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Upcoming Meetings

Mark Your Calendar

May

On **May 9th** 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 Rich Culbert of the Virginia State Party's Coordinated Campaign to speak to us. Relay for Life information will be available and donations will be collected.

June

On **June 13th** 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 **Mike Signer**, candidate for Lt. Governor, who came to speak to us at the March meeting, and to **Jody Wagner**, candidate for Lt. Governor, who came to speak to us in April. We would also like to thank Jamie Nolan from the Bowerbank for Lt. Governor Campaign for visiting us in March.



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

We've been talking about the Relay for Life for several months, but it is almost upon us. Please register as soon as possible and start collecting donations for this year's event. The Relay for Life will begin on Saturday, June 6 at noon and continue until midnight. The event takes place at the Caroline High School stadium. This year concession stands and sno cone sellers will be available.

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", click "Search for a Team", and choose "Caroline Democrats". 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.

Join Us for a Yard Sale, Cookout, and Straw Poll

The Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold a yard sale, cookout and straw poll on **May 30 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. The event will be held at 6325 Jericho Road. We need your donations and your support for this great event that will raise money for the Committee and for our Relay for Life team. A cookout will be held from noon to 2:00 pm but drinks and snacks will be available all day. For a small fee, you can participate in our first annual Camptown Straw Poll to vote for your favorite candidates.

We need your help. Please donate. To donate items for the sale, please contact Don Davenport or Chuck Unger at (804) 994-0309 or Maggie Sacra at (804) 448-4121. We can pick up beforehand or you can drop off.

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Get to Know the Candidates for Governor

Three candidates are battling to run as the Democratic candidate for 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.

Creigh Deeds

Senator Creigh Deeds has spent the last two decades serving constituents from all walks of life--from his start as Bath County prosecutor to his current position as a State Senator representing the City of Charlottesville and a district that stretches to the West Virginia border. Whether he was working to clean up one of Virginia's largest Superfund sites, fighting for economic development, or writing some of the toughest legislation to keep our families safe and secure, Deeds has built his career as a consensus builder who delivers results.

He wrote Megan's Law, which allows public access to the state sex offender registry, and sponsored the Amber Alert Program to keep our children safe. Using his relationships with law enforcement officers and his experience as a prosecutor, Deeds wrote the state law that has turned the tide against homegrown illegal methamphetamine drug labs. Senator Deeds also wrote one of the most progressive laws to preserve open space and protect the environment. For his leadership and advocacy, he received the Leadership in Public Policy Award from The Nature Conservancy and the Preservation Alliance of Virginia named him Delegate of the Year. When Virginia was in a financial crisis, Deeds worked with Governor Mark Warner to put the budget back in order: cutting waste and protecting important priorities. The 2004 bi-partisan budget agreement invested more than \$1 billion in education, eliminated the state food tax, and put more police officers on the streets with the tools and the training they need to keep us safe.

Senator Deeds is a lifelong Virginian who lives in Bath county with his wife and four children. On April 28th, an ABC Washington/CBS Roanoke/Survey USA poll stated that Deeds is the strongest Democrat against Bob McDonnell in November and had shown the most steady increase in support over the extent of his campaign. For more information from Creigh Deed's website go to <http://www.deedsforvirginia.com/>.

Terry McAuliffe

Terry McAuliffe has been bringing big name Democrats to Virginia to support him and raise money for his campaign, including former President Bill Clinton who participated in two rallies across the state in the past week. McAuliffe has also been the only candidate to consistently show TV spots in all markets across the Commonwealth to this point in the campaign. But what else do you know about McAuliffe? McAuliffe's website offers the following: Terry McAuliffe is a businessman, entrepreneur, and Democratic Party leader from Fairfax County. For over 30 years, Terry has been fighting to create jobs, improve health care and education, and build a better future.

He served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee where he brought his pragmatic, businessman's approach to politics. As DNC Chairman, Terry increased grassroots outreach with supporters, got the Party out of debt, and invested in new technology. He has also served as a vocal advocate for working families across the country and Democratic Party principles, like fighting to end our nation's reliance on foreign oil and develop renewable energy sources that are better for the environment and can create good jobs.

McAuliffe and his family moved to Virginia 20 years ago and live in Fairfax County. Terry is a lifetime member of the NAACP, and the McAuliffes are also active in and supportive of community and charitable groups, including Catholic Charities, McLean Little League, The Make-A-Wish Foundation, The Epilepsy Foundation, The Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Foundation, and Knock Out Abuse. For more information to go <http://www.terrymcauliffe.com/>.

Brian Moran

Brian Moran has given two decades as a public servant and elected leader, fighting for the working men and women of Virginia. Brian served as a county prosecutor until being elected to the House of Delegates in 1996, where he became Chairman of the Virginia House Democratic Caucus only a few years later. In the legislature, Brian Moran has fought for the values that his parents taught him: raising the minimum wage, increasing access to health care, making the largest education investment in Virginia history, and protecting our environment for the next generation.

After receiving his law degree, he worked his way through the ranks to become Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney where he remained until his election to the House of Delegates. He is an active member of his local community, including service to the United Way, and as a member of the Board of Stop Child Abuse Now.

In 1995, the voters of the 46th district elected Brian to the Virginia House of Delegates. During his time in the House, he has worked to crack down on drunk driving, improve Virginia's small business climate, provide childhood vaccinations and improve preventative health care. He has been a champion for raising teacher salaries and improvements in our transportation system, particularly rail and mass transit. In the House, Brian led the effort for the largest investment in education in Virginia history. Recently, he was named the Virginia Sheriffs' Association Legislator of the Year and named Child Advocate of the Year by the Virginia PTA. In the House of Delegates, Delegate Moran was a longtime member of the Courts of Justice Committee, Transportation Committee and Health, Welfare and Institutions Committee. After 9/11, Governor Warner appointed Moran to the Secure Virginia Panel, dealing with issues of homeland security in the Commonwealth.

Brian and his wife have two children. For more information from Brian's website go to <http://www.brianmoran.com/>.

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Important Dates!

- May 10 - Mother's Day
- May 11 - Last Day to Register to Vote in the Primary June 9
- May 14 - Sierra Club Meeting
www.virginia.sierraclub.org/RG
- May 16 - Armed Forces Day
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- June 6 - Relay for Life
- June 9 - Primary Election Day
- June 11 - Sierra Club Meeting
www.virginia.sierraclub.org/RG
- June 13 - Regular Monthly Meeting
10:00 am – Aunt Sarah's
- June 21 - Father's Day
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 11 - Regular Monthly Meeting
10:00 am – Aunt Sarah's

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