next year. The biggest one we want to roll out is a new monthly legislative program, similar to First Fridays with the Greer Chamber. Each month will focus on a relevant legislative topic, with city, county, and state speakers. We met with Mark Cothran and Elizabeth Edwards earlier this week for some brainstorming and guidance. We all agreed that a good topic for January would be a presentation on the legislative agenda of the 2014 session. We all agreed that you, Ross, Mark, Eric, and Danny would be great speakers. We haven't set a date for this series yet, but we are looking at a Monday/Tuesday lunch format. If we do a Monday before you all go back into session, do you think this would be a possibility?

We are also starting to think about the Annual Banquet. We want to focus on education with our speaker this year. We will be graduating our current Leadership class, announcing the new class, and promoting the Chamber's Foundation. We talked to Mark and Elizabeth about potential keynote speakers, and they said to check with you about the possibility of getting Nikki Haley. Again, we do not have a date set at this time -- which means we can be flexible to accommodate Gov. Haley's schedule if need-be. The Banquet is traditionally on a Thursday but even that can be changed if it helps us match her schedule. Would you mind putting a bug in her ear about this if you have an opportunity with her and asking about her availability? I

can put together a formal letter of invitation next week if you think that would help.

Let me know your thoughts and hopefully we will talk soon!

Thanks!!

Allison

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