



The Caroline County Democrat



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Upcoming Meetings

June – Change of Date

On **June 7th** the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting at **10:00 am**. The meeting will be at Aunt Sarah's in Carmel Church. We voted to hold the June meeting a week early to accommodate the State Convention, scheduled on our normal meeting date. We hope that the 1st District Congressional Candidate, Keith Hummel, or a representative will attend the meeting.

July

On July 12th 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.

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Please Join Our Team - Relay for Life



Caroline Relay for Life

Location: Caroline High
Date: May 30th
Time: 6:00 PM

How You Can Help:

Walk and/or Donate

We are putting together a team to represent the Caroline County Democratic Committee in the annual Caroline Relay for Life benefit for the American Cancer Society. The relay begins on May 30 at 6:00 pm and lasts until June 1 at 5:00 am. **If you would like to join the team, please let us know at (804) 448-4121, and go to http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeSouthAtlanticDivision?pg=teamlst&fr_id=8904.** From the Caroline Relay for Life website, you can click on the team name to register as a member or make a donation. If you cannot walk you still can make a huge impact by donating. Any amount will help fight cancer in our community.

We are getting t-shirts to wear at this event and for other events in the future. T-shirts are going to be a beautiful royal blue and have our name, the kickin' donkey logo from our masthead, and our website address. They are \$12 for sizes up to XL and \$14 for sizes XXL and XXXL. Please let us know if you are interested in a t-shirt by calling us at (804) 448-4121. We have a few still available.

Hartke Fires Up Dems in 7th District by Pam Mastropaolo

Anita Hartke's increasingly passionate message of the need to move the nation away from the disastrous policies of George Bush and deny U.S. Rep. Eric Cantor another term in Congress got a rousing reception at the 7th District Democratic Convention held May 10 in Richmond.

The district's Democrats, gathered among other matters to select a national elector and national convention delegates, are clearly enthusiastic about Hartke's common-sense commitment to ending the Iraq war with a staged withdrawal; to restoring the U.S. government to fiscal integrity and strengthening the economy, including the housing market; to expanding health care; and to protecting the environmental treasures of the 7th District and Virginia while developing alternative energy sources.

Hartke, as the party's nominee to take on Cantor – dubbed "Bush's Rubber Stamp" -- in the Nov. 4 election, will run alongside immensely popular former Gov. Mark Warner in his quest for a U.S. Senate seat. The team, known for straight talk and a willingness to work out bipartisan solutions to complex problems, is expected to help turn Virginia blue this year after a long spell as a reliably Republican state in national elections. For more information on Anita Hartke for Congress please visit her website at <http://www.hartkeforcongress.com/>.

During its business session, the convention chose Harold O. Boyd of Culpeper as the 7th District's National Elector.

The convention broke into presidential preference caucuses to select national delegates apportioned according to votes cast during the Feb. 12 statewide primary. National delegates (elected as a slate) pledged to Barack Obama are state Sen. A. Donald McEachin (Henrico), Jane Van Ostern (Richmond) and Marjorie C. Clark (Chesterfield and 7th District Chair). Alternate is Jim Underwood (Chesterfield). Delegates pledged to Hillary Clinton are David Kovacs (Henrico) and Christie Bieber (Henrico). All will attend the Democratic National Convention Aug. 25-28 in Denver.

The 7th Congressional District encompasses all or a portion of the city of Richmond and the counties of Caroline, Chesterfield, Culpeper, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Louisa, Madison, Orange, Page, Rappahannock and Spotsylvania.

Keith Hummel Will be the Candidate for the 1st Congressional District

In speeches that brought delegates and observers to their feet, Dr. Keith Hummel of Westmoreland County spoke to the 1st Congressional District convention on May 17th, both before and after his resounding nomination for the candidate to take on Robert J. Wittman (R) in November. The vote included only four votes against Dr. Hummel out of over 150 cast. Dr. Hummel, an emergency room doctor and vineyard owner, who served as a Navy Flight Surgeon, made extremely passionate speeches to the convention regarding his feelings on the Iraq war, trade and tax policy, standing up for American workers, protecting America, honoring those that serve, and healthcare for ALL Americans. For more information on Keith Hummel for Congress, please visit his website at <http://www.HummelforCongress.com>.

In addition to voting for Dr. Hummel, delegates also elected Chris Rey, a law student at William and Mary to serve as the 1st District's National Elector, before breaking into presidential preference caucuses to select national delegates. The 1st District was allotted one male Clinton delegate and two male and two female Obama delegates/alternates based on the Feb. 12 statewide primary results. Carlos del Toro, former candidate in the 88th Legislative District, was elected to serve as the Clinton delegate. Sen. Mamie Lock of the 2nd Senate District, Rebecca McCullough, and Sen. John C. Miller of the 1st Senate District were elected to serve as the Obama delegates. George Wallace was elected to serve as an Obama alternate.

The 1st Congressional District encompasses all or portion of 23 cities and counties, including Caroline, Essex, Fauquier, Fredericksburg, James City County, King & Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Newport News, Northumberland, Poquoson, Prince William, Richmond County, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland, Williamsburg, and York.

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Send us updated information about yourself,
Let us know you want to volunteer, or
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A newsletter by e-mail helps us save money on printing and postage so we can help candidates more.

Caroline County Democratic Committee Membership Application & Donor Form

(Please print clearly and fully complete the form – Your information is needed to help us keep you informed about Democratic activities, and to maintain contribution records as required by the State Board of Elections.)

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Important Dates!

June is Caribbean American Heritage Month and
Gay Pride Month

May 30 - Caroline Relay for Life – Caroline High School
6:00 PM – June 1 at 5:00 AM – Join Our Team!

June 5 - World Environment Day

June 7 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt Sarah's
Carmel Church, 10:00 am

June 12 - Anniversary of Loving vs. Virginia Decision

June 14 - Flag Day

June 14 - State Convention, Hampton Roads
Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive,
Hampton

June 15 - Father's Day

June 19 - Juneteenth
(aka Freedom Day or Emancipation Day)

June 20 – Summer Begins

June 20 – World Refugee Day

July 4 - Independence Day

July 12 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt Sarah's
Carmel Church, 10:00 am

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