



# The Caroline County Democrat



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## Upcoming Meetings

### November – Special Date

On **November 1<sup>st</sup>** 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. This meeting is on a special day so that we can discuss last minute plans for Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

### December

On **December 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 will have a wrap up of the year and discuss our goals and plans for the upcoming year. Please plan on attending.

Special thanks to Michelle Moghtader, the Field Coordinator for the Obama/Combined Campaign for visiting with us at our meeting in October. Michelle spoke about the things that we need to do between now and the Election to insure that we can Turn VA Blue and elect Obama/Biden, Warner, Hartke and Day.

## Election Day is November 4th - What Can You Do?

### Calling and Canvassing

The final push is on and we only have a few days now before the general election on November 4<sup>th</sup>. We have a lot of work that needs to be done between now and when the polls close. Please donate your time to help before and on Election Day.

**We now have an office** for the Obama/Combined Campaign in Caroline. Yes, you read that right. For the first time ever, we have a campaign office for a presidential election right here in Caroline. The office is at **221 N. Main St. in Bowling Green** and should be open between 9 am and 9 pm every day between now and the election. Please stop by and sign up for a time to make phone calls or canvass for the candidates. Calling and canvassing will be occurring every day rain or shine. We have no time to waste! One-on-one contact makes all the difference. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Moghtader of the Obama/Combined Campaign at 571-274-9606 and/or stop by the office.

### Election Day

The committee is working to plan a show of force at all precincts on Election Day. We want to man every precinct from 6 am to 7 pm with a full staff of volunteers. Volunteers will hand out sample ballots, answer questions about the candidates, and assist voters as needed. We are looking for several tent covers to use so each precinct will have a cover, we are looking for food/water donations for the folks working and in line, and most importantly **we are looking for your help on Election Day**. Please call (804) 448-4121 or e-mail [chairperson@carolinedems.com](mailto:chairperson@carolinedems.com) to sign up to help.

### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available by mail until October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Registrar's office will be open on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in addition to normal hours, for people to vote in-person via absentee ballot. All absentee ballots that are mailed to the Registrar must be postmarked by November 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information call (804) 633-9083.

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## What Have We Been Up To?

The Committee has had a lot going on over the last few weeks including voter registration, the Bar-B-Q, calling voters, the festival in West Point, putting up barn signs and yard signs across the county, stumping with Anita Hartke, the Bowling Green Harvest Festival, the Frog Level Festival and Parade, a Meet-and-Greet for Anita Harke, and a Meet-and-Greet for Bill Day. Here are reports on some of the events:

### **Voter Registration Drives**

Our Committee held eight registration drives and did door-to-door canvassing for registrations from September 20<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>, the last day to register for this election. Over this period we had over twenty volunteers spend hundreds of hours registering 66 people to vote. We also gave out countless registration forms to folks that wanted to make sure that family and friends were registered, and even made some contacts to help convicted felons re-establish their rights. This amount of registration is unequalled in recent history and we are extremely proud to have contributed to the overwhelming number of new registrations that have occurred in Virginia in anticipation of this election.

### **Bar-B-Q**

The Caroline County Democratic Committee held what will hopefully become an annual event on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Dawn Community Center. The event was well attended even though we were competing with Obama and Biden who were holding a rally in Fredericksburg the same day. The event was much more than a successful fundraiser for us, we were very excited to also be able to start an annual tradition of awarding great activists and members of the Committee with Lifetime Achievement Awards. At this event we awarded Lloyd Boxley Sr., Shelby Guss, Lloyd C. Baker, Robert "Bob" Farmer, Ed Ragland and Mary Frances Blanton this honor. We were very excited to have family representatives for some who received the award posthumously and some of the award recipients in person as well. Each was awarded a certificate honoring their achievement and their names were permanently inscribed on a Lifetime Achievement Award plaque that will be on display at all of the Committee's meetings and special events. Each year we hope to add more recipients to this plaque of honor.

The Bar-B-Q was also very special this year because we were able to honor the family of Richard and Mildred Loving, as well as, Bernard Cohen, Esq. who was one of the attorneys that served on the *Loving vs. Virginia* case. The Committee was very proud to have written a resolution honoring Richard and Mildred Loving and their determination to overturn Virginia's miscegenation laws which lead to the end of all such laws on the books across the country. Matt Rowe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson, and Pam Mastropaolo, Treasurer, wrote, and submitted the resolution to the State Party at the convention held in June. We were very proud when the resolution passed with very little discussion and the State Party finally acknowledged the great contribution of the Lovings. Mr. Cohen and the family of the Lovings were both given a framed copy of the resolution and Mr. Cohen graced us with a short speech of acceptance.



L to R: Bernard Cohen Esq., Shelby Guss, Maggie Sacra, (Chairperson), Mrs. Lloyd Boxley Sr., and Evelyn Ragland (daughter of Ed Ragland).

### **Other Events**



Anita Hartke Stumping in Carmel Church



Jack Wilcox on Sign Duty



Left: Bill Day in front of the Committee Sponsored Car at the Westpoint Festival. Thanks to Jack Wilcox for arranging the car.

### **Last Minute Information on the Candidates**

Barack Obama for President - <http://my.barackobama.com/>  
Mark Warner for Senate - <http://www.markwarner2008.com/>  
Bill Day for 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District U. S. House of Representatives - <http://www.billdayforcongress.com/>  
Anita Hartke for 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District U.S. House of Representatives - <http://www.hartkeforcongress.com/>

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**Important Dates!**

**Now through Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup> –  
Canvassing and calling to get out the vote.**

- Oct. 28 - Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail
- Nov. 1 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt Sarah's, Carmel Church, 10:00 am – Special Date to make last minute plans for the Election
- Nov. 1 - Registrar open special hours for Absentee Voting
- Nov. 1 - Last Day to Vote Absentee in Person
- Nov. 4 - Election Day
- Nov. 4 - Election Night Party at Jack Wilcox's House – 26715 Ruther Glen Road. Call 804-994-5463 for more information.
- Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 29 - Central Committee Meeting
- Dec. 13 - Regular Committee Meeting, Aunt Sarah's, Carmel Church, 10:00 am

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