

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

DECEMBER 5, 2017



JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Jackson County Democrats were colorful and popular participants in the 2017 Sylva Christmas Parade.



This dramatic picture shows the Jackson County Democrats as they ride toward the Jackson County Court House. Thanks to Jane Koenig for sending these pictures.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE CYNTHIA BALL'S BIRTHDAY EVENT!

In 2016 Cynthia Ball stunned the political world by defeating an incumbent GOP legislator in House District 49 in Wake County! Recently many of her supporters turned out for a major fundraising reception to build up her treasury for the 2018 campaign.



Cynthia Ball's fellow legislators turned out strong to support her re-election! From the left they are: Rep. Duane Hall, Rep. Marcia Morey, Rep. Rosa Gill, Rep. Robert Reives, Rep. Gale Adcock, and Rep. Darren Jackson.



Former State Treasurer Janet Cowell hosted the reception for Cynthia Ball at her Raleigh home. Dave Aspnes is Cynthia Ball's husband.



Ronnie Condrey with hostess Janet Cowell



Cynthia welcomes Delores Parker



Ed and Christy Terrell happily joined the crowd at Cynthia's event.



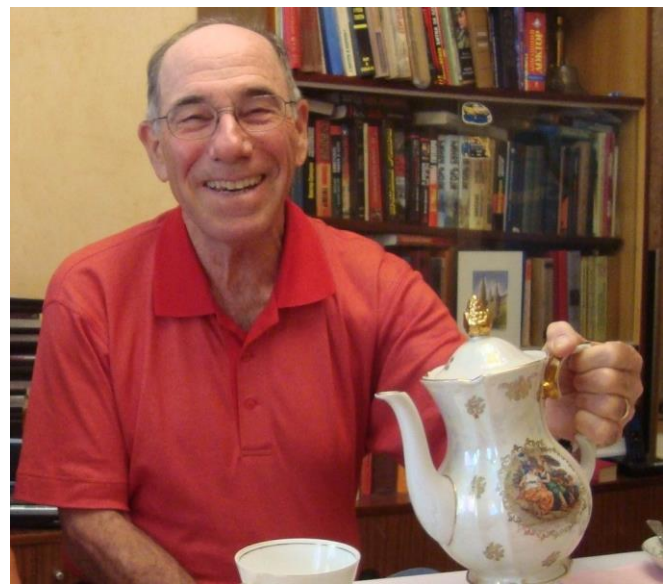
NIDA ALLAM ORGANIZES A ROUNDTABE WITH MUSLIM LEADERS!

NCDP Third Vice Chair Nida Allam arranged for leaders of Muslim led organizations across the Triangle to meet with Congressman David Price, NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin, Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds, and Deputy Executive Director Douglas Wilson at the Goodwin House on November 19th.

Our Democratic leaders answered questions about what the Democratic Party is doing to ensure Muslim voices are being heard and represented well. The round table also focused on what Muslim organizations can do to continue working towards our shared goal of equality for all minority groups across the state and the country.



Vice Chair Nida Allam said: "This was the first event of its kind to be held by the North Carolina Democratic Party and we look forward to many more."



SIXTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS RAISE MORE THAN \$1500.00!

State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin drew Ben Ansbacher's name from a large pile of raffle tickets sold to raise funds for the NCDP's Sixth Congressional District Democratic Party! In the picture on the left, dynamic Sixth District Party Chair Jim Meredith is holding the bag full of raffle tickets from which Wayne Goodwin has just drawn the winner.

The raffle raised more than \$1500.00 for the Sixth District Party!

This picture on the right shows Ben Ansbacher when he heard the happy news that he was the winner! Ben won a one-week stay at the Tahiti Village resort in Las Vegas which was contributed by an anonymous donor to the Sixth District Party. The drawing was held at a coffee shop near the Raleigh Durham airport a few minutes after Chairman Goodwin returned from a conference in New Mexico.

Jim Meredith congratulated Ben and all the other donors who helped make this fundraiser a success! This one-minute video shows actual drawing: <https://youtu.be/k-cBEjUDIAo>



TIA'S 2017 CHRISTMAS PICTURE!

Jim and Beverly Meredith shared this picture of their outstanding daughter, Tia, who has been featured in this publication many times.

In this picture Tia is on the right with two of her friends.

She is living an active life as a high school cheerleader and star student.

I was happy to give Tia special recognition at my recent Birthday Dinner!

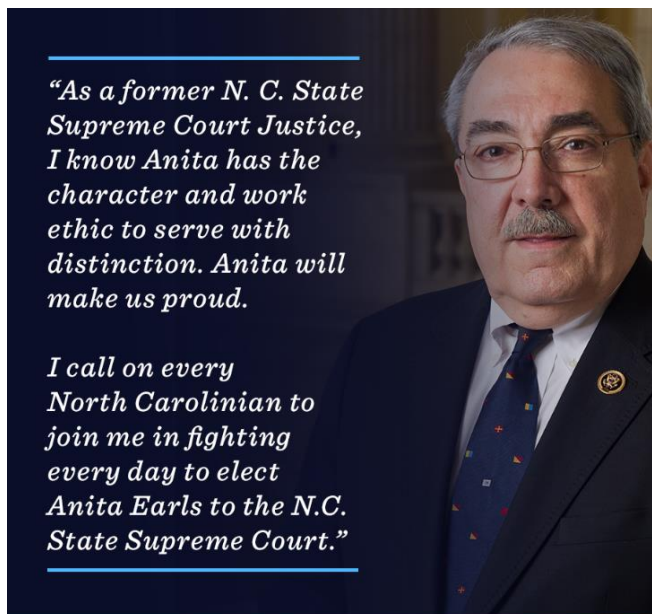


GOP ATTACKS ON JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE PROMPT ANITA EARLS TO RUN FOR NC SUPREME COURT!

Anita Earls, one of the leading civil rights attorneys in America, is running for the NC Supreme Court to protect an independent judiciary where everyone is held accountable to the rule of law, not to the whims of politicians. GOP attacks prompted Earls to run, standing up against the powerful few who are attempting to rig the