



# The Caroline County Democrat



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## Upcoming Meetings

### July

On July 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Do not miss this meeting! Levar Stoney, Executive Director of the Democratic Party of VA will be visiting the Committee and speaking about the importance of everyone's participation so we can "Turn Virginia Blue" this November.

### August

On August 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Sen. Creigh Deeds, candidate for Governor in 2009, Anita Hartke, candidate for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, and Dr. Keith Hummel, candidate for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District for visiting with us at our June meeting.

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## What is the Caroline County Democratic Committee Doing?

Over the past month the CCDC has raised money for the American Cancer Society in the Caroline Relay for Life, had a booth at RivahFest in Tappahannock, and participated in the Rural Collaboration Initiative reception held here in Caroline.

Even though our Relay for Life team was a late entry, we are very excited that we still managed to collect over \$450 to help fight cancer. With your help, next year will be bigger and better.

The Rural Collaboration Initiative is a new venture between for-profit, non-profit, and faith-based organizations to address the growing needs of Virginia's rural communities. The businesses and groups involved are committed to bridging the socioeconomic gap between the underserved, working class, and the affluent, through education, construction, and economic development. The Committee's own Ernest Rollins is a founding member of the initiative through his company Rollins LLC.



A Great Relay for Life Team – Thanks to all the great Democrats that participated

Chuck, Don and Jack greet interested voters at RivahFest. Four new voters were registered at RivahFest!



To help with the Caroline County Fair booth or with other programs in the future call (804) 448-4121.

## Report from the State Convention

The VA Democratic Party State Convention was held June 13-15 in Hampton, Virginia at the Convention Center. The program was filled with speeches from Sen. Creigh Deeds and Del. Brian Moran, who are both currently members of the General Assembly and are running for Governor in 2009, former Governor Mark Warner, and Sen. Jim Webb. Our own congressional candidates Anita Hartke from the 7<sup>th</sup> District and Dr. Keith Hummel from the 1<sup>st</sup> District gave rousing speeches. The news of the day was that former Governor Mark Warner, who is the current Democratic Senate candidate, accepted the nomination with an inspiring speech. Governor Warner also made news by stating that he would not entertain any requests by Barack Obama to run as his Vice-Presidential nominee as he wanted only one job, that of Senator from the great Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Convention was very important for Caroline this year as our Committee successfully proposed a resolution commemorating the lives of Mildred and Richard Loving. Mildred recently passed away and the members of the Committee felt that we needed to honor the legacy of equality that Mildred and her husband represented. Two of our members, Pam Mastropaolo and Matt Rowe, wrote and submitted the resolution on the Committee's behalf. We are so pleased that the resolution passed. A short excerpt follows:

HEREBY (the Democratic Party of VA) expresses its gratitude for the life of Mildred Loving and that of her husband, Richard Loving, during what would have been the year of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and for their legacy of having advanced the cause of civil rights in Caroline County, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States of America.

For a complete text of the resolution, please see our website.



Dr. Hummel addresses the convention.

For more information on Keith Hummel for Congress go to <http://www.HummelforCongress.com>.

## Meet & Greet for Anita Hartke to be Held

On July 18, 2008, Jack Wilcox and Ted Johnson will hold a meet and greet for you to meet Anita Hartke, candidate for the 7<sup>th</sup> District Congressional seat. Anita has visited the Committee several times over the last six months and adds her unique passion, knowledge, and concern about issues facing the constituents she hopes to represent in the 7<sup>th</sup> District each time she visits. Take this opportunity to meet Anita and talk to her about her vision for the 7<sup>th</sup> District, Virginia, and the country at this wonderful event. The meet and greet will be held at 26715 Ruther Glen Road, Ruther Glen from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The attire for the event is casual. If you have any questions or need directions, please call (804) 994-5463. Donations will be accepted. If you have questions about the Anita Hartke for Congress campaign, please go to <http://www.hartkeforcongress.com>.

## Seventh District Democratic Committee Holds Fundraiser - Cheering the Blues Dinner

Join us at the 7<sup>th</sup> District Democratic Committee fundraiser to be held on July 26, 2008 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The fundraiser is being held at Lake of the Woods in Orange County located at 102 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA 22508. The keynote speaker will be Dan LeBlanc who is the Senior Advisor to the Governor for the Workforce. A cash bar will be open from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm with a fantastic Italian specialty dinner buffet opening at 7:00 pm. Dress for the event will be business casual. Please respond by July 19, 2008 to Pam Mastropaolo our representative to the 7<sup>th</sup> District Committee at (804) 448-3304. She is coordinating our Committee table. Tickets are \$75 per person, but higher levels of support are welcome. Ask Pam for more details.

**Help us save money! Fill out the form on page 3 and let us know if you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail. Sending one less newsletter by mail each month saves us about \$5.00 each year.**



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writers. Please let us know if you would like to help.

**Important Dates!**

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 12 - Regular Committee Meeting,  
Aunt Sarah's  
Carmel Church, 10:00 am
- July 18 - Meet & Greet and Fundraiser for  
Anita Hartke at the home of  
Jack Wilcox and Ted Johnson  
from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- July 23 - United Nations Public Service Day
- July 24 – 27 - Caroline County Fair  
The Committee will have a booth  
again this year. Please donate  
some time to help us support  
Democratic candidates.
- July 26 - 7<sup>th</sup> District Fundraiser  
Lake of the Woods  
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
More information on page 2.
- July 26 - Americans with Disabilities Act  
signed in 1990
- August 9 - Regular Committee Meeting,  
Aunt Sarah's  
Carmel Church. 10:00 am

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