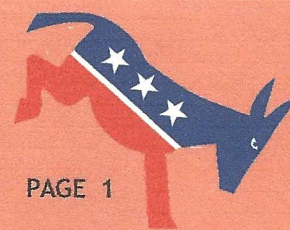


# KICKIN' NEWS

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## EDITOR'S LETTER

BY: CHRIS CARR

The election is over. You can be glad, sad or mad ! I choose door #3 - I am mad and worried. We are starting a new year, and must fight the good fight ! Not just talking, but doing.

No need to be despondent, just look into the streets of America and the world ! We have already had members join the Women's March. Can't march, call, write - get energized !

On this note, I would like to thank the members who registered voters and made calls in 2016. Now we must renew our efforts - our country's very core is at stake.

Also, a friendly reminder - dues is due \$25.00. Bring it with you to the meeting or send it to our treasurer - Eileen Wilson 204 Seven Pines, Locust Grove Va. 22508. Make check payable to : LOW Democratic Club.

BLUE POWER !!!!!

## NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

BY: Shirley Pfile

A Happy New Year to all our readers ! We have started the year with two great programs and expect to have many more. We have some new members and increasing interest on our website and face book.

The election turn out was a disappointment and the first weeks have shown why Trump should not have been elected. That said, we need to turn or attention to the November state elections. The primary is in June to decide the Democratic slate.

The biggest news is we now have a new meeting date. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Same time and place. Many asked for a change and we hope to see more members attend.

Hope to see and greet you all at future meetings.

## POESY

In Honor of Black History Month

To fling my arms wide  
In some place of the sun,  
To whirl and to dance  
Till the white day is done.  
Then rest at cool evening  
Beneath a tall tree

- While night comes
- Dark like me.
- That is my dream !

To fling my arms wide  
In the face of the sun,  
Dance! Whirl! Whirl !  
Till the quick day is done,  
Rest at pale evening...  
A tall, slim tree...  
Night coming tenderly  
Black like me.

Langston Hughes

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In the falling snow  
A laughing boy holds out  
his palms  
Until thy are white

Richard Wright



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## MUST HAVE - DEM. GOVERNOR

BY: Chris Carr

A few weeks ago, Gov. Terry McAuliffe vetoed a bill that would have required schools to notify parents of "sexually explicit" content in books and offer an alternative, the book this time was "Beloved"; a Pulitzer Prize winner written by Toni Morrison

The discussion went so loony that the devil and Satan entered the fears of the GOP.

How many times will the GOP take us down his crazy road? It's been Huck Finn, Catcher in the Rye, etc.

Librarians, educators and students expressed their concerns about the results of this wrong headed plan. The GOP ( the good old past), as students have many other ways to access books.

I can also attest that an alternative puts the student in the library, alone, with another book; because they are not allowed to hear class discussion.

This bill passed - the Governor vetoed it.

Other bills, passed or came close - 20 week abortion law. After that - not happening. Many women don't even know they're pregnant at that date.

Allowing teachers to carry guns in schools. Fracking is no longer a no; now it's time to let these industries keep the chemicals they use a secret. I could go on and on !

The point - if we do not work to elect a democrat as Governor of Virginia we will look like North Carolina, or God forbid; Mikey Pence's Indiana. We are in a battle to not go backward. When it's to work for a candidate, keep these scary little gems in mind.

## SOMETHING TO PONDER

"All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

## GOT THE "D. T.'S" ?

BY: Chris Carr

People's heads are spinning. The whole situation is hard to describe. It just feels like there is an alien interloper in the White House and it's all a scary dream.

It's off kilter. So many wrong, embarrassing, illegal, immoral events. Trump makes us feel as if we are trying to keep our balance on a tottering seesaw or flying without a net. One fact for sure; everything is going backward and sideways.

The man is unpresidential, inappropriate and immoral. He is swinging his power around his head like a child with a water balloon. Centrifugal force finally claims it and nobody knows who it will hit. Shaky, shaky and delusional.

So, it's the "D. T.'s"  
Sometimes when you name it, you know how to deal with it. So, Dems, drink some "hair of the dog", growl real loud, bar your teeth and get into the fight. Some ways to do just that are in this issue.



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## UPDATE ON -ONE VIRGINIA 2021

BY: Chris Carr

GOP got booed ! They wouldn't even take up the proposals on redistricting. They tabled them all !

In general, these bills would prohibit the widespread practice of politicians carving out their political opponents. They did not even include a commission. It is simple, Virginia need leaders who are not afraid to stand up for competitive elections.

The lack of representation and true democracy is so very obvious in our own district.

HJ763 had the support of One Virginia 2021, "advocating for fair redistricting in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The place was packed with supporters, hoping to see the committee take up the resolution. The meeting lasted 20 minutes Result - NOTHING !!!

Here Are four delegates we need to contact for every vote, because they always vote against us. They vote for concealed carry on campus, the Teebow bill, etc. Now we go to court over redistricting.

Voted to Kill  
Redistricting Reform :

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It's so easy! Fight the good fight!

BLUE POWER !!!!!

## CLUB NEWS

Remember to check in our wonderful website.  
[www.lowdemocrats.org](http://www.lowdemocrats.org) Kerry does a wonderful job and our hits are growing and growing.

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### MARCH MEETING -

Sunday - March ( check for e-mail and a phone call on which Sunday)  
Lower Lever Clubhouse  
Time 1:30

Guest Speaker - Terry Anderson -held hostage in Middle East for many years.

