

WAKE DEMOCRATIC WOMAN

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North Carolina Women United Draft Women's Agenda for 2006 - 2007



*Every fall, prior to the long session of the NC General Assembly, NC Women United, "a coalition of progressive organizations and individuals working to achieve the full political, social and economic equality of all women across NC" sponsors Women's Agenda Assemblies across the state. Papers for each Draft Women's Agenda are solicited from member organizations and represent issues important to women of NC. Beginning with this newsletter, an Issue will be presented each month. You can visit the NCWU website, info@ncwu.org for a copy of the entire 2006 Draft Agenda. The Wake County Assembly was held Oct. 28, 2006. One of the Issue Categories is **Violence Against Women** and it is presented here by Monika Johnson Hostler, Executive Director of the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault.*

— Dr. Barbara Ann Hughes, DWWC Issues Chair

Violence against women is a term used to describe specific forms of violence, which include sexual violence, domestic violence, stalking and teen dating violence as it is defined in federal legislation. In NC we have two agencies that provide statewide advocacy, education, and public policy on the issues of sexual and domestic violence. The NC Coalition Against Sexual Violence (NCCASA) and the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) work with over 90 rape crisis and domestic violence centers and shelters to change the way NC responds to sexual and domestic violence.

Although NC has a rape victim assistance program, it is a payee of last resort and will only pay up to \$1000. The second resort for financial assistance is the Crime Compensation Fund, which will pay up to \$30,000 for medical treatment, therapy, and lost wages, which is also a payee of last resort.

The NC rape crisis centers are appropriated only \$16,000 per center per year for advocates who are on call 24 hours a day. Many of these advocates are not afforded a decent salary; and, for many, health insurance is nonexistent. Because there is a lack of attention to sexual violence as a prevalent crime, there is a lack of funding for services. This lack of funding diminishes the quality of life for advocates.

Sexual assault is a felonious violent personal crime and it happens on a continuum from voyeurism to first-degree forcible rape. Most recently NC is being faced with high incidents of trafficking. Trafficking can be defined as "the recruitment, harboring, trans-

portation, provision, or obtaining of a person (through force, fraud, and/or coercion) for the purposes of forced labor and/or forced commercial sex acts." To that end many organizations including NC Coalition against Sexual Assault has formed a work-group to address and respond to trafficking in NC.

In response to the need for funding, services and response to sexual violence and trafficking we are seeking legislation to address these issues. NCCASA's legislative agenda includes: increased funding for rape crisis centers and the rape victim assistance fund; clarification of the sexual violence and stalking protective order (50C) as well as clarification of NC stalking laws.

North Carolina has made tremendous progress in recent years, including landmark legislation that was passed in 2004 through the efforts of the House Select Committee on Domestic Violence. This legislation created a new felony crime of non-fatal strangulation, enhanced safety for children by improving custody laws, and mandated training for law enforcement. In 2005, North Carolina became the 2nd state in the nation to pass comprehensive tenancy laws to protect victims. These important efforts are being continued through the work of the Joint Legislative Committee on Domestic Violence appointed in 2006.

To find more information about the NCCASA and NCCADV legislative agenda for 2007 please visit their websites respectively www.nccasa.org and www.nccadv.org.

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A Message from the President —

HOW SWEET IT IS!! HOW SWEET IT IS!! The November wins were very sweet for the North Carolina Democratic Party and for Democrats nationally. IT IS SO MUCH SWEETER TO WIN — AND IT MAKES ALL THAT HARD WORK AND ALL THAT MONEY CONTRIBUTED WELL WORTH IT!

Except for a few losses, which we are so saddened about, and which we worked so hard for, this election year has been a good one. We can be proud of the work we have done as Democrats, and especially the work done by Democratic Women.

“Next, North Carolina Democrats need to elect two U. S. Senators.”

We can be proud of our representation in the North Carolina House and Senate and the assignments that our U.S. Congressmen will receive because of a Democratic controlled House. Next, North Carolina Democrats need to elect two U. S. Senators.

Even with the wins that are so good for the Party, there is still work to be done. We must keep “our nose to the grindstone.” We must continue to raise money for the 2008 elections. Most of all we must not forget that there continues to be a job to do. Working together, we will get the job done.

— Betsy Watson

2006 - 2007 Meeting Schedules

Regular Meetings	Board Meetings
Nov 30, 2006	Dec 4, 2006
Jan 25, 2007	Jan 9, 2007

There will be no December 2006 luncheon meeting.

Regular meetings are at 11:30 am at the NC State University Club.

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.

2007 Membership Drive is Underway

Juanita Bryant, First Vice-President and Membership Chair, announces that our 2007 membership drive is underway. Please fill out the membership application included in this month's newsletter and mail it with your payment. Or, you may bring your completed application along with your payment to our November luncheon meeting on November 30.

Congratulations to our thirty-three members who have paid for 2007. We salute Laurretta Dyer Parker who has not only paid for 2007 but 2008 as well.

If you have any questions about whether you have paid for 2007, please contact Juanita Bryant at 872-6067 or email Elizabeth Hansen at efhansen1@earthlink.net

Welcome New Members

Lillian Kaluza	Basic	Sara Stealy	Basic
Molly McClure	Basic	Mary Perry	Basic

**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF WAKE COUNTY
2007 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eleanor Roosevelt (1st Year) | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eleanor Roosevelt (Renewal) | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor | \$ 35.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic | \$ 20.00 |

WHAT COMMITTEE(S) WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards/Recognition | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostess/Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws, Resolutions, Policies | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> JJ Breakfast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Program | |

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

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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Our November luncheon will feature Dr. J. Oliver Williams, a professor of Political Science at North Carolina State University who specializes in the politics of China and U.S.–China relations. He also has an interest in state and local politics and served on the Raleigh City Council. He will analyze the recent elections with a talk entitled “What the 2006 Mid-term Election May and May Not Mean.”

— *Christy Terrell*
Program Chair

2007 LUNCHEON MEETING SCHEDULE

Democratic Women of Wake County Luncheon meetings are scheduled the last Thursday of each month except for April (JJ Breakfast), June, July and December.

Our meeting dates for 2007 are:

January 25	May 31	October 25
February 22	August 30	November 29
March 29	September 27	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO MEET

Caroline Farmer, Chair of the DWWC Nominating Committee announces that the Nominating Committee will meet in January 2007 to select the slate of officers for 2007-2009. Officers to be nominated include President, First Vice-President (Membership), Second Vice President (Arrangements of Meetings), Third Vice-President (Programs), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Historian.

DWWC members are welcome to send recommendations for officers to the Nominating Committee for their consideration. With your nomination, please include why you are recommending the person and what skills they have for the office.

Please email your nominations to Caroline Farmer at cfarmer@ipass.net or by regular mail to 1922 St. Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27608.

NEWSLETTER HOLIDAY

Wake Democratic Woman will not be published in December. Happy Holidays. See you again in 2007.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



DWWC Monthly Meeting Reminder

Thursday, November 30, 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 email info@dwwc.net