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Upcoming Meetings

May – Change in Time

On **May 10th** the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting at **9:00 am**. The meeting will be at Aunt Sarah's in Carmel Church. We are hoping to have candidates for the 1st US Congressional District speak to us. The time is an hour early to accommodate the 7th District Convention scheduled for the same day.

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.

What Did You Miss At Our Last Meeting?

We were pleased to announce that Anita Hartke the nominee for the 7th Congressional District was back to speak to us again. Ms. Hartke wanted to thank each of you who worked to get signatures on petitions over the past few months. She also wanted to ask for your continued support in the coming months. Ms. Hartke is a motivated, informed, and hard working candidate with much to offer the 7th District.

As she told the Committee, she will not become a "sacrificial lamb", and even though Eric Cantor has incumbent status, and powerful backing she is ready to give him a good run and end up the winner in November. Cantor is obviously taking her seriously as Lynne Cheney, wife of the Vice President, has already made Anita the focus of a Republican breakfast fundraising speech.

We are actively working to get speakers and presenters at upcoming meetings. If there is someone that you would like to hear speak, please let us know by e-mailing us at chairperson@carolinedems.com or by calling 804-448-4121.

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Fundraising Committee Meets May 12

Without a good fundraising plan, we simply will not have the funds to do the work that needs doing to help Democratic candidates win in November. Help our Fundraising Committee chair, Don Davenport, plan for the coming year. Attend a meeting of the Fundraising Committee on the evening of May 12th at the home of Jackson Wilcox.

For more information, call Don at (804) 994-0309 or call (804) 448-4121.

Anita Hartke – 7th Congressional District Candidate



Anita Hartke has made her way to Caroline on multiple occasions already to visit with the Caroline County Democratic Committee and she has been fundraising across the district including an event at the Ironhorse Restaurant in Ashland that occurred on April 30. We will be able to count on Anita Hartke's passion for what she believes, and for the people that she wants to represent. She has already shown that by hitting the ground running and visiting with folks all over the district, and she will continue to criss-cross the district after her election to make sure she hears your concerns.

Anita comes to the life of a candidate quite naturally though. Her father was a Congressman for many years. "I come from a political family," Hartke has said many times. Her dad, the late Sen. Vance Hartke, a Democrat from Indiana, served from 1959 to 1977, and even ran for president on an anti-war platform in 1972, at the height of Vietnam. "My father was a major peace activist who was one of the first people to go out against the Vietnam War," Hartke said. "He spoke to 600,000 people at the Washington Mall and broke his friendship with Lyndon Johnson over his stand against the Vietnam War." Hartke has learned much from her father. She says, "My father was county chair in Indiana, he became mayor and U.S. senator within five years after that. He pushed grassroots politics, representing the people like Harry Truman." She believes that politics provide a means for people to have their ideas heard and not "trampled or ignored" like she believes has occurred under the current leadership. Hartke continues the tradition by beginning her political career as her father did by serving as a county chair for the Culpeper County Democratic Committee.

Hartke is not shy about expressing her own views about economics, foreign affairs, the current wars, and more. She has written her own plans of how to deal with the mortgage crisis and has distributed it to current Congressional representatives for their use. Her views on the issue come from her own experience with a successful real estate business in the Culpeper area. She also has strong opinions on health care or the lack of it for poor Americans especially the elderly and children. "I mean this is the United States, the wealthiest country in the world, and we're sending all of this money overseas before we take care of our elderly and our children," she said.

When asked if she really expects to beat the powerful incumbent Eric Cantor (R) in the election, she says, "My father won in a Republican red state — landslide victories. We're going to have that again."

For more information on Anita Hartke for Congress please visit her website at <http://www.hartkeforcongress.com/>. Anita has information on her appearances in the area, news articles about her, and more. You can also donate to her campaign at her website.

- Quotes from the Culpeper Star Exponent

Join Our Team – Relay for Life

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://www.relayforlife.org/relay/findevent>, type in your zip code, and click on Caroline's Relay information to register as a member of our team or to donate on its behalf. We will also take donations at the May meeting to offset the \$150 team registration fee.

We are getting t-shirts to wear at this event and for other events in the future. We will make pricing information available on our website as soon as possible. Please let us know if you are interested in a t-shirt by calling us at (804) 448-4121.



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Important Dates!

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

- May 2 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
- May 3 - World Press Freedom Day
- May 10 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt Sarah's Carmel Church, 9:00 am
- May 10 - 7th District Convention, Short Pump Middle School, 4701 Pouncey Tract Road, Glen Allen
- May 11 - Mother's Day
- May 12 - Fundraising Committee Meeting
- May 17 - 1st District Convention, Williamsburg Marriott, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg
- May 21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity
- May 26 - Memorial Day (observed)
- May 30 - Caroline Relay for Life – Caroline High School 6:00 PM – June 1 at 5:00 AM – Join Our Team!
- June 7 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt Sarah's Carmel Church, 10:00 am
- June 14 - State Convention, Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton

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