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PICNIC -  
Community Center  
June 7  
5:00  
Guest - to be announced

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### CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

2<sup>nd</sup> Wenesday- same place and time

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## LOOK, A BOOK !

BY: Diane Sibley

This column is supposed to be a recommendation of a book about politics, history or related subjects. This issue's recommendation is Kathleen Hall Jamison's "Everything You Think You Know About Politics, and Why You're Wrong." Well. Kathleen, it was a good book in its day, but in a post 2016 Trump election, I hope you've started writing your next book, because it's a whole different ballgame now. And when you get this past election figured out, I hope you'll tell the rest of us what the Hell happened !

Subject areas in this book are among others: poling, ads- attack, negative, contrast and advocacy; campaign strategies, etc. Lots of analyses, lots of opinions based on lots of experience and research, much of which could be applied to many past elections and very little of which can explain what happened last November 8<sup>th</sup>.

I've been thinking outside the box and I've come to the conclusion that there could be several reasons why so many of our fellow Americans drank the Kool-Aid. Here are a few:

A new breed of mosquitoes is sucking the brains out of so many out there in the hinterlands.

There's a whole breed of women out there who congenitally don't seem to know what's good for them.

The subject of choosing a President with a brain hasn't been covered on reality T.V. yet.

His Highness's brand of hair dye has not been approved by the F.D.A and it is toxic.

Voters may have believed that if the president can be so obscenely rich, maybe some of it will rub off on them.

Maybe it's inbreeding.

Perhaps there's a troll that lives in the basement of Trump Tower and sends out high voltage messages that confuse people who listen to public radio, T.V., newspapers, etc.

Maybe the FBI director found his job to be thankless and decided to go for the glory.

Don't get me wrong, the book is good, but it's a history book now. Let's just hope it's not history written by dead old white men. We all know where that leads.

NOTE: If you think that was negative, just be glad I didn't send you a Christmas letter. Two broken arms, a divorce in the family and Trump's election could make the Good Humor man grumpy.

Diane



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## BLUE ACTION NETWORK

BY: Chris Carr

Just as the name says, this is a growing group of Democrats from all over our area who are working to elect Democratic candidates. We have several members who have attended meetings and encourage us to get involved.

We often hear at meetings, what can we DO, as opposed to talk, talk, talk. Here it is.

### Meetings:

Place: Castiglia Restaurant

Time: 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of month

Planning and implementing the progressive agenda is done through teams.

### FIELD ACTION TEAM:

Phone banking, canvassing, voter registration, drive people to the polls. Help physical operation of election locations.

### RESEARCH ACTION TEAM:

Conducts opposition research and identifies issues of importance to progressive voters and candidates in our area.

### PUBLICATION ACTION TEAM:

Publish letters to editor, speaks at Board of Supervisor meetings.

### MEMBERSHIP ACTION TEAM:

Introduce local voters to Blue Action Network and help pace voters with desired action team.

### TRAINING ACTION TEAM:

Coordinates Blue Action Network members and community training; such as voter registration training.

### MORE INFO:

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## ELECTION VIRGINIA 2017

BY: CHRIS CARR

Good news. There are 45 challengers in 45 districts for 2017. Even in districts that used to run so red and unopposed. The deadline is March 30 and Dem candidates are coming out of the woodwork !

The DCCC says they are getting organized; this is a resistance to Trump. They are especially holding GOP gubernatorial candidates accountable for their support of Trump. "They can't erase their record ( 2016), there will be moral and political consequences for putting party before country,"

You've seen the town halls. Know more?

[www.dpva](http://www.dpva) I do believe 2017 is going to be a lalapalooza!

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## ONIONS AND ORCHIDS

BY: CHRIS CARR

ONIONS TO: President Chaos, who has offended, confused and frightened every country on the globe.

ORCHIDS TO: NASA, who has discovered 7 new inhabitable planets. (Get my drift?) Fire up the missile NASA -we've got a passenger for ya" It's a humanitarian gesture to save us all from Defcon 5 !

ONIONS TO: Joanie Ernst (remember her evil sheep ad) who refused a town hall with her constituents. She fled like the wolves were after her !

ORCHIDS TO: the voters - I heard very loud BOO BOO -or was it BAA BAA ? Well, well, that sheep dip does get deep.

ONIONS TO: Trump's lies about voter fraud, 5 million strong and buses bringing them in droves.

ORCHIDS TO: Faithful Kelly Ann to the rescue, that woman can not only spin like a top, but she's got the biggest broom and dustpan in the U.S.A. She even cleaned all those buses !

(Only the Donald would have such a highly paid Merry Maid)

ONIONS TO: The GOP politicians who defend Trump as they hold their nose. (Still all about getting reelected!)

ORCHIDS TO: the voter who said, " I feel like a passenger in a car with a drunk driver.)

Know what I say? "I WANT MY PRESIDENT BACK !"

ONIONS TO: The liar in chief (sorry, he just provides too much material) for claiming he saved 1 billion on the new Air Force 1.

ORCHIDS TO: The Air Force. They scratched their heads and quoted ! ( In the Press)  
"We're stumped."

I WANT MY PRESIDENT BACK

STRAP "EM ON !!

As you can gather, there is a theme to this "Kickin' News" No more whining'; no more cryin"

We must begin, continue and never stop fighting the fearful, harmful madness that is trying to grip our country and destroy our democracy.

We have a club that has members and the wherewithal to do this. No more words - ACTIONS ! If you were ever a Democrat, this is the time to stand. There is too much at risk now and in the future not to do so.

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