

New Hanover County Democratic Party E-Newsletter July 1, 2009

Launching New Web Site *Register of Deeds Hosts Web Site Unveiling Party*

We are pleased to announce that the firm of **Wilmington Web** is in the final stages of designing and setting up the new web site for the New Hanover County Democratic Party. When the web site goes on the air, the New Hanover County Democratic Party will have one of the best political party web sites in the state. The interesting features and fresh new look of the web site will literally transform our communication system.

To celebrate the launching of the new web site, we are unveiling it at our July 1 Pizza Party -Party Fundraiser at the home of NH County Register of Deeds Jennifer Hardison McNeish.

Filing Period for Municipal Elections Days Away

Candidate filing for the 2009 Municipal Elections in New Hanover County gets underway July 6. At the June Executive Committee Meeting, three candidates announced their intentions to run for Wilmington City Council. Margaret Haynes and Earl Sheridan announced they will run for re-election. Haynes will file July 6 at 10 AM. Stay tuned for Dr. Sheridan's filing date. Political newcomer Kevin O'Grady also announced his candidacy at the meeting. O'Grady is a retired attorney who has lived in Wilmington since 2004. He has been active in downtown issues.

The last day to file is July 17. The election will be held on November 3.

Sheriff Causey Receives Order of the Long Leaf Pine *Ed McMahon Takes Oath of Office*

A gym-full of supporters of Sheriff Sid Causey turned out on June 15 for a retirement ceremony for the sheriff at the First Baptist Church Activity Center. In a surprise presentation, Causey was presented with the *Order of the Long Leaf Pine*. The *Order of the Long Leaf Pine* is among the most prestigious awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina. It is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Notable past recipients include Michael Jordan, Charles Kuralt, and Maya Angelou.

Sid & India Causey said their only disappointment was that around 150 invitations were mailed but not received, resulting in many of their dear friends and Sid's long-time supporters not receiving invitations! Regrettably, receiving an invitation in the mail was nearly a matter of chance. Sid & India wish to communicate their most heart-felt appreciation for all of you.

April 20 was "Media Day" at the El-Berta Assembly Room when the Executive Committee voted to recommend Chief Deputy Ed McMahon for appointment to the Office of New Hanover County Sheriff. The New Hanover County Board of Commissioners formally approved the appointment on May 19. Sheriff McMahon's administration began July 1.

New Hanover Democrats Making a Difference

Adopt-a-Highway

People might not always believe what you say, but they will always believe what you do!

The Executive Committee wishes to thank the following Democratic Party leaders who have volunteered for Project **Green** Day, our Adopt-a-Highway Service Project:

Sam Abdujabarov	Joy Alford-Brand	Adele Aquino	Jackie Burch
Nate Campbell	Lotan Corriher	Thomas Duncan	Molly Gargon
John Ryan Hasty	Margaret Herring	Marc Locco	Adam Luikens
Kristen Luikens	John McHarry	Deborah Maxwell	Jennifer McNeish
Becket Morgan	Jim Morgan	Al Pacer	Lou Pecina
Earla Pope	Aaron Ward	Myrna Wexler	Owen Wexler

Rebuilding Our E-mail Data Base

We helped turn North Carolina **Blue** in 2008. Now is *not* the time for you to drop off the radar. We are cleaning out our e-mail data base. We need to hear from you if you wish to stay on the e-mail list. If you have not already done so, please reply to this e-mail. Please provide your name and state you wish to remain on the list.

Thank you to those who have already responded.

Young Democrats of North Carolina Meet in Wilmington

The Young Democrats of North Carolina held their summer meeting at Wilmington on June 27. Mayor Bill Saffo gave the welcome on behalf of the city. County Chairman Jim Morgan and 1st Vice-Chair Deborah Maxwell each provided brief remarks. U.S. Senate prospects Cal Cunningham and Kenneth Lewis spoke about the leadership North Carolina will need in the U.S. Senate.

New Hanover Draws Most to '09 District Convention

Once again New Hanover County won First Place for the most Democrats in attendance at District Convention at Riegelwood on May 16. New Hanover County won Second Place for the Most Young Persons in attendance. Congressman Mike McIntyre delivered the key note address. All the Resolutions adopted at the New Hanover County Democratic Party convention were adopted by the District Convention. Melvin Williams was re-elected Chairman of the Seventh Congressional District.

Vote "Yes" for a Local Democratic Party Headquarters

A strategic planning breakfast for officers, state executive committee members, and precinct chairs was held last month at Chris' Restaurant. After much discussion, the group ranked "fundraising" as the number one priority for the New Hanover County Democratic Party over the

next two years. "Communication and Outreach" came in second, ranking equally with "Precinct Organization." "Candidate Recruitment & Support" was ranked fourth. The group identified "a local headquarters" as one of our chief strengths. Maintaining a year-round office is very expensive undertaking for a local party. Whether or not we can afford to maintain our current space will depend on the level of giving that our local Democrats provide over the next three months. If you think the party should maintain a year-round office, vote "yes" with your pocketbook this year.

Unity Banquet '09: Show Your Support for the County Party

The Unity Banquet has traditionally been our largest fundraiser of the year. This year's Unity Banquet will be held September 19, at Coastline Convention Center. Admission is \$50 per person. A Blue Sponsorship (\$150) admits two, plus listing as a Blue Sponsor. New this year we are adding a JFK Sponsorship (\$ 75). In addition to admission for one person, a sponsor at this level will be listed as a JFK Sponsor. So we can maintain an office into the Fall we are asking each member to try to come in as a sponsor at some level. The short video, "Turning New Hanover County [Blue](#)" was a hit at Unity '08. Look for something similar this year!

Remembering and Saying Good Bye

Gleason Allen, former Chairman of the New Hanover County Democratic Party passed away at his home on June 1. Gleason practiced law for 50 years; served on the Battleship Commission and numerous other community boards. Gleason's last Unity Banquet was Unity Banquet '08. The long-time Chairman of the Brunswick County Democratic Party, Vernon Ward, passed away within a few days of Gleason. Gleason and Vernon were outstanding public servants. We owe a debt of gratitude for the lives' work.

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