

WAKE DEMOCRATIC WOMAN

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Guest Speaker for January Luncheon Will Be Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson

Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson was elected as the North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction in November 2004, in a race that was decided by the N.C. General Assembly on Aug. 23, 2005. Dr. Atkinson is the first woman elected to the post of State Superintendent, which also is a member of the Council of State.

As State Superintendent, Dr. Atkinson heads the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, an agency which she served for nearly 28 years (1976-2004) as a chief consultant and director in the areas of business education, career and technical education, and instructional services. A former business education teacher, Dr. Atkinson has been involved in instruction and curriculum development throughout her career. Improving instructional quality and student learning, creating environments that enable teachers' and students' success and ensuring that education is modern and relevant are key priorities for Dr. Atkinson.

Dr. Atkinson has made presentations to business and other educational groups in 43 states and throughout North Carolina. She is past president of the National Business Education Association, and past president of the Southern Regional Education Board's High Schools that Work in 1995-96 and 1996-97. Dr. Atkinson was elected by her colleagues to represent them as President of the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium for 2001-2003. She has received numerous state and national awards for her contributions and service to education.

Articles Dr. Atkinson has written have been published in numerous magazines and professional organization year-books. She is the author of *Help with Computers*, published by Glencoe/McMillan/McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, and *Exploring Business and Computer Careers*, published by West Publishing Company.

Dr. Atkinson grew up in rural Bedford County, Va., where she attended public schools and graduated from Staunton River High School, Moneta, Va., in 1966. She received a B.S. in Business Education from Radford University in 1969, an M.S. in Vocational and Technical Education from Virginia Tech and State University in

1974, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy from North Carolina State University in 1996. After graduating from Radford, Dr. Atkinson taught high school in Roanoke, Va., and Charlotte, N.C. In Charlotte, Dr. Atkinson's teaching assignment required that she work with business people to find meaningful employment for her students. Seeing that her students were prepared for both further education and work became her passion – a passion that she has carried forward in her work for North Carolina's 1.3 million public school students.

Dr. Atkinson is married to Dr. William Gurley, a Cary orthodontist and former assistant professor at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. She has one sister, two nephews and one niece. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Cary.



Dr. June Atkinson

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2006 Meeting Schedules

Regular Meetings	Board Meetings
Jan 26	Feb 6
Feb 23	Mar 6
Mar 30	Apr 3
Apr 29	May 1
May 25	

Regular meetings are at 11:30 AM at the NC State University Club. April 29 is the JJ Breakfast.

Board meetings are at 5:30 PM at Democratic Party Headquarters.

Join Us

Basic Membership \$20 / year
Sponsor \$35 / year

Eleanor Roosevelt
(1st Year) \$100
(Renewal) \$ 50 / year

Call Juanita Bryant at 872-6067 for additional information.

A Message from the President —

The New Year is here. Democratic Women of Wake County will have many challenges in 2006. First, there is the Valentine Fundraiser on February 10, which will help fill the Wake County Party coffers for elections later this year. Then, Democratic Women will host the annual Jefferson-Jackson Breakfast on April 29th. This will be the best breakfast in many years; and hopefully, will attract loyal Democrats from the mountains to the coast. There will be a major speaker this year; the name will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

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Elections will be later in the year and promise to be anything but dull. Our work will be difficult, but we will win. In the January 1, 2006, News and Observer, Rob Christensen made his annual predictions for the year 2006. Rob said, “... a national Democratic tide — fed by the unpopularity of the war in Iraq — as well as an ongoing civil war in the state GOP, will give the Democrats new life.” Rob has been fairly accurate in his annual predictions.

Let’s begin to work toward each of these goals now because only the hard work, provided more often than not by women, can make the difference in 2006.

— Betsy Watson

Quotable Quotes

“Your duty, your reward — your destiny — are here and now.”

— Dag Hammarskjöld

“The future is purchased by the present.”

— Samuel Johnson

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF WAKE COUNTY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Precinct (number, name or voting place) _____

- New Member Renewal

APPLICANT MUST BE A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT

Levels of Membership (dues shall be payable on January 1st of each year and include state dues)

- Eleanor Roosevelt (1st Year) \$100.00
 Eleanor Roosevelt (Renewal) \$ 50.00
 Sponsor \$ 35.00
 Basic \$ 20.00

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Questions? Call Juanita Bryant, 1st VP (Membership Chair) (919) 872-6067

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Membership Renewals Due in January

Juanita Bryant, First Vice President and Membership Chair, reminds all DWWC members that membership renewals are due in January, according to the bylaws of our organization, amended in January, 2005.

On Page 3 of this month's newsletter is the DWWC membership application. Please fill out the form and mail to: Democratic Women of Wake County, P.O. Box 12033, Raleigh, NC 27605. Make your checks payable to Democratic Women of Wake County. If you prefer, please fill out the form and bring it to the luncheon on January 26, 2006. The membership application is also available on line at www.wakedems.org/wdw. If you have any questions, call Juanita Bryant at 872-6067 or e-mail Elizabeth Hansen at efhansen1@earthlink.net

These Members Have Paid for 2006

Jane Barlett	Marcia Hurd
Ann Berry	Joyce Kekas
Mary Best	Pauline Latta
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Elizabeth Cooper	Mabel Claire Maddrey
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DWWC Monthly Meeting Reminder

Thursday, January 26, 2006

NC State University Club, Hillsborough Street, Raleigh



11:30 AM Buffet Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 Business Meeting / Program \$13.00 (payable at the door)

For reservations call Martha Farmer at (919) 782-1272 or e-mail info@dwwc.net