

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

OCTOBER 9, 2017



WESTERN GALA & WESTERN GALA BREAKFAST!

Democrats from all across the state gathered at the Renaissance Hotel in Asheville for two big events on October 7th – the Western Gala and the Western Gala Breakfast! In the picture above the musical group, Cantaria, is performing at the Western Gala Breakfast.



**Governor and Mrs. Cooper
with Amanda and Dave Wils
of Greensboro.**



**Left: NCDP 2nd VC Matt Hughes & Breakfast Keynote Speaker Kristi Jones with Wayne Goodwin
Right: Patsy Keever & Rutherford Chair Jerry Wease, with Brenda Pollard**





Asheville Mayor Esther Manheimer, Braxton Marcella and Anjali Patel



Justin Conley and Elena DiTraglia with Governor Roy Cooper



Jeff and Rebecca Rose



Judge Patricia Young and Carol Goins



Betty Anderson, Betsy Wells, Joyce Mitchell, Concetta Caliendo, Brenda Pollard, & Ginger Walker



NCDP Fundraising Director Meredith Cuomo and Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds



Wayne Goodwin speaking at the VIP Reception before the Western Gala



Haywood County Chair Myrna Campbell and Leah Broker with the Coopers

Many of the pictures in this article were made by Senator Floyd McKissick, 10th District Chair Betsy Wells, and Brenda Pollard.



William Knight & Jack Swanson of Burke County with the Governor.



**2017 DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR:
DOT KEARNS – GUILFORD COUNTY!**

At their October meeting the Democratic Women of Guilford County saluted Dot Kearns for being named North Carolina's "2017 DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR!"

Dot is in the center of the picture above wearing the Democratic blue outfit.

Dot was recognized by the Democratic Women of North Carolina because of "her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in addressing and raising awareness about issues of education, voting, environment, and women's rights."



During her more than 40 years as a member of the Democratic Women, Dot has served as President and Co-President of the DW of Guilford County. She has also mentored many other Presidents of the organization.

For more than 18 years she was a Member of the High Point City School Board. After the county's school boards were merged, she served on the Guilford County Board of Education.

She has been President of the NC School Boards Association.

Dot was elected to serve on the Guilford County Board of Commissioners and was that Board's first female Chair from 1985 to 1988. From 2009 until 2016 she served on the Guilford County Board of Elections.



**Fifteen Outstanding Citizens Appointed To
Governor's Advisory Council On Hispanic/Latino Affairs!**

Last week Governor Roy Cooper appointed 7th Congressional District Chair **Francisco Rivas-Diaz, 11th Congressional District Officer **Lorenzo Pedro**, and Mecklenburg County Democratic Women President **Olma Echeverri** as three of 15 members of his Advisory Council On Hispanic/Latino Affairs. The Members surrounded Governor Cooper in the picture above as he announced their appointment.**



Here is the complete list of the 15 Hispanic appointees:

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| Albeiro Florez – Hope Mills | Lorenzo Pedro - Morganton |
| Alberto Polloni – Raleigh | MariaRosa Rangel - Durham |
| Andres Henao – Chapel Hill | Maria Travers de Paniagua – Winston-Salem |
| Astrid Chirinos – Charlotte | Olma Echeverri - Charlotte |
| Daniel Montoya – Fayetteville | Ricardo Colon - Waynesville |
| Eligio Pena – Raleigh | Ricardo Robles - Charlotte |
| Francisco Rivas-Diaz – Wallace | Tulia Pascht - Raleigh |
| Jose Oliva – Greensboro | |



**SENATOR COREY BOOKER STRONGLY ENDORSES
CHARLES FRANCIS FOR MAYOR OF RALEIGH!**

At an October 7th Rally at Southeast Raleigh High School, Senator Corey Booker of New Jersey enthusiastically endorsed Democrat Charles Francis in the October 10th vote for Mayor of Raleigh. Hundreds of voters shouted and cheered as Senator Booker delivered each line of his speech.



Attorney Charles Francis gave a thoughtful and well-reasoned speech about why he is Raleigh's best choice for Mayor. Here is a link to a video of the Rally:
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Highly respected Congressman G. K. Butterfield and popular Wake County Democratic Party Chair Rebecca Llewellen proudly gave support to Charles Francis' campaign. The Wake County Democratic Party has officially endorsed attorney Francis for Mayor.



Senator Booker happily promotes the Charles Francis campaign.



Outside the Rally: Matt Alexander, Executive Vice President of the Teen Democrats of North Carolina made these selfies. On the left he is with Maggie Carroll, Victoria Boyette & Ethan Brooks. Right: Ethan Brooks & Rebecca Llewellen with Matt.



WEDDING OF MATT NEWTON AND TIFFANY ARROYO!

Former Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Chair Matt Newton and his law firm partner, Tiffany Arroyo, were married in a spectacular wedding ceremony at her family's estate in South Carolina on October 7th.



The bridal couple will continue to live in Charlotte and continue their joint law practice. Left: Scott Huffman, Second Vice Chair of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party, was among the wedding guests.



FEARRINGTON VILLAGE DEMOCRATS!

Jackson Goodwin completed his fourth grade homework while NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin was meeting and speaking to a packed house of more than 150 Democrats gathered in Fearington Village on October 1st. Mary Roodkowsky and Vickie Shea welcomed the Goodwins.

