

# Newsletter



## CALENDAR 2009

- April 25**  
 Raleigh  
 Jefferson-Jackson Day Breakfast
- May 2**  
 Durham  
 DWNC Executive Board Meeting  
 Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner
- May 26-June 1**  
 Puerto Rico  
 NFDW Annual Convention
- July 11**  
 Charlotte  
 DWNC Executive Board Meeting
- Sept. 26-27**  
 Kitty Hawk  
 DWNC 49th Annual Convention

Secretary of State, **Elaine Marshall's** father, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2009. She and Bill will be traveling to Maryland on Tuesday. Please remember in your thoughts and prayers as Elaine and Bill travel and work through this heartbreaking time.

*Submitted by  
 Fay Lewis, President,  
 DW of Harnett County*

## Wayne County



December, 2008, the women sponsored the annual Christmas Dinner for the Democratic Women, Men and the Executive Board. There was a holiday buffet meal that was enjoyed by all who attended. For entertainment, the group sang Christmas carols and exchanged gifts. Before the night ended a 50/50 drawing was held by using candy canes with tickets off the Christmas tree.

January, 2009, the Executive Board for the women held a retreat at Wilber's BBQ Restaurant. Sara Anderson, President-Elect, NCDW was the guest speaker. This

meeting was used to get ideas for fund raising and get much needed answers to questions about the bylaws and membership. It was a very informative session.

The January, 2009, regular meeting was a huge success. The Martin Luther King holiday was celebrated by having Joe Lofton, Wayne County Board of Elections, Officer, give his views on MLK's life and the effect that it had in relation to the past election and to the future. It was very insightful. A dutch meal was served and a 50/50 drawing was held. By the time our January, 2009

meeting was over 25+ members had renewed their membership. We have some great ideas to increase membership and are hopeful that we can exceed last year's membership. In the coming months, we hope to hold several membership drives and look forward to more great programs, the District 3 Convention as well as the State Convention.

Please come visit the Wayne County Democratic Women, the 3rd Monday of every month, except in the Summer, 6:30 pm at Wilber's BBQ Restaurant.

## BEAUFORT COUNTY

### *Eltha S. Booth, President*

The Beaufort County Democratic Women's Club held their monthly meeting on March 25, 2009 at the King Chicken

Restaurant in Washington, NC. The speaker was State Party Secretary, Kathy Knight, from Northampton County. She spoke to the Club on

revising the Party as we come together for the betterment of the Party. The State Chair, David Young, will be the speaker, June 24, 2009 at the same location.

## UNION COUNTY

### **Nancy G. Rorie, President**

The Democratic Women of Union County held their monthly meeting on March 9, 2009 at the Old Armory Community Center in Monroe, NC.

Congratulations to Carolyn Lowder, Minnie Crowder, Dottie Nash, Rosa Bell, and Jeanette Sherrod. These DWUC members were among many outstanding Union County Women who were honored as "Women of Excellence" by Langford Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church at a banquet on February 21, 2009.

Several DWUC members have made reservations at a banquet honoring DWUC Vice President, Jeanette Sherrod, on

March 21, 2009 at the Monroe Country Club, when she will be presented the 2008 Citizen of the Year award by the local chapter of A Few Good Men. For more information, contact Robert Heath at 704.882.5651.

Membership: It's time to renew your membership. Thank you to those who have renewed. Please mail a check for \$12.50 made payable to DWUC. Jeanette Sherrod, Membership Chair, 221 S. Bragg Street, Monroe, NC 28112.

The February, 2009 meeting announced the June Mabry, 8th District Chair, would be our speaker, but due to an equipment breakdown at

her place of business, she was unable to attend. Harry Crow, Chair, Union County Democratic Party, gave an impromptu speech regarding the upcoming precinct meetings, and he thanked the Democratic Women for their support of the Democratic Party.

Carolyn Lowder, School Board Member, was present and we were able to have a very valuable and informative question and answer session regarding recent news reports concerning School Board travel and other topics. Union County is fortunate to have a person of Carolyn's integrity, knowledge, and dedication serving on the School Board. We are proud to claim Carolyn as one of our "own"

### *DWUC members*

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## UNION COUNTY UPDATE

A Banquet honoring DWUC, Vice President, Jeanette Sherrod, was held on March 21, 2009 at the Monroe Country Club. Jeanette received the 2008 Citizen of the Year award and approximately 200 people were in attendance. Sarah Gullede, former DWNC Recording Secretary, DWNC Woman of the Year, past DWUC President, and current Precinct Chair was featured in an October Special "Seniors" issue of the Monroe Enquirer-Journal

highlighting her Democratic Party activism and her 24-year career as Union County Supervisor of Elections.

The 30th Annual Donkey Dinner sponsored by the Democratic Women of Union County will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Union County Agricultural and Conference Center, 3230 Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112. The keynote speaker will be

the Honorable June Atkinson, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction. All funds raised by the Annual Donkey Dinner is contributed to Democratic Party Nominees and to the Union County Democratic Party. In 2008, \$6,000 was distributed. A Donkey Dinner silent auction was begun four years ago to raise operating money for DWUC. Proceeds from the silent auction averages \$900.00 a year.