



## WAKE DEMOCRATIC WOMAN



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The Thursday, March 31st luncheon meeting of Democratic Women of Wake County features Raleigh City Councilwomen Mary-Ann Baldwin and Nancy McFarlane, as well as former Raleigh City Councilman and now Wake County Commissioner James West.

This panel of outstanding community leaders will speak on the topic "Ten Years from Now in Our Metropolitan Area: What Should, and Will, It Look Like?" The event will be at our usual venue - the NC State University Club at 4200 Hillsborough Street. The buffet lines open at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at 12 noon.

Councilwoman Baldwin is an at-large representative on the Raleigh City Council. She serves on the Public Works Committee and the Comprehensive Planning Committee, and as the City's liaison to the State Legislative Delegation. She is Director of Marketing at Stewart Engineering, Inc. and previously worked as the director of corporate communications/community relations for the NHL Carolina Hurricanes.

Councilwoman McFarlane was elected to the Raleigh City Council in 2007, representing District A. She is chair of the Council's Comprehensive Planning Committee and a member of the Budget and Economic Development Committee. She is the founder of

MedPro Rx, Inc., an accredited specialty infusion pharmacy that provides infusion medications and services to clients with chronic illnesses, and it did more than \$40 million in revenue in 2008.

Commissioner West began his service on the Wake Commission in September 2010. He has served as Mayor Pro-Tem and was on the Raleigh City Council from 2003-2010 representing District C. He is a consultant with West Associates, Inc., Consultant, Leadership and Strategic Planning Consulting Firm.

For reservations, email [democraticwomenwakecounty@gmail.com](mailto:democraticwomenwakecounty@gmail.com) or call Kay Parry-Hill at 782-7608. The deadline for reservations is Monday March 28, 2011.

*Carol Spruill  
Programs, 3rd Vice President*

## President's Message



### **Turning North Carolina Back to Blue Begins with YOU Getting Involved!**

Now is the time to lay the groundwork for the upcoming elections in 2011 and 2012. We need to renew the enthusiasm that brought our voters out in 2008 so we can take back the

School Board, US House, General Assembly, and hold onto the White House.

It begins with your precinct and working to build the party. It continues with our Jefferson-Jackson activities where the NC Democratic Party and Democratic Women of Wake County work to raise money for future campaigns. We only need to see what is happening in the General Assembly to spur us on. Vouchers and tuition tax credits would destroy public education in North Carolina. Changes in election laws could impose

## CALENDAR

March 31  
Luncheon Meeting  
Election of Officers

April 4  
Board Meeting  
Goodwin House  
5:30 PM

\*No April Luncheon Meeting\*

April 30  
JJ Breakfast  
Embassy Suites Cary  
8 AM Registration  
8:30 AM Buffet  
9 AM Program

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ticket reservations

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a voter ID, repeal public financing, and return partisan elections in judicial campaigns. In addition there are many proposals that are anti-woman regarding reproductive health and family planning restrictions as well as tremendous budget cuts that would gut many programs and cut non-profits in NC. I urge you to keep up with what is happening in the General Assembly and to turn out for public hearings to voice your opinion.

The only line of defense we have is the Governor's veto. Governor Perdue has already shown that she will exercise her right to veto legislation. The knowledge that she is not afraid to use her veto power is resulting in more compromise in the General Assembly. So far Democrats are holding firm to insure that Governor Perdue's veto is not overturned in the NC House where we only have a four vote margin. Encourage your representative or senator to vote with the minority to uphold her vetoes. Governor Perdue might go down in history as "Veto Bev", but it will be a badge of honor.

*Linda Gunter*  
*President, DWWC*  
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## **Guillory Addresses Post Election Issues**

Ferrel Guillory, head of the Program on Public Life at UNC and former editor of the editorial page of the News and Observer, discussed the socio-economic history of North Carolina's last 30 years. He reviewed changes in demographics and political and economic development and how these changes have made North Carolina what it is today.

In terms of population, Guillory said that during the past 30 years the number of people currently in NC, 9.5 million, has grown by a number equivalent to the entire population of South Carolina! In terms of diversity, the old paradigm was based on black and white; now multiple ethnic cities populate the state. These changes have a direct impact on the political and economic life of the state.

Referring to **The Age of Fracture** by Daniel T. Rodgers of Princeton University, Guillory addressed the growth

Board Meeting  
Goodwin House  
5:30 PM

May 26  
Luncheon Meeting  
New Officer Installation  
Mabel Claire Madrey  
Award

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A CARD?

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of income inequality in America and the social impact of voluntary separation through club and church membership, and through the selection of communities in which to live. As an example, he said, formerly, precincts in NC were about a 60/40% mix between the two political parties; now precincts are 80/20%, indicating that we are choosing to segregate ourselves to live and socialize among people who are like us.

He provided statistics from the NC legislature to indicate that, more and more, Republicans have become the rural party as Democrats are metropolitan based. This underscores the need for Democrats to develop a sound metropolitan policy for future elections. And, with redistricting coming up based on the 2010 census, the fight will be over how to draw districts in the metropolitan areas.

For years, the "Great Consensus" of North Carolina politics has been: better schools, better roads and economic development. This consensus is under siege right now, Guillory contends, and the question is, do we move toward more private enterprise and less public structure, or not?

*Marylee Crofts*

## **Wake County 2010 Census Data and Legislative Redistricting**

According to the United States Census Bureau Wake County experienced a 25% population increase with a total population of 900,933. In addition, Raleigh experienced the most growth with a population increase of 46.3 percent. The 2010 census data will be used by state officials to realign state legislative districts which could potentially impact the 2012 elections (United States Census Bureau, 2010).

