

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

OCTOBER 31 , 2017



JOHN EASTERLING NAMED BEST COLLEGE DEMOCRATS PRESIDENT IN AMERICA!

Remarkable John Easterling, President of the College Democrats of North Carolina, received the “CDA PRESIDENT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD” at the DNC meeting in Las Vegas! This award is given annually to the most outstanding State College Dems President in the country.

This award recognized distinguished character traits in leadership and strong relationships within the state College Democrats organization. When former CDA President Marv McMoore presented the award to John he said: “John makes a room glow and his presence is noted by all.”

NC Democrats have recognized John as a star ever since he did an excellent job as President of the Teen Democrats of North Carolina from 2013 to 2015.

Messages of congratulations can be sent to John at: jceaster@uncg.edu.



JOHN VERDEJO ELECTED TREASURER OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL CAUCUS!

North Carolina DNC Member John Verdejo of Raleigh was elected Treasurer of the Southern Regional Caucus of the Democratic National Committee at the DNC meeting in Las Vegas.

John starred on CNN's major broadcast from the last DNC meeting in Atlanta. Democrats across the nation recognize John's talents and leadership abilities!



**ELAINE MARSHALL
PRESENTED THE FIRST
TRAILBLAZER AWARD
BY THE DEMOCRATIC MEN
OF WAKE COUNTY!**

**Max Adams, President of the Wake
Democratic Men's Club presented
the club's first Trailblazer Award
to our distinguished Secretary of State
Elaine Marshall
at a banquet at the North Raleigh
Hilton October 16th.**



**Raleigh's Democratic Candidate for Mayor Charles
Charles Francis with his lovely wife, Marvea**



**Joseph Samson with State Auditor
Beth Wood**



Judge Sid Eagles, Elaine Marshall, June Atkinson, Judge Margaret Eagles, and Charles Francis



STOKES COUNTY DEMOCRATS HAVE BIG CASH DRAWING EVENT!

More than 150 Stokes County Democrats gathered at South Stokes High School near Walnut Cove for a big Cash Drawing Event on October 21st.

Big? THE GRAND PRIZE WAS \$10,000.00 CASH!

The Keynote Speaker was Jennifer Robinson Mangrum who is running for the N. C. Senate against GOP Senate leader Phil Berger in District 30. She wowed the crowd! Congratulations to County Chair David Dalton and all the Stokes Democrats for organizing this highly successful event!



Jennifer Mangrum is a popular candidate!



Steve Carroll and Buddy Dunlap called the numbers for the massive Cash Giveaway Prize!



**AFREEN ALLAM, NIDA ALLAM'S SISTER,
IS CHANGING THE WAY NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES ARE TREATED.
A MAJOR MEDICAL DISCOVERY!**

Even though she is in her early 20s, Afreen Allam has made a major medical discovery. She is the sister of NCDP Vice Chair Nida Allam.

Read this fascinating article about what she is doing!

<https://www.bustle.com/p/afreen-allam-founder-ceo-of-sinon-therapeutics-is-changing-the-way-we-treat-neurological-diseases-2459604>



CATAWBA DEMOCRATIC WOMEN DONATE \$2,500.00!

At their October 21st meeting the Democratic Women of Catawba County voted to donate \$2,500.00 to the BREAK THE MAJORITY drive of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

They are eager to help Democratic legislative candidates win!

Congratulations to President Lynn Dorfman and all these outstanding Democrats.

Please join us for a
Reception for

Charles Francis

Hosted by

Trish and John Healy | Dick Daughtery
V.G. Murray | Wallace O. Green | Andrew Techet



Wednesday, November 1st

5:30pm - 7:00 pm

with comments by Charles at 6:15

The Healy Residence

601 N Bloodworth St, Raleigh, NC 27604



Paid for by Francis for Raleigh Committee
215 East North Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

Please Reply To: KrissGomez.NC@gmail.com

**DEMOCRATS: LET'S ENJOY ATTENDING
THESE EXCITING CHARLES FRANCIS EVENTS!**



**Wednesday,
November 1st**

5:00pm-6:00pm

Downtown Meet & Greet

PNC PLaza (23rd Floor)

301 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, NC

Entrance on Martin St

Friday, November 3rd

6:30pm-7:30pm

BedfordTown Hall

Bedford Club House

10630 Bedfordtown Dr, Raleigh, NC

**Thursday, November
2nd**

6:30-8:00pm

The Lynks

Young Professionals Meet and Greet

410 Glenwood Ave #140, Raleigh, NC

**Saturday,
November 4th**

5:30pm-6:30pm

Cameron Park Meet & Greet

Donna Bailey Home

2506 Mayview Rd, Raleigh, NC

Friday, November 3rd

1:00pm-4:00pm

Fish Fry Community Event

Robert Park

1300 E Martin St, Raleigh, NC

4:00pm-6:00pm

Oakwood Community Happy Hour

Trish Healy Home

601 N Bloodworth St, Raleigh, NC



GOVERNOR HUNT KEYNOTES LEGISLATIVE FUNDRAISER!

