

January 5, 2026



*Monthly Meetings:* First Monday at Noon  
AFL-CIO Labor Council Building,  
1522 Bill Williams, Knoxville, TN 37917  
(Across the street from WBIR-TV)  
*Mail:* PO Box 3432, Knoxville, TN 37927  
*Website:* KnoxvilleDemocrats.org/DWK  
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### 2026 THEME: GIVE TO GAIN

#### WELCOMETO A NEW, EXCITING ELECTION YEAR

WHEN WE WILL BE ELECTING COUNTY POSITIONS, STATE POSITIONS INCLUDING A GOVERNOR, AND A US REPRESENTATIVE. AND WE WANT TO INCLUDE FUN ACTIVITIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO TRY TO KNOW OTHER AND BUILD LEADERSHIP. DWK MEMBERS WILL GIVE GENEROUSLY OF OUR TIME, DONATIONS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO GAIN A TRUSTED AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY.

#### MEET 2026 DWK OFFICERS.

**PRESIDENT: SYLVIA WOODS** - Lifetime Knoxville, widow, Mother of two sons and three grown grandchildren. In 1972 became involved in PTA Leadsip; 1980 went to work at the Knoxville Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO; retired in 2011; Volunteer with the IRS VITA Program since 1999. Currently hold the following non-profit offices: President Democratic Women of Knoxville, District 9 representative for Democratic Party of Knox Country, TNDP board member; President of OPEIU Local 144, PTA Clothing Center President, Project Help, past president, and Current member of the following boards: South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association. CAC Community Funding (Formerly CAAN- VP.), E. TN. PBS, Suffrage Coalition.

**VICE PRESIDENT: TERRY WHITAKER** -Terrye got her bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin College in Texas and her MBA from City College. She moved to Knoxville in 1992 where she taught at National College and Huntington Learning Center, while also substitute teaching in the Knox County school system. In 2010, she and her husband Tom moved to Colorado where she was active in the Boulder County Democratic Party and worked for state senator Matt Jones in the state capitol. She moved back to Knoxville in 2022 and has been active in state and local politics ever since.

**SECRETARY: TANYA PHILLIPS** - I grew up in Knoxville, and after graduating from UT in 1995, I lived in Jefferson City, Nashville, and Atlanta. After 17 years in GA, my husband and I moved to Hardin Valley in 2017, and I am a contractor for a medical technology company. I have been a member of the Democratic Women of Knoxville since Mar 2025 and the League of Women Voters since Feb 2025. I hold the following positions: Secretary Of Democratic Women of Knoxville, Observer Corps County Commission Lead for the League of Women Voters, and Precinct 62 Vice Chair for District 6.  
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### DUES 2026

**\$25 FOR WOMEN**  
**\$10 FOR MEN AT LARGE** and  
**\$10 for Women from other**  
**counties without a Federation**  
**Chapter.**

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/2 Bob Wilson  
1/5 Barbara Kelly  
1/9 Dee Stephenson  
1/19 Cary Hammond  
1/24 Mary Ann Page  
1/25 Marha Jean Bratton  
1/26 Lora Woods  
1/30 Sylvia Woods

#### DWK 2025 Non-Profit Donations

Beck Cultural Exchange Center  
Suffrage Coalition  
East Tennessee PBS  
Humane Society Tennessee Valley  
Knox Pride  
Planned Parenthood of TN and N MS  
Alliance for Community Transformation  
Harvey Broome Group (Sierra Club)  
A Step Ahead Fndation of East TN  
TNSTEP  
Mobile Meals  
Total of \$2,200  
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**TREASURER: CARY HAMMOND** - Native Oak Ridger and graduated from Vanderbilt University with a BS in Economics. While in New York city I worked in Finance and Cybersecurity while completing my MBA in Accountancy from the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College. I now spend my time as a Girl Scout Leader, Vice President of the Oak Ridge Playhouse and Treasurer of DWK, TFDW, and Suffrage Coalition.