



WAKE DEMOCRATIC WOMAN



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The Banquet hall at the Embassy Suites was packed with 300 loyal active Democrats on April 30th for the 41st Jefferson Jackson Breakfast.



**Jefferson Jackson Breakfast
Volunteers Key to Event Success**

This year we held our 41st annual Jefferson Jackson Breakfast continuing a tradition started in 1971 by Mabel Claire Maddrey to raise money for our Democratic candidates. It is our major premier fundraiser for the year so it is important for it be a successful event with the support of all of our members. Like any large event it takes devoted volunteers many hours to make everything happen in clockwork fashion.

This year I was pleased that our members responded in larger numbers than in the past with about 40 members assisting in various capacities. I would like to thank the members of the JJ Breakfast Committee who handled their job descriptions so ably to make the event flow smoothly and for making it an enjoyable experience for all of our guests.

The hotel arrangements and food were handled by **Carolyn Honeycutt** who coordinated with the hotel staff to make sure we had everything we needed at the Embassy Suites. For months before the breakfast, **Christy Agner, Program Chair**, worked on our program speakers who ended up being right here in Raleigh. What a better choice for a keynote speaker could we have had than our very own Governor Bev Perdue who is standing up for us with her veto everyday as she works with the General Assembly.



Our DWWC professional decorators, **Leigh Blow and Meredith Watson**, did a fabulous job with our table decorations with US and NC flags, roses, and blue ribbon. The program was professionally designed by **Charlotte Johnston** who always does fabulous work. Photographers **Mary Jane Clark, Mell Robson, and Jenna Wadsworth** were there to provide lasting memories of the event.

No JJ Breakfast can be a success without ticket sales so **Barbara Evins** and **Stephanie El Bialy** called our members to encourage them to attend the breakfast. Due to their efforts, sales to members increased over last year. Ticket Co-Chair **Judy Austin** took in all the checks that came in the mail and entered them into a database to track our guests and sponsors. With a NCDP event the same day, **Linda Sweeney** reached out to party leaders across the state to sell tickets which resulted in attendance from people from Boone to Manteo. She also handled phone calls from ticket purchasers and printed name tags for all the guests. **Mana Johnson** provided the tent cards and table signs.

The key to the success of the fundraising effort was the Sponsorship Chair, **Christy Terrell**, who mailed out letters and sponsorship forms to key potential donors. Mana Johnson assisted with preparation of lists, while **Debra McHenry, Martha Farmer, Linda Gunter, and Pat Hawkins** made calls to potential sponsors. The team was able to raise close to \$10,000 in sponsorships. Sponsors were given VIP treatment where they were registered at a separate table and greeted by **Christy Terrell, Mary Alice Simmons, and Nancy Looper**.

Collecting money at the door as well as a few membership applications was Assistant Treasurer **Judy Austin**, who was assisted by **Rita Roberts** and **Ann Howe**. **Grace Ann Chirico** deposited all the money and paid the bills.

Our guests were greeted as they came in by our friendly out-going hostess team led by **Jackie Dixon-Mason and Caroline Farmer**. Hostesses were **Emily Scott, Montica Talmadge, Doris Burke, Patrice Prince, Judge Keith Gregory, Mell Robson, and Lisa Hooker**. Elected officials were greeted by VIP hostesses **Karen Garr, Linda Coleman, and Melanie Goodwin** and then checked in by **Bonnie McNeil and Monica Yelverton**.

Our registration team headed by **Pat Hawkins**, gave guests their name tag and directed them to the banquet hall. She was assisted by **Prabha Ramakrishnan and Mary Ellen Eisele**.

A special thanks to **Christy Agner** who provided me with guidance based on her wealth of experience in working on large events. She is such a competent bright young lady who is a joy to work with on any project.

It certainly takes a great team of Democratic Women to make our Jefferson Jackson Breakfast a success. Next year we need YOU to get involved as volunteers too!

Thank you everyone for making it a SPECTACULAR event!!

Linda Gunter
JJ Breakfast Chair



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Thank you Democratic Women for your great team work on the JJ Breakfast!!

Remember: "Back to Blue---It's Up to YOU!"

Linda Gunter,

JJ Breakfast Chair