Governor Jim Hunt delivered a passionate speech to Democrats who gathered at the Louisburg home of Franklin County Democratic Party Chair Lucy Allen. It was billed as the Eastern NC Democratic Caucus Fundraiser and was sponsored by State Representatives Bobbie Richardson, Terrance Garrison, Jean Farmer-Butterfield, and Shelley Willingham.



DEE JONES HONORED!

NCDP State Executive Council Member Dee Jones (left) was presented with the "SUPERLATIVE CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD" of the Senior Community Service Employment Program in Charlotte. Dee is superlative at everything she does! On the right is another recipient, Gloria Ingram. In the middle is Verna Wade who is Assistant Director of the NC Works office in Charlotte.



**STEVE & LOUISE
COGGINS HOST
FUNDRAISER
FOR GOVERNOR
COOPER'S "BREAK THE
MAJORITY" DRIVE!**

Steve and Louise Coggins held a major fundraising reception at their Figure 8 Island home to benefit Governor Roy Cooper's "BREAK THE MAJORITY" drive. Mr. and Mrs. Coggins have held dozens of Democratic fundraisers at their home over many years and they truly enjoy supporting Democratic successes.

Louise Coggins has been one of our state's strongest supporters of the "GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS" publication from its inception! She loves to read the "GOOD NEWS" and writes encouraging comments about it every week!



From the left the Young Democrats with Governor Cooper at the Coggins' event are: Sam Shore, Carter Jewell, Clayton Hamerski, Allie Belanger, and Johnny Guadalupe Shaver.



GRAIG MEYER & MATT HUGHES HIGHLIGHT HAYWOOD COUNTY FALL RALLY!

Haywood County Party Chair Myrna Campbell and the Haywood Democrats filled the Armory in Canton for their big Fall Rally. State Representative Graig Meyer (on stage above) was the Keynote Speaker. He promoted his One Shot program to elect Democrats to the Legislature.

Graig's parents have recently moved to Haywood County so Myrna Campbell said the Haywood Democrats are going to "adopt" Graig.



**County Chair Myrna Campbell introducing Matt Hughes. Strong legislative candidate
Myrna is a terrific County Chair!**



Rhonda Schandevell



Congressional candidate Phillip Price & his wife



Matt Hughes speaking



Democrats all across the state fell in love with Pat and Sherry Smathers during his 2008 campaign for Lt. Governor. Pat and Sherry are still ardent Democrats and they are active in Party activities. They are strong supporters of their son, Zeb Smathers, in his campaign for Mayor of Canton this year.

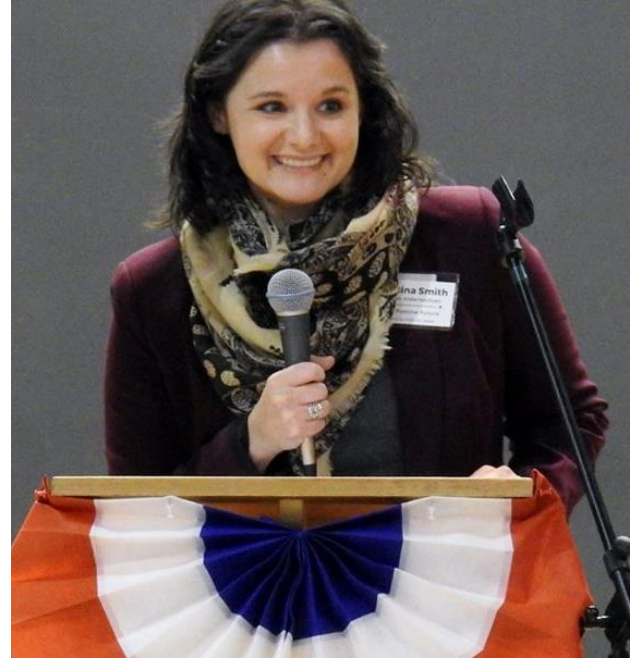


At the Haywood Fall Rally, Democrats celebrated Zeb Smather's 35th Birthday! He is dedicated to public service and he is unopposed in the November election for Mayor of Canton.

