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Upcoming Meetings

Mark Your Calendar

May – Special Time

On **May 8th** the Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting at **9:00 AM**. The meeting will be held at Aunt Sarah's in Carmel Church. **Please bring a food item for the Caroline Food Bank.** We collected two large containers of food at the last meeting and want to collect even more this month to help our neighbors.

June – Special Day

On **June 19th** 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. The Committee is pleased to have a special presentation in June from Caroline historian, Cleo Coleman, who will talk about Juneteenth and its historical significance to the African-American community and our history as a country. We will also have Rick Waugh Jr. the 7th District candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives at this meeting to talk about his campaign.

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Committee Yard Sale to be held Saturday, May 15th

The Caroline County Democratic Committee will hold a yard sale on Saturday, May 15th to raise money to benefit the Committee and our Relay for Life team. The yard sale will be held at **18542 Rogers Clark Blvd, Milford, VA 22514**. This is just north of Caroline High School on 207. The yard sale will be from **9:00 AM until 4:00 PM** and will include a cookout where we will have food available for a suggested donation. Come ready to enjoy a great day of exciting items to buy, great fun, and wonderful food and know you are contributing to a great cause.

Last year we held two yard sales during the spring and the summer and raised over \$1,200 to benefit the Committee and our Relay for Life Team. This year we have decided to have only one yard sale, but hope that it will be just as successful. To make that happen we need you to clean out your attic, extra room, basement, garage and closets and then donate those items so that we can have a yard full of great items to choose from. More than one person commented about our sales last year and said that we had an amazing amount of items that were varied and interesting, and we are depending on you to help us make sure our items this year are just as interesting and exciting.

This year we are accepting donations ahead of time at four locations including:

18382 Passing Road, Milford, VA 22514
24462 Ruther Glen Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546
26715 Ruther Glen Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546
6325 Jericho Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

Each of the above locations has carports, barns, or porches that will provide a safe location to drop items even if no one is home at the time of your drop off. For more information, please call (804) 448-4121.

**We need your help
to make this event successful!**

**Join Us on Saturday, June 5th –
Be a Part of the Caroline County Democratic
Committee's Relay for Life Team**

The Caroline County Democratic Committee is getting ready to hit the pavement for a third year as part of Caroline County's Relay for Life. Each of us regardless of our party affiliation has been touched by a common enemy, cancer. No one can say that they do not have a family member, a friend or in some cases many friends or family members that have fought this terrible disease. Many of us have fought the disease ourselves. This common enemy and the valiant battle fought by those that we know and love drives us all to help those that we can in any way that we can. That is why for the last three years the members of the Caroline County Democratic Committee have banded together to raise money, walk and bring attention to an enemy of us all.

We hope that you will be a part of our team this year by doing all you can to help us help the American Cancer Society beat cancer in our lifetime. You can join our team and get donations from your friends, family and neighbors, or you can give a donation by simply going to www.relayforlife.org/carolineva and following the simple instructions.

You can also buy raffle tickets from our team for a chance to win a 2010 GMC Terrain (taxes paid by the American Cancer Society) for only \$5. We will have a limited number of raffle tickets available the day of our yard sale for your convenience.

Finally, you may want to honor someone you know who is fighting cancer, is a survivor, or who has lost their battle with cancer by donating to the team and requesting a luminaria to honor your loved one. Each relay consists of a special luminaria time where lighted bags are placed around the track. The luminaria can be decorated with the name of a loved one and can include their picture. The name of your loved one will also be displayed on the event video screen so that all the participants can see your loved ones name and honor them as part of the ceremony. It is easy to get a luminaria, by simply going to the same website page, and following the instructions to donate for a luminaria.

One last thing you can do to help our Relay for Life team fight cancer is to come out on Saturday, May 15th to the yard sale at **18542 Rogers Clark Blvd, Milford, VA 22514** and be a part of that great event. Part of the proceeds of the yard sale will go to Relay for Life and we will accept in person that day donations to our Relay of Life team, and sell raffle tickets. If you have any questions about how you can be a part of the Committee's efforts to fight cancer in our back yard, please call (804) 448-4121.

**A world with less cancer
is a world with more birthdays!**

Book Review: *Fire on the Beach*

Fire on the Beach: Recovering the Lost Story of Richard Etheridge and the Pea Island Lifesavers is an exciting and previously untold story of the heroism of former slaves and freedmen who served our country by taking on the dangerous work of being lifesavers on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

The *Virginian-Pilot* says "Far more than the story of heroic surfmen . . . A rich social history of 19th-century race relations mirrored in life of a remarkable African-American A compelling read about heroes and scoundrels, seafarers and soldiers ... and prejudice towards those who strove to prove themselves equals."

The *Richmond Times-Dispatch* says that the book "Explore(s) not only the life-saving record of (the) Pea Island crew, but also the discrimination that burdened the crew members' lives and the social history of those times."

Take the time to read this great book by David Wright and David Zoby.

Ever Thought of Joining a Media Club?

The Caroline County Democratic Committee is starting a media club that is open to all Caroline residents. Participants will join together to watch a movie, participate in new media experiences, discuss a book or magazine article, and much more.

If you have ever thought about how great it would be to join together with other like-minded individuals and discuss a historical topic, current event topic or idea, this is your opportunity. If you are interested in participating, just call (804) 448-4121 for more information.

7th District Caucus Results

The Caroline County Democratic Committee cancelled the 7th District caucus after we received pre-filing forms from delegates and alternates not exceeding the four delegates and two alternates that we were allotted by the 7th District. Ginny Downie, Ron Downie, Pam Mastropaolo and Jack Wilcox filed as delegates, and Barbara Debary-Kesner and Carl Kesner filed as alternates.

Since the selection of delegates and alternates for the 7th District Convention, the 7th District Committee has canceled the convention that they originally had scheduled for Saturday, May 15th. The one candidate to file for the Democratic nomination in the 7th District was overwhelmingly indicated as the candidate of choice by those delegates and alternates filing across the district which allowed for the cancellation. Rick Waugh Jr. has been named the Democratic candidate by the 7th District to take on Eric Cantor (R) in November. For more information you can go to www.rickwaugh.org.

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Important Dates!

- May 8 - Regular Meeting (special time at 9:00 AM)**
- May 8 - 1st District Convention**
- May 15 - Committee Yard Sale**
- June 5 - Relay for Life – Our Committee has a Team Again This Year – For more information go to www.relayforlife.org/carolineva to join the team or donate and check out page 2 of this newsletter**
- June 19 - Regular Meeting (special day) - Historian and Caroline Resident Cleo Coleman joins us to talk about the significance of Juneteenth. Also, candidate Rick Waugh Jr., Democrat in the 7th District, will be with us to talk about his campaign**
- July 14-17 - Caroline County Fair**
- July 25 - Lifetime Achievement Awards**
- September 18 - Bar-B-Q Fundraiser**

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