



The Caroline County Democrat



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Upcoming Meetings

August

On August 9th the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at Aunt Sarah's in Carmel Church.

Our special guests this month will include Ian Ferguson of the Obama Campaign. Ian has already been very active with us and is serving as our field organizer with the campaign.

September

On September 13th the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at Aunt Sarah's in Carmel Church.

Special thanks to Levar Stoney, Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Virginia and Victoria McCullough, who is the regional field organizer for the Obama Campaign for visiting with us at our July meeting.

Out at the County Fair!

The Caroline County Democratic Committee was out again this year at the County Fair. The four day event was held from July 24th to July 27th this year, about a month earlier than normal. We had a great group of volunteers for the event and made sure that all the visitors to the fair had the opportunity to come by, visit with us, and get water, candy, information and conversation. The county fair is always one of our favorite events of the year because we get to represent the local Committee and talk to so many county residents about issues and candidates. This year was no exception. Anita Hartke, candidate for the 7th Congressional district, visited with us on Saturday and got a chance to meet several hundred visitors to the fair. We were also excited to have Ian Ferguson, our local Obama field coordinator on both Friday and Saturday.



Anita Hartke and Matt West (Committee Parliamentarian) talked to Caroline residents about issues important to them.



The booth was awash with Red, White and Blue.

We all were very excited to host Anita and to have Ian Ferguson our Obama field organizer work with us.

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To help with upcoming events of the Committee or on candidate campaigns call (804) 448-4121 or e-mail chairperson@carolinedems.com.

Anita Hartke – An Understanding Voice for the People of the 7th District

On July 18, 2008, Jack Wilcox and Ted Johnson held a meet and greet with Anita Hartke, candidate for the 7th District Congressional seat. Attendance at the event was great with over 50 people showing up to meet Anita, and her mother, the widow of former Senator Vance Hartke. The event gave Anita the chance to sit down and talk to potential Caroline constituents one-on-one about the issues that are important to each of them. If you were not able to attend, we hope that we will have several more chances for you to meet with Anita over the coming months.



Anita and her mother show off the special "Heart Key" cake that Jack and Ted had made for the event.



Anita and Jack enjoy a moment to talk about the event and the campaign.

Every dollar counts in her hard fought campaign against Eric Cantor, the incumbent Republican. Mr. Cantor votes with Bush and the Republican block well over 95% of the time and recently voted against HR 6331 that insured that Medicare recipients would be able to continue to get much needed medical benefits. HR 6331 insured that doctors providing Medicare covered services would not receive a 10.6% cut in reimbursement for Medicare patient services. If the bill had not passed it would have had a devastating effect on thousands of older Virginians who may have not been able to get care as physicians were forced to phase out Medicare patients from their practice or to not accept new Medicare patients. Mr. Cantor's vote shows his true lack of understanding of the needs of older Virginians and how out of touch with the people that he truly is.

Anita is strong on making sure that quality, affordable healthcare is available for all citizens. She strongly supports a national health plan for all Americans that includes universal healthcare with comprehensive benefits that include affordable premiums, co-pays, deductibles and prescriptions. She wants portability and choice so that being between jobs doesn't mean no healthcare for you and your family. She also supports mandatory coverage for children, and understands the healthcare needs of older citizens and the current problems that many have paying for healthcare not covered by Medicare. For more information on Anita's views or to donate to her campaign go to <http://www.hartkeforcongress.com>. She needs your support so that she can be your advocate and voice in Washington come November.

Dr. Keith Hummel Suspends His Campaign

Dr. Keith Hummel recently decided to suspend his campaign for Congress for the 1st Congressional District. Dr. Hummel cited increasing pressure from opponents regarding his past financial problems. He stated that it was making it impossible for him to stick to the real message of his campaign. He also did not want to have a negative impact on other Democrats running in the upcoming November election. Dr. Hummel is expected to withdraw from the race in the near future. For more information on Dr. Hummel's campaign suspension go to <http://www.HummelforCongress.com>.

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Important Dates!

- August 9 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt Sarah's Carmel Church, 10:00 am
- August 9 - International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples
- August 12 - GOTV Committee Meeting, Caroline Community Center, Bowling Green, 7:00 pm
- August 12 - International Youth Day
- August 14 - Moving VA Forward Fundraiser, Science Museum of VA, Richmond. For information contact david@movingvirginiaforward.com
- August 26 - Women's Equality Day
- Sept. 13 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt Sarah's Carmel Church, 10:00 am
- Sept. 13 - Central Committee Meeting, Fredericksburg, VA
- Sept. 27 - Caroline Democratic Committee Bar-B-Q, Dawn Community Center, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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