Fearington Village is located south of Chapel Hill in the northern part of Chatham County.



This picture shows part of the crowd who listened as Wayne discussed our Democratic game plan for 2018 and 2020 as well as his observations on the political landscape.

Then the listeners enjoyed a question and answer session which went on for more than 30 minutes.



JEFF JACKSON KEYNOTES ORANGE COUNTY BREAKFAST!

State Senator Jeff Jackson of Charlotte gave a dynamic Keynote Address at the annual Legislative Breakfast of the Orange County Democratic Party in Chapel Hill.

One Orange Democrat said "Jeff was tearing it up!"



This annual breakfast is the biggest fundraising event of the year for the Orange County Party. Congratulations to County Chair Jim Bartow and the other Orange Party leaders for the success of this event.



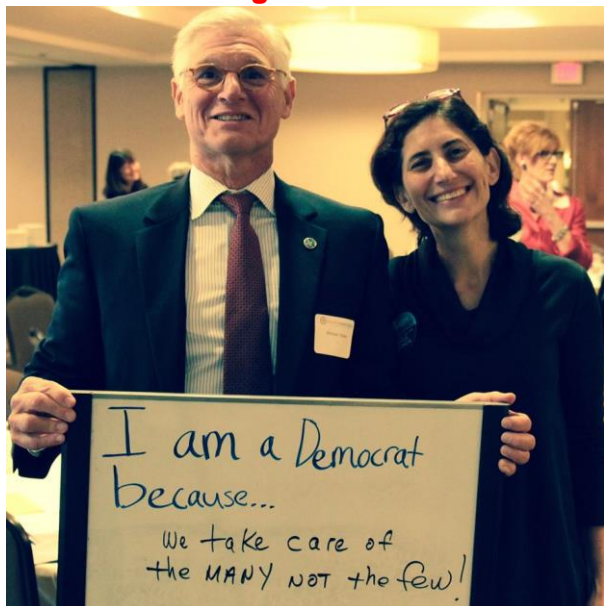
State Representative Graig Meyer, Senator Valerie Foushee, and State Representative Verla Insko



Congressman David Price



Alana Edwards



Michael Parker and Karen Stegman



Richard Watkins



Save the Date!

2ND ANNUAL

NORTHERN ORANGE DEM PICNIC

When: Saturday, October 21st 4 to 7

**Where: Fairview Park
195 Torain St., Hillsborough**

Who: Democrats and Unaffiliated Voters

**Why: To hear from your local representatives
To gear up for 2018 and 2020
To learn about opportunities to volunteer**

What's provided? Hot dogs, paper products, drinks, and entertainment

What to bring: A food to share and a lawn chair.

Need more info? Have questions or suggestions? Want to volunteer? Contact your precinct chair at

www.orangedems.com

Hope to see you there!



POLK COUNTY TEEN DEMS ORGANIZE!

The new Officers of the Polk County Teen Democrats attended the County Party's Executive Committee meeting in Columbus, NC on October 6th. Members of the Executive Committee expressed pride in these talented new Officers: Emily Hogan, Evan McCarthy, Luke Collins, and Itzel Avellaneda



DURHAM SENIOR CITIZENS!

The Senior Democrats of Durham held a breakfast meeting on October 7th to key on strategy for involving more Durham Seniors in the Party. Dan Bennett chaired the gathering. Special guests were former State Senior Democrats President Matilda Phillips of Winston-Salem and State Senior Democrats Secretary Bill Franklin of Burlington.



WILKES COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Wilkes County Democrats had a colorful presence at the Wilkes Apple Festival last weekend. Many festival goers stopped by for information and paraphernalia.



YADKIN COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Yadkin County Democratic Party Chair Walter Smith welcomed immigration attorney Cynthia Gonzalez and State Senior Democrats President Tom Rothrock to the Party's September meeting. Both guest speakers gave informative talks and generated excitement. Democrats all across the state have become friends with Walter Smith during his two campaigns for Commissioner of Agriculture but most of us did not know that Walter Smith was a running back on the NC State Football Team during the 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975 football seasons. He performed under the leadership of famous football coach Lou Holtz.



FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL DEMOCRATS!

The Democrats of Freedom High School in Morganton are one of the most active high school Democratic groups in the entire state. They do lots of activities!

The picture above shows them constructing a float on which they rode in the school's Homecoming Parade through the streets of Morganton.



These terrific young people are showing up strong for the cause of good government. They are making it fashionable to be a Democrat in Burke County!

**You and Your Family
Are Cordially Invited
To**

75th BIRTHDAY PARTY

For

MELVIN WILLIAMS!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

11:00AM – 12 NOON, RECEPTION LINE & BUFFET LINE

12 NOON – 1:00PM, HAPPY PROGRAM & SINGING!

Fellowship Hall, C3 Church

8246 Cleveland Road, Clayton, NC 27510

(This Church is located at Exit 312 off I-40 Only Nine Miles East of Raleigh)

It is suggested that gentlemen wear coats and ties.

It is suggested that ladies wear church clothing.

Please RSVP To:

melvin535@gmail.com

For Questions or Suggestions,

Please Call Stephanie Whitley

At 919-915-2018

This Is A Free Event

Please Bring Your Children With You!