



Pictured: Karen Floyd (left) and Amy Zimmer (right)

AMY ZIMMER BIO

From decorating dollhouses as a child and laying out my school outfits as a teen to becoming the owner of a retail consignment store and a jewelry creator, I love fashion and design! And I also love finding treasures!

After earning a marketing degree and going on to study language at the University of Klagenfurt, I honed my passion for design. Interning with Asid designers gave me hands-on experience in design stores that I used to start my first business in the mid 90's; it was ALR Designs: interior decorating and sourcing antiques and art for my clients. Expanding led to my first retail location in Greenville, SC., called The Gallery at Park and Main. Filling it with home accessories and antiques, I also offered interior design services.

I eventually sold my business to focus on my marriage and growing family. I did designing "side jobs" like an 18th century castle in Italy, apartments in Munich, Germany, and mountain homes in Austria. In my home country, I redesigned a Frank Lloyd Wright home in Greenville, SC and became its custodian.

In 2009, I founded Couture Closets, located in Spartanburg, SC. What began as a closet-design business to help customers re-model, design or just organize their current closets, quickly produced a luxury designer consignment store. In 2012 the Colibri Collection was born, a jewelry line which we created that showcases combining beauty and nature

I am a South Carolina native and share my time between Spartanburg, SC and Austria with my husband and two children. Being fluent in both English and German, the transitions are easy.

When not working, I intentionally spend my time traveling the world for inspiration, doing yoga for balance, and living in the NOW.

KAREN FLOYD BIO

Karen Floyd, the first woman elected chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party, is CEO of The Palladian Group – a global marketing, communications, and technology company she founded – well into its second decade of operations. She also is the Publisher of Palladian View, a digital magazine for conservative Republican women.

Following her two-year tenure leading the South Carolina GOP, during which the party enjoyed unprecedented success in the 2010 midterm elections, she has been recognized as a rising national voice. In the past decade, she has raised more than \$30 million for politics and causes. A sought-after speaker in both business and political circles, Floyd is also highly experienced as a national radio and TV interview source, appearing on MSNBC, Fox News and NPR.

Floyd is a recipient of The Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor awarded by the governor of South Carolina, recognizing people who make contributions of statewide significance. She recently served as Treasurer of the South Carolina Ports Authority board and is former chairman of the Spartanburg County Council, the first woman elected to that post. Floyd previously was vice president of Flagstar Corporation, the parent company of Denny's, Quincy's El Pollo Loco, Cocco's Carrow's, Split Pea and the largest franchisee of Hardee's. She served as chief magistrate of Spartanburg County, the first woman to hold such a position in South Carolina, and enjoyed a successful career as a prosecutor of rape and child abuse cases.

Floyd earned a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she was elected president of the Student Bar Association.

Floyd and her husband Gordon have twin seventeen-year-old sons and reside in Spartanburg.