

KV Update

Dateline: Washington, January 20, 2009

Owen history teacher Mary Julian decided that no matter the winner, January 20 would be a historic Inauguration Day and



made plans to take several student to Washington. Two hours after the new president was sworn in, Owen students had this to say: *Olivia Tyson* said working with Kids Voting made her aware of the issues

and knowing this is what prompted her to come to the inauguration.

Hannah Torrence became more aware of the issues and how important voting is. She feels that people need to become involved and serve in their community.

Natalie Brauer stated that working with young people on voting day made her want to know the issues in depth and has also made her feel obligated to serve her fellow Americans.

Election Results

President

Obama: 4,365 (W)
McCain: 2,956
Barr: 118

US Senate

Hagan: 3,110 (W)
Dole: 2,310
Cole: 515

US Congress Dist 11

Shuler: 3,374 (W)
Mumpower: 1,891
Smith: 390

Governor

Perdue: 2,974 (W)
McCroy: 2,251
Munger: 523

NC Senate Dist 50

Nesbitt: 3,085 (W)
Clark: 2,018

NC HR Dist 115

Goforth: 2,811 (W)
Purdue: 1,870

NC HR Dist 116

Whilden: 2,669 (W)
Moffit: 1,762

Chair, Buncombe County Comm.

Gantt: 2,841 (W)
Ramsey: 2,101

Buncombe County Comm.

Bailey: 4,212 (W)
Jones: 3,001 (W)
Peterson: 2,052 (W)
Stanley: 1,984 (W)
Carroll: 1,811
Fryar: 1,525
McKee: 1,595
Yelton: 1,491



High Voter Turnout

Isaac Dickson
Hangar Hall
Owen HS

Weaverville Elementary
SILSA
Claxton
Haw Creek
Sand Hill-Venable
North Windy Ridge
Glen Arden
Black Mountain Elem.
Francine Delaney
ArtSpace
Evergreen
Eliada Home
Asheville Catholic
Adonai
Rainbow Mountain

Election Day 2008

Election Day 72 high school students from Asheville, Enka, Erwin, North Buncombe, Owen, Reynolds, & Roberson High Schools, Eliada Home, Carolina Day, North Asheville Christian and Biltmore Baptist & NCHA Home School Assoc. served as Precinct Captains or Co-Captains at 52 precincts.

The following individuals and organizations staffed Kids Voting precincts: Asheville City Schools Staff, Montford Community Center Staff, Altrusa Club of Asheville, Shiloh Community Association & Center Staff, Junior League of Asheville, Asheville Buncombe County League of Women Voters, The Links, Inc., West Asheville Baptist College & Career Class, Carolina Day School Families, Kohl's, NC Arboretum Volunteers, Barnardsville Elementary School Staff, North Buncombe High School Staff, Haw Creek PTO, Jones PTO.

Election Central

Many thanks to Asheville Civitan, Asheville City Schools and Kids Voting Board members, family members and friends.

Volunteer Training

Buncombe County Schools, Buncombe County Board of Elections, MANNA, Montford Community Center, Ardent Toastmasters.

Kids Voting Partners

Buncombe County & the Buncombe County Board of Elections, City of Asheville, Buncombe County Schools, Asheville City Schools.

Corporate Sponsors 2008

Volvo, Fairway Outdoor, Mountain Xpress, Creative Communications, Kohl's, Alan's Jewelry & Pawn.

Thank You!

Kids Voting: Local and National Management Changes

To address the current economy and guarantee the sustainability of our organization's mission, the Kids Voting Buncombe County board of directors voted in March to adopt an all-volunteer management model for the foreseeable future.

An Interim Governance Committee of five dedicated board members (Chuck Wood, board chair, Trena Parker, Immediate past chair, Kathi Ballard, Treasurer, Mike Lodico, retired ACS administrator and John Reed, president of Asheville Civitan Club) has been formed to provide management for Kids Voting for the coming year.

Our focus for the coming year will be on enhanced civics curriculum delivery in our schools, providing the "real life" voting experience for students and the continued involvement of high school students in the Kids Voting process.

Our longtime executive director, Anne Raybon, recommended and supported this management decision and we are most appreciative of her service and continued support. Board Chair, Chuck Wood writes:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of KV Buncombe County, I would like to thank Anne Raybon for four years of dedicated service to Kids Voting. During her tenure as executive director, Anne worked diligently and tirelessly to further the goals and objectives of KV.

In this regard, Anne achieved many notable accomplishments. She recruited an unprecedented number of high school student precinct captains; planned and delivered leadership forums to high school students in the city, county and private school systems; organized voter registration drives for high school students; and planned and organized "The Capitol Steps" performance as KV's 2008 signature event.

Anne, we are truly grateful for all of your contributions and wish you great success in the future.

On the national level, we received the following press release in late May:

The Kansas Press Association (KPA) is pleased to announce its new business partnership with Kids Voting USA. KPA assumed management of Kids Voting USA's day-to-day business operations May 1. This move is important to the organization's future strategy and intended to optimize the current affiliate network.

Kids Voting USA (KVUSA) and KPA are working together to ensure that a knowledgeable and committed leadership and staff are available to serve the affiliate network and further the ideals of the Kids Voting organization, while moving forward with the strategic plan to bring the richness of the program to a broader and more diverse set of young people.

The KVBC board is encouraged by this national change and remains committed to our mission. We encourage your continued support of our program and welcome your comments and questions.

How You Can Help... Volunteer!

This November we will have KV polling sites in 40 precincts and we need volunteers to assist area students with the voting experience. A few hours of your time will make a real difference to a student learning the democratic process. Contact Kids Voting today!

Give! Kids Voting has a modest budget and all of our funding for the coming year is local. Kids Voting uses donations to provide classroom activities, civic education programs, volunteer opportunities and to provide the Kids Voting ballots and booths on Election Day. Kids Voting can't happen without YOU!

Make your tax-deductible contribution to Kids Voting Buncombe County today! Either via our website: www.kidsvotungbc.org or by mail: **Kids Voting Buncombe County**, 189 College Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801.

We appreciate your continued support!

