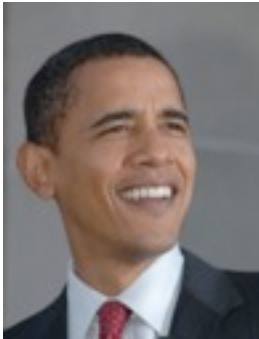




# NEWSLETTER

## North Carolina is Blue!

*Our new President, US Senator and Governor...all Democrats*



Congratulations Democrats! This has been a long and historic battle that culminated in the election of our first African-American President, Barack Obama, Kay Hagan replacing Elizabeth Dole and our first female Governor, Beverly Perdue.

The Democratic Women of North Carolina played an important role in this presidential election. Without all your hard work, we could not have done it. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm and drive that we democrats had this year. Thank you to all the Democratic women who participated in phone banks, neighborhood organizing, canvassing, rallies, and fundraising to assist Democratic campaigns and helped bring victory to our Democratic candidates. Let's keep the momentum going!

Once again, Thanks! Congratulations to our successful candidates and Happy Holidays!

*Laura Blake, President*

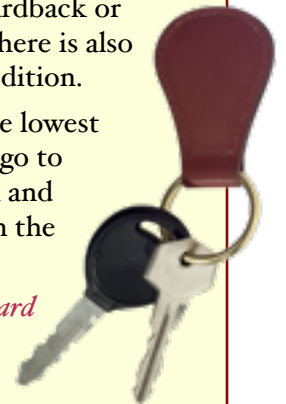
### Keys to Success

Using Parliamentary Procedures for your board and general meetings can save a lot of headaches and forestall problems. It provides for consideration of all members, and gives structure to the organizational process.

*Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, tenth edition (2000)* is the only guide you should be using. If you use back editions, there may be differences, especially in referencing sections. It is available in hardback or paperback. There is also an "in brief" edition.

To find the lowest prices online, go to [Shopzilla.com](http://Shopzilla.com) and put the title in the search box.

*Bonnie Bechard*



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**NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES**

**ALAMANCE COUNTY: CELEBRATION!**

The November meeting was not your usual get together. With our meeting falling exactly two weeks after the election, we chose to have a celebratory gathering, complete with balloons, drinks and music fitting the occasion.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to address the crowd of 130+ folks. Aside from our local candidates, we had two Council of State winners present: Beth Wood and Wayne Goodwin.

A slide show, "It's a Wonderful Life," depicting the glories of a new Democratic President and a 25 minute DVD of local Democratic events from 2005 to election night was presented by Anna Gerow.

After a rousing rendition of "Happy Days are Here Again," the evening concluded with Anna Gerow's "Battle Hymn of the Democrats."

Folks came to this celebration excited and upbeat and they left feeling the same way. Many new faces joined us that night and the consensus was the same: "This is the first time I have ever been involved in politics. I'm excited and want to stay involved!"

*Contributed by Anna Gerow*

BATTLE HYMN OF THE DEMOCRATS

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming  
of the Dems  
We went racing past the GOP to show we're  
tired of them  
With our faithful, honest efforts now our future's  
not so grim  
Our donkey's marching on.

(REFRAIN)

Glory, glory, Hallelujah,  
Democrats are truly ruling.  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah,  
Our donkey's marching on!

With the joy of our winnings, we can fill ourselves  
with pride  
And this glory that we hold so dear, shall keep us  
all in stride  
As we Democrats keep truckin' on the GOP  
just slides  
Our donkey's marching on!

**DURHAM COUNTY WOMEN: A PRESENCE IN THE CAMPAIGN**

Building on a project begun by Watauga County Democratic Women, the **Durham Women Vote Project** worked tirelessly during the campaign. Their focus was 25,000 Democratic and unaffiliated women who are not frequent voters. These women were sent letters discussing the importance of their votes. Studies show specifically that many single women do not vote, either because they do not have the time or because they do not feel empowered to make a difference. Early voting was emphasized, as were some of the issues affecting women discussed during the campaign.

The interesting thing is that while attempting to empower infrequent voters, the writers of the letters themselves became more and more involved and invested in the process. At a city event called "Center Fest" more volunteers were recruited and a robocall by the county party chair garnered even more people to join in the letter-writing campaign. This directed them to call a special voicemail box where they could sign on to the project. All of this started with only three dedicated women. It also brought out the creative side of volunteers: some held letter parties, one formed a "Change

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**ORANGE GOES BLUE FOR '08**

Orange County Democratic Women began the year with an early focus on building membership and exposing its members to vital issues. These dual activities led to a great year. Meetings included:

- Candidates: Speaker Joe Hackney, Kay Hagan, Beth Wood, Suzanne Reynolds, Kristin Ruth.
- County Commissioner Candidate Forum
- Primer on ways to become involved in the campaign for President, led by an Obama field director
- Discussion of access to health care: a talk by John Quintero of the NC Budget and Tax Center about a new publication "Making Ends Meet on Low Wages"
- Presentation by Meg Wiehle, policy analyst at the NC Justice center, on the issue of tax fairness.