The following rules must be adhered to during the redistricting process:

- 1) Each district that elects one representative to a legislative body is required to be at least approximately equal in population to every other such district.

2) The Voting Rights Act and court cases decided under it forbid drawing districts that dilute minority voting strength.

3) The General Assembly and its redistricting plans are also subject to lawsuits if considerations of race impermissibly dominate the redistricting process.

4) Under the State Constitution, Senate and House districts must consist of contiguous territory.

5) Article II of the State Constitution says that in drawing State House and Senate districts, no county shall be divided. (North Carolina General Assembly, 2010).

The redistricting process is well underway. The first official meeting will be held Wednesday March 30, 2011 at 3:00 pm.

*Monica Yelverton*  
*Newsletter Editor*

## **42nd ANNUAL JEFFERSON- JACKSON BREAKFAST Saturday, April 30, 2011**

The DWWC's 42nd annual Jefferson-Jackson Breakfast will be held **Saturday, April 30 2011** at the Embassy Suites in Cary. The Chair for this year's breakfast is **Linda Gunter. Our slogan this year is "Back to Blue--It Begins With YOU!**

This is DWWC's premier fundraising event for the year so we need all our members to participate. All of the profits from the JJ Breakfast will go directly to Democratic candidates during the 2011 and 2012 elections.

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM with the buffet line open at 8:30 AM. The program will begin at 9:00 AM. **Christy Agner, JJ Program Chair** is working to obtain a national recognized speaker. The famous JJ Singers will be returning with a special class act marking their 40th year of performing original political songs at our JJ breakfast.

**Judy Austin and Linda Sweeney are JJ ticket Co-Chairs.** Ticket prices for the JJ Breakfast are \$35 in advance if purchased before April 23rd. Limited tickets will be available after that date and at the door for \$40. If you have questions about purchasing tickets email to [JJbreakfasttickets@gmail.com](mailto:JJbreakfasttickets@gmail.com). Ticket information will be available at the March meeting and at the Wake County Convention on April 16th. Our website ([www.dwwc.net](http://www.dwwc.net)) has a ticket form and soon will have a link to purchase your ticket using PayPal.

Our special **Ticket Sales Team** led by **Co-Chairs Barbara Evins and Stephanie El Bialy** will reach out by phone to every member to make sure you receive a special invitation to purchase a ticket. Members can contact them about tickets at [barbaraevins@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraevins@gmail.com).

**Christy Terrell** is JJ Breakfast Sponsor Chair and can be reached at [JJBreakfastsponsors@gmail.com](mailto:JJBreakfastsponsors@gmail.com). Sponsors will get front and center reserved seating, recognition in the printed program, and will be acknowledged at the event. Sponsorship levels are: Presidential Sponsor-\$1000 (Table with 10 tickets ), Senatorial Club \$800 (8 tickets), Governor's Club Sponsor-\$500 (5 tickets), Congressional Sponsor-\$300 (3 tickets), and Legislative---\$100 (one ticket). **We need YOU to be a sponsor so contact Christy today!**

**Caroline Farmer and Jacqueline Dixon-Mason, Hostess Co-Chairs** are looking for a large team of hostesses to welcome our guests and to make sure things run smoothly on the day of the breakfast. Contact them at [cmfarmer2@gmail.com](mailto:cmfarmer2@gmail.com) or [jdixon5530@aol.com](mailto:jdixon5530@aol.com).

**Registration Co-Chairs, Stephanie El Bialy and Barbara Evins,** need a large team of women to assist with registration before the breakfast. Email them at [ssbially2001@gmail.com](mailto:ssbially2001@gmail.com) to volunteer.

We hope to see you at our Jefferson Jackson Breakfast this year as it is DWWC's major fundraiser for the year!

**Linda Gunter, JJ Breakfast Chair**  
469-5185 or [dwwcpresidentlinda@earthlink.net](mailto:dwwcpresidentlinda@earthlink.net)

**Eleanor Roosevelt  
Luncheon**



Our special luncheon for Eleanor Roosevelt members will be held this year on March 26th at Martha Farmer's home. Be sure to pay your dues so you don't miss this wonderful event.

We have a member who used to live across the road from the First Lady who will share her experiences. If you are an ER member, call Martha Farmer to make your reservation at 782-1272. Now is the time to upgrade your membership to \$75 to be included in the event.

## **Mabel Claire Maddrey Award for Distinguished Service 2011 Nomination Guidelines**

The Mabel Claire Maddrey Award for Distinguished Service was established in 1997 to honor long time member, Mabel Claire Maddrey. Former president and founder of the JJ Breakfast, she epitomized the spirit of service to the club and the Democratic Party.

The award is to recognize those members who routinely do the hard work in the background without expectation of recognition or reward. The nominee should have been a dues paying member of the Democratic Women of Wake County for at least five years.

The award is given each year to a club member who has consistently provided outstanding service to the club and the Democratic Party over the years.

Nominations are due April 20th 2011 to Christina B. Terrell 205 Woodburn Road Raleigh, NC 27605 or [Terrell4@earthlink.net](mailto:Terrell4@earthlink.net).

Previous winners include Mabel Claire Maddrey, Martha Farmer, Shirley S. Fowler, Mary H. Poole, Gail Christian, Mary Alice Simmons, Sr., Doris Burke, Ellen

Taylor, Christy Block Terrell, Mary Coker Joslin, Mary Alice Simmons, Jr, Nancy Looper, and Betsy L. Watson.

## **Christy Terrell**



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***Monica Yelverton, Newsletter Editor***

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