



**LOUDON COUNTY**  
**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN**

2025 President's Report April 10, 2026

**Loudon County Democratic Women began meeting in April of 2021** and have steadily grown our membership **ending 2025 with 98 members**. Our Board continues to be very active with 5 of our members also serving as members of the Loudon County Democratic Party Board.

Since 2021 we have maintained a focus on **Women Helping Women**. Through our fundraising event and generous donations from our members at our events, we were able to donate over **\$6,000 to 12 non-profits** serving Loudon County. We also collect and distribute non-perishable items at each of our events.

Each year we have an event honoring **Juneteenth**. Attendance was great and our speaker, **Women's Basketball Hall of Famer, Carolyn Bush Roddy**, was outstanding. Carolyn now lives in Kingston, TN, and is the founder of the **Carolyn Bush Roddy Foundation**. Her foundation focuses on enabling the next generation to further their education and become leaders in our community and state.

To raise awareness of how we can help **immigrant families** in our community, in August we held a panel discussion with representatives from 6 local organizations. The **speakers from Together Podemos, Allies of Knoxville's Immigrant Neighbors (AKIN), Welcoming Immigrant Neighbors (WIN), Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC), and Alliance for Community Transformation and Comunidades en Accion (ACT-ET and CEA)** were informative and impactful. We left impressed with the work these organizations do and with specifics that each of us can do to help.

In 2026 we have two areas of focus. We plan on continuing our focus on **Women Helping Women**. With our fundraiser in April and donations at our events, we hope to do as well as we did in 2025.

Given this is an election year, we will be **partnering with the Loudon County Democratic Party to support candidate activities**. This year for the first time in a very long time, we have **5 Democrats running for Loudon County Commissioner seats and 1 Democrat running for Loudon County School Board**. And **3 of the 6 are women!** Our mission will be to do all that we can to get these and other Democratic Candidates in Tennessee elected.