

Prior Speakers at OCRW Meetings

Below is just a sampling of the excellent speakers we have had at our monthly meetings.

Diane Hardy, Founder and Executive Director of [Mom and Pop Alliance](#). The Mom and Pop Alliance is a pro-small-business advocacy group founded during Covid to help empower SC's small businesses. The organization provides education, serves as a liaison to improve communication between SC lawmakers and small business owners, and seeks common sense solutions and good governance policies to empower SC's family-owned businesses.

Cindy Risher, SCFRW Americanism Chair and First Vice Chair of the SCGOP presented “Reviewing Trump’s Agenda.”

Randolph Russell. Historian and author, presented “The Fascinating Story of America.” Mr. Russell is the author of [American History in No Time](#), a book about American history and civics that has been used at colleges.

Tonya Shellnutt with Alliance Defending Freedom. Alliance Defending Freedom is one of the leading Christian law firms committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, marriage and family, parental rights, and the sanctity of life.

John McCravy, SC Representative for District 13, and member of the [SC Family Caucus](#), a group that works to promote and defend traditional family values in South Carolina in the South Carolina Legislature. Currently 50 conservative members from the House and the Senate comprise the SC Family Caucus.

John Warren, the South Carolina businessman who narrowly lost the race for Governor in 2018, and author of “[Lead Like a Marine](#)”, a book sharing leadership lessons he has learned from military service and the business world.

Mitch Prosser with Palmetto Family Council. Palmetto Family Council’s vision is to see a South Carolina where God is honored, religious freedom is preserved, families thrive and life is cherished. Palmetto Family Council focuses on seven core values as they relate to family: Faith, Marriage, Parenting, Education, Stewardship, Commerce, and Culture.

Loren Spivack, a popular author, economist and political activist. Before becoming active in politics, he worked for several non-profits and as a management consultant for both profit and non-profit companies. Mr. Spivack founded “Free Market Warrior” in 2009 in an effort to make a positive difference in American politics and economics.

Dr. Robert Jackson, one of the strongest pro-life voices in America today, is a bold and engaging speaker on both pro-life issues and concerns related to medical freedom and the treatment of COVID. Dr. Jackson is the author of three books: “The Family Doctor Speaks: The

Truth About Life”, “The Truth About Seed Planting” and “Turkey Tales and Bible Truths”. He also has a podcast entitled “More than Medicine”.

Laura Scharr with [SC Safe Elections](#), a grassroots, nonpartisan group of concerned citizens all over the state of South Carolina who want to return confidence to the election process.

[Dr. Michael Thorsland](#), Superintendent of the School District of Oconee County

Kristie Burr (Director) and Jim Murray (Chairman), [Oconee County Board of Elections](#) provided a behind the scenes look at how balloting works in Oconee County as well as how early voting works. They showed how the ballot marking device and GS200 scanner work and talked about the security of the ballots.

Thomas Alexander, State Senator

John Elliott, Oconee County Councilman representing District 1

Bill Sandifer, State Representative District 2

David Wagner, 10th District Solicitor

Mike Crenshaw, Oconee County Sheriff

Scott Krein, Director of Oconee County Emergency Services

Dr. Anselmo “Mo” Nunez and wife Kathleen - A retired vascular surgeon, Dr. Nunez’ presentation “Cuban Revolution: One Family’s Story” details Castro’s communist takeover. .

Dr. Sam McDonald, Liaison for [Convention of States](#) (COS): The COS wants three things; 1) restricting power of jurisdiction or returning power back to the individual states; 2) term limits; 3) fiscal responsibility. Another major COS goal is building personal relationships and communications with the members of the House and Senate.

James Quarles, Southeast Regional Coordinator of [Heritage Action for America](#): Heritage Action for America is a conservative policy analysis think tank and conducts policy research in Washington DC with focuses on economic and defense policies.

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