



The Caroline County Democrat



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Upcoming Meetings

Mark Your Calendar

March

On **March 14th** 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. We are expecting Mike Signer, candidate for Lt. Governor, to be with us for the meeting to discuss his candidacy.

April

On **April 11th** 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. We hope that Jody Wagner, candidate for Lt. Governor, will be able to attend this meeting and talk about her candidacy.

Special thanks to Tye Davenport of the Jody Wagner for Lt. Governor Campaign, who came to speak to us at both the January and February meetings. We also appreciate popcorn treats which she brought from Ms. Wagner's business Jody's Popcorn. Also, special thanks to Jon Bowerbank, candidate for Lt. Governor, who came to speak to us in February.

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**Join the
Caroline County
Democratic
Committee
Relay for Life
Team Today!**

Last year for the first time, the Caroline County Democratic Committee participated in the Caroline County Relay for Life. This year we have decided to participate again and hope that you will join our team. Relay for Life is a great event that raises money to support the fight against cancer. This year's Relay for Life will have a different format than previous years have had as it will not be an overnight event. This year the Relay for Life will begin on Saturday, June 6 at noon and continue until midnight. Relay for Life organizers anticipate that this change will make it easier for teams to stay the full length of the event and make it easier for families with children to participate.

The Caroline Relay for Life has its very own website, which makes it very easy for you to log on and join the Committee team. Join us by going to http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=13219. Click on "Sign Up", then "Join an Existing Team", search for "Caroline Democrats", then click "Join", and follow the instructions. The site makes it easy to join, set up your own page, solicit donations, and thank those who donate. If you cannot join the team, please go online and donate on our page of the Caroline Relay for Life site.

Please Donate to the Food Bank

The Food Bank is in need of donations. The economy has made a dramatic impact on the number of folks requesting assistance from local food banks and it has left the shelves bare at several points over the last few months. Bring your donation of non-perishable food to our next two meetings and we will deliver it for you. You may also make donations directly to the Caroline Food Bank at the Social Services office located at the Caroline County Community Services Center (2nd Floor), 17505 Richmond Turnpike, Bowling Green.

Get to Know the Candidates for Lt. Governor

Five candidates are battling to run as the Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor this fall. To help you decide on which one you would like to vote for on June 9 we have put together some information on each.

Jon Bowerbank

Jon Bowerbank is the owner of an energy services company that employs approximately 220 people, mainly in southwestern Virginia. He has both a business and technical background and has served as an operational manager for a Fortune 10 company in numerous states. He is a member of the Russell County Board of Supervisors, and is married with three children. He does not want to be like career politicians that spend all their time in Richmond, but wants to travel the Commonwealth to do the best job for the people that he can do. He also made a point of telling us in our last meeting that he wants to serve the people of Virginia 24/7 365 as Lt. Governor and has no intention of just presiding over the Senate during the General Assembly and disappearing for the rest of the year as the duties of the Lt. Governor generally require. He is passionate about clean energy, upgrading Virginia's infrastructure, and encouraging folks that with enough hard work they can accomplish whatever they set their mind to do and achieve the American dream. For more information go to <http://www.JonBowerbank.com>.

Pat Edmonson

Pat Edmonson is the vice-chair and former outreach director of the VBDC (Best Large Democratic Committee 2007). She is a sitting member of the VBCPS School Board, in charge of 70,000 students and a \$748,000,000 budget. Pat serves on the Legislative Committee, The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, Fundraising Director for Young Audiences of VA, Arts for Learning and Executive Committee, Boards of Friendship Village, and Parent Advisory Link. Pat has served on the Strategic Planning Committee, rallied the Board to reject charging free and reduced lunch students for summer school, argued to have the African American male achievement gap put in the strategic plan as a goal, and is on the Board of Parent Connection. She has the support of Republicans and Democrats, and knows how to build common ground and consensus with others to move Virginia forward. For more information go to <http://patedmonson.com/>.

Rich Savage

Rich Savage is a successful small business owner, community leader and political consultant in Richmond, Virginia. Rich built his business from the ground up, and understands the challenges that Virginians face each day in these tough economic times. For more than two decades, Rich has worked to elect Democrats all across the Commonwealth and the United States. For the past six years, Rich has worked in his community serving as a volunteer mentor for at-risk youth. His primary focus will be strengthening education and building up our "intellectual infrastructure". By working with education, business, and industry leaders, he hopes to achieve meaningful education reforms making schools stronger and making Virginia better able to compete globally - especially in the growing sector of "green" jobs and clean technology. He is 46, lives in Richmond, and is the proud father of twin girls who attend public school in Henrico County. For more information go to <http://www.getsavagevirginia.com/>.

Mike Signer

Mike Signer is a lawyer, who served as an assistant counsel for Mark Warner. He has also served as a Democratic strategist for a number of years, including in a senior role in Tom Perriello's recent upset victory for Congress. He is a Virginia native, got his undergraduate degree from Princeton, and is a graduate of UVa Law. He currently lives in Arlington. Mike ran the 2004 Virginia Voter Protection effort. Mike has many achievements as an activist fighting for justice and fairness in Virginia, has worked with some of the top progressive policy minds in the country, and has over a decade of service as a Virginia Democratic activist, which makes him a great candidate for Lt. Governor. He is running because he believes the office can play a very active role in increasing opportunity in our economic system, helping to create new jobs, pushing our environmental system to the forefront of the country, fulfilling the sacred contract we have with veterans and military families, and fighting for justice and fairness in our democracy. For more information go to <http://www.michaelsigner.com/>.

Jody Wagner

For more than 25 years, Jody Wagner has called Virginia home – raising four children, practicing law, building a small family business, becoming active in her local community, and serving as a key part of the team that put Virginia back on the right track during the Warner and Kaine Administrations. In 2002, Governor Mark Warner appointed Jody as Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia. When Governor Tim Kaine took office, he named Jody as the Commonwealth's first female Secretary of Finance. During Jody's time in state government, Virginia was named the best managed state in the nation twice, the best state for business three times, and the best state for raising children. Jody also served as a member of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Virginia Small Business Authority where she helped invest in small businesses throughout the Commonwealth, and the Commonwealth of Virginia Joint Subcommittee Study on Science, Math and Technology Education where she focused on ways to bolster science education at all grade levels across Virginia. Jody worked to strengthen higher education in Virginia as a member of the Eastern Virginia Medical School Board of Visitors and as a member of the Virginia College Buildings Authority. She is a former Vice Chair of the Democratic Party of Virginia. For more information go to <http://www.jodyforva.com/>.

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Important Dates!

- March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins – Don't Forget to Change Your Clocks!
- March 12 - Sierra Club Meeting
www.virginia.sierraclub.org/RG
- March 14 - Regular Monthly Meeting
10:00 am – Aunt Sarah's
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 - First Day of Spring
- April 9 - Sierra Club Meeting
www.virginia.sierraclub.org/RG
- April 11 - Regular Monthly Meeting
10:00 am – Aunt Sarah's
- April 12 - Easter
- April 22 - Earth Day
- June 9 - Primary Election Day

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