In the picture on the right Zeb and his wife, Ashley Smathers, are with June Ray who retired as Haywood County Clerk of Court this month. She had worked in the Clerk's office for 36 years. During her 15 years as the Clerk she never had any opposition!



Democratic attorney Hunter Plemmons was appointed by Judge Bradley Letts to fill the Clerk of Court vacancy created by June's retirement.



Kristina Smith spoke at the Rally to promote her campaign for a seat on the Canton Town Board.



VICKI ALSTON APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR ROY COOPER!

Guilford County Democrat Vicki Alston of High Point was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to the Executive Mansion Fine Arts Committee.

Vicki is President of Vicki Alston Interiors which specializes in residential and commercial design.

She serves on the High Point Arts Council, is past Vice Chairwoman of the High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.



KEITH KARLSSON HONORED BY THE NAACP!

The Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP presented its 2017 President's Award to former Wake County Democratic Party Chair Keith Karlsson. Keith is an attorney who does a lot of pro bono work for worthy causes.

In the picture above the Branch's President, Rev. Dr. Portia Rochelle, is presenting the award to Keith. All Democrats join in saluting Keith!





CARTERET COUNTY DONKEY DINNER!

Carteret County Democrats know how to stage a happy event! Their October 22nd Donkey Dinner at The County Club Of The Crystal Coast in Pine Knolls Shore was a celebration of their Democratic spirit. In the picture above Amy Holland and Carteret County Party Chair Tina Rodriquez are welcoming Judge John Arrowood of the North Carolina Court of Appeals.



Secretary of State Elaine Marshall gave an inspiring Keynote Speech.



These Carteret Democrats enjoyed the celebration.



More pictures of Carteret County Democrats at the Donkey Dinner!



**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO GET
TEENAGERS INTO THE
NC ASSOCIATION OF TEEN DEMOCRATS
BEFORE THEY ARE OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE!**



North Carolina Association of Teen Democrats

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE
EVERY YOUNG PERSON YOU KNOW
TO JOIN
THE EXCITING TEEN DEMOCRATS TODAY!**

THEY CAN GO TO:

www.NCATD.com

Facebook - @NCTeenDems

Twitter - @NCTeenDems

Instagram - @NCTeenDems

**TEENAGERS ARE AMERICANS.
THEIR CAN MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD
THROUGH THE TEEN DEMOCRATS!**



THREE PRECINCT PARTY

UPPER, MIDDLE, & LOWER TOPSAIL

Democrats in Pender County's three Topsail Township election precincts (Lower, Middle and Upper Topsail) are throwing a Pizza Party.

This is an opportunity for native Democrats and Democrats new to the community to meet one another. It is also an occasion to meet local candidates. Come meet and greet Wilmington physician, **Dr. Kyle Horton**, who is a candidate for North Carolina's Congressional District 7, as well as **John Johnson**, a Burgaw native and MBA, recently retired from AT&T, who is a candidate for North Carolina State House District 16.

There will be a cash bar. The pizza is on the Pender County Democrats!



Friday, Nov. 3

5-7 PM

**Home Port
Restaurant**

**Hampstead Town
Ctr**

**17230 N. Hwy 17,
Suite 108
Hampstead**

Cash Bar

Free Pizza

**Dan Kinney
Karen Pappas
Paula Africa**

**Precinct
Hosts**



MATT HUGHES HOLDS A MEETING WITH NCDP AUXILIARY LEADERS

On Saturday, October 21st NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes held a meeting with the leaders of all the NCDP State Auxiliaries. They discussed ways to make the Auxiliaries more effective. They also agreed that Auxiliary members are some of the most dedicated Democrats in the entire state and that their voice should be respected in State Party affairs. Congratulations to Matt for organizing and conducting this meeting!



FIFTH DISTRICT STRATEGY MEETING!

District Chair Charlie Wallin, NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes, & DNC Member Cliff Moone headlined the October 25th Fifth District Leadership Meeting at the County Party Headquarters in North Wilkesboro. The Fifth District is on the rise!

DURHAM DEMOCRATS ARE GETTING OUT THE VOTE IN 2017!

Ricky Hart shared this article with Democrats across the state.

He writes that it “shows that Durham Democrats are serious about getting out the vote!”

Click this link to read this story:

<http://www.heraldsun.com/news/politics-government/elections/article180200501.html>

**Your Democratic Friend,
Melvin Williams, Secretary
North Carolina Democratic Party**

**Send Your GOOD NEWS To Me At:
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