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Upcoming Meetings

March

On March 8th the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting. Please join us at 10:00 am at Aunt Sarah's Restaurant located in Carmel Church. We will be signing and distributing petitions for the Mark Warner – US Senate campaign.

April

On April 19th the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting. Some of you may quickly notice that this is not the 2nd Saturday of the month, which is our typical day to meet. We have had to make this change to accommodate a vote of the Committee at our February meeting to combine a caucus required by the State Party and our regular meeting. The State Party has very specific requirements for the date and time of meeting for the caucus and only one of the two dates allowed by the State Party will allow us to combine the regular meeting and the caucus on a Saturday. Our regular meeting will begin at 10:00 am and the caucus will begin promptly at 12:00 noon. Look for more information about the caucus on page 2 of this newsletter and at <http://www.carolinedems.com>.



Albert Pollard Wins!

On February 19th, Albert Pollard was elected to serve the people of the 99th Legislative District. Albert defeated Lee Ann Washington (R) with approximately 58% of the vote to Washington's 42%.

Albert wants to thank his constituents and supporters for their tireless efforts. In Caroline, three members of our Committee went beyond the call putting up signs, talking to voters and working the polls. The Committee would like to thank Rose West, Matt West and Pam Mastropaolo for their work to elect Albert.

If you would like to view Albert's swearing in ceremony or get more precise election results you can visit Albert's site at <http://www.albertpollard.com/>.

Presidential Primary Results

The vote in the Democratic Presidential Primary held on February 12, 2008 in Caroline County was as follows:

Barack Obama	2,396
Hillary Clinton	952
John Edwards	16
Bill Richardson	6
Dennis J. Kucinich	4
Joe Biden	1

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Neighbors Organizing the Vote

The State Party is organizing community volunteers in a Neighbors Organizing the Vote program. If you are interested in finding out more about how to contact friends and neighbors in your community, and how to recruit others to do the same, please join. The Neighbors Organizing the Vote program can grow our ground game to a level that the Republicans can't touch. Join today by going to <http://www.vademocrats.org/page/s/nlsignup>. Information will also be available at the next meeting.

Call to Caucus

The Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold a required **caucus to elect delegates and alternates to the Congressional District Conventions and State Convention**. These conventions will elect the National Convention Delegates that will travel to Denver, Colorado from August 25th – 28th to nominate the Democratic candidate for President of the United States. Caroline’s caucus will be held at **12:00 noon on April 19th at Aunt Sarah’s Restaurant in Carmel Church**.

The caucus will begin promptly at 12:00 noon. Only those persons standing in line to register at 12:00 noon are allowed to participate, and the caucus doors will be closed until adjournment per Virginia Democratic Party protocol. To vote in the caucus you must be a registered voter, and be a Democrat who believes in the principles of the Democratic Party, and who pledges not to oppose the Democratic nominee. As Caroline is part of both the 1st Congressional District and the 7th Congressional District, we are allotted delegates and alternates for each district. A total of 2,000 delegates and 1,000 alternates will be elected from all over the state to attend conventions at the District and State levels. Our allotted delegates and alternates are as follows:

<u>Congressional District</u>	<u>Total Delegates</u>	<u>Clinton Delegates</u>	<u>Obama Delegates</u>	<u>Total Alternates</u>	<u>Clinton Alternates</u>	<u>Obama Alternates</u>
1	3	1	2	2	0	2
7	3	1	2	2	1	1

If you are interested in becoming a delegate or alternate you must register your intent to run and represent a specific candidate by completing a **pre-filing form** which must be returned to Maggie Sacra, Chairperson of the Caroline County Democratic Committee **by 5:00 pm on April 14th**. This form can be found on our website at <http://www.carolinedems.com> or you can contact us at (804) 448-4121 and a form will be sent to you. Pre-filing forms should be sent to PO Box 390, Ruther Glen, VA 22546. Postmarks of April 14th are not sufficient as a report must be sent to the Democratic Party of Virginia immediately after the deadline that confirms those pre-filing. The State Party is recommending a \$25 filing fee for each registrant, with division of the fee between the State Party, Congressional District Committees and the Caroline County Democratic Committee to cover the cost of expenses incurred to hold the caucus and conventions. If you or someone you know would like to run for a delegate or alternate position but cannot afford this \$25 fee it will not eliminate you from contention.

If you wish to run for a position as a delegate or alternate, please be aware that you must be available to attend the District and State conventions. The 1st District Convention will be held on Saturday, May 17th, and the 7th District Convention will be held on Saturday, May 10th. The State Convention will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, VA on June 14th.

If you have any questions about this process or the process to register to run as a national delegate, go to <http://www.vademocrats.org/>, e-mail us at chairperson@carolinedems.com or call us at (804) 448-4121.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Caroline County Democratic Committee is working hard to form several committees to perform specific functions that we need to do in order to build our Committee and make us a stronger and more active group. Some of the committees we are forming include:

- Finance Committee** – will oversee the Treasurer and report to the Committee on a quarterly basis
- Fundraising Committee** – will head fundraising efforts for the Committee
- Get Out the Vote Committee**– will spearhead registration, education and activities to get out the vote
- Newsletter Committee** – will write, produce & mail the newsletter each month
- Outreach Committee** – will coordinate efforts to expand membership and diversity in the Committee

The **Mark Warner for US Senate** campaign is also looking for assistance over the coming months including collection of petition signatures.

If you are interested in helping out Mark Warner or getting involved in any of our committees, please contact us at chairperson@carolinedems.com, or please call (804) 448-4121.

Use the form below to - Join the Caroline County Democratic Committee,
Donate more if you have already joined,
Send us updated information about yourself, or
Let us know if you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail.

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 –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.)

Tell Us About Yourself:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address _____

Employer _____

Business Address _____

Occupation _____

Please check one:

I'd like to receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail. _____

I'd prefer to receive the monthly newsletter via regular mail. _____

Contact me about volunteer opportunities: Y or N

I'd like to be a member:

Regular Membership: _____ \$15

Additional Donation: _____

Total _____

I'm already a member but I want to do more to help Democratic Candidates:

Additional Donation: _____

Please make your check payable to the Caroline County Democratic Committee.

Mail your membership/donation to: Caroline County Democratic Committee
PO Box 390
Ruther Glen, VA 22546

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newsletter@carolinedems.com. We welcome newsletter
writers. Please let us know if you would like to help.

Mark Your Calendars!

- March - Women’s History Month
- March 8 - Regular Committee Meeting
Aunt Sarah’s Carmel Church
10:00 am
- March 9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 16 - Palm Sunday
- March 17 - St. Patrick’s Day
- March 20 - Spring Begins
- March 21 - Good Friday
- March 23 - Easter
- April 14 - Deadline to pre-file as a candidate
for delegate/alternate to run at
the assembled caucus to be held on
April 19. See page 2 for more info.
- April 19 - Regular Committee Meeting
Aunt Sarah’s Carmel Church
10:00 am
- April 19 - Assembled Caucus to pick delegates
and alternates for District/State
Conventions that will pick delegates to
the National Presidential
Convention
Aunt Sarah’s Carmel Church
12:00 pm
See page 2 for more info.

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