The Early Voting Greeter project was the women's strongest effort as it involved members in the vital activity of greeting voters at the polls. At four sites during the primary and seven sites during the general election, volunteers were there every day that the polls were open. Several training sessions guided members to do a successful job of representing the Democratic Party and its candidates and issues.

The year will wind up with a post-election forum with speakers Hodding Carter III, University Professor of Leadership and Public Policy at UNC-Chapel Hill; Rob Christienen of the *News and Observer*; and Ferrel Guillory, Lecturer, Director and founder of the Program on Public Life at UNC-CH's School of Journalism.

Well done, Orange County Democratic Women!

*Contributed by Lori Graham.*

**WAKE COUNTY: NO FIRESIDE SITTING AND ROCKING HERE!**

Marjorie Allan, Matty Lazo-Chadderton, Julia Lee, Tina Morris-Anderson, Mary Poole, and Ellen Taylor are the recipients of the First Annual President's Awards granted in Wake County. A quote by Eleanor Roosevelt served as the inspiration for the awards: "I could not at any age be content to take my place in a corner by the fireside and simply look on." This quotation was placed on the certificates presented recently to the awardees by the Honorable Jennifer Weiss and President of DWWC, Pat Hawkins.

Established for one special act to benefit the club and/or its members, or for a lifetime of steady work that benefits all Democrats, the awards will be presented annually if the President at the time thinks they are deserved.

Marjorie Allen is a precinct chair and loyal member extraordinaire. Her quiet, pleasant manner hides a will of iron when it comes to supporting Democrats.

Tina Anderson sang beautifully at the Jefferson-Jackson Day Breakfast in 2008. She did so in spite of the fact that her beloved father passed away the preceding night, because she did not want to disappoint us.

Matty Lazo-Chadderton travels the state on behalf of Latino-Americans, urging them to exercise their right to vote--for Democrats, of course. She recently returned from Washington, DC after participating in a weeklong conference with the likes of Hillary Clinton and Henry Cisneros.

Julia Lee searched the web in 2007 to find the best system for developing and conducting a survey of our members. Then, she conducted the survey and presented the results so that the board of directors can best serve the needs of the group.

Mary Poole is a life-long loyal and

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**Durham (Cont'd)**

Crew,” others tried canvassing for the first time. Everyone involved used their spare time to write letters whenever they could as the contact list grew shorter and shorter.

As Election Day drew near, a newsletter went out twice a week to encourage even wider contacting and letter-writing activities. In about 10 weeks a volunteer database of 800 names was created for future use. Additionally the party database was cleansed of over 2000 wrong addresses.

The moral of the story is that each of us can make a huge difference. Barack Obama won the state by 18,000 votes. Between activities such as those above, the same-day registration of tens of thousands of new voters, and the activism of other Democratic women around North Carolina, Obama will become the 44th President of the United States, January 20, 2009.

*Contributed by Cathy Moore*

**Wake (Cont'd)**

dedicated member of the club and the Democratic party. Her leadership encouraged many African-Americans to join our ranks and to work for the party.

Ellen Taylor is a quiet, unassuming member of our board of directors who always adds intelligent and “to the point” comments to any discussion. She has served in

many capacities in a flawless and competent manner.

All of these outstanding women deserve our thanks and applause for jobs well done.

*Contributed by Pat Hawkins*

**Young Democrats of North Carolina**

**Operation Home Call**

As we approach the holiday season, remember our troops stationed all over the world. Join YDNC in “Operation Home Call” to help troops stay in contact with their families! Here’s how to help: Donate used cell phones and/or calling cards (in any amount) or make a \$10 or \$25 monetary donation to the USO of NC on behalf of YDNC. This is a part of our ongoing campaign that started during the 2007 holiday season, because Democrats support our troops year around. This event is sponsored by the YDNC Veterans and Military Families Working Group.

For more information, please contact Kara Hollingsworth at: 910-574-7746 or [committeewoman@ydnc.org](mailto:committeewoman@ydnc.org)

Items can be mailed to: YDNC 220 Hillsborough St. Raleigh NC 27603.

*Contributed by Zack Hawkins, President, YDNC*

**Calendar**

**May 28-31, 2009**

National Federation of Democratic Women  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

**September 25-27, 2009**

49th Annual Convention of Democratic Women of NC  
Kitty Hawk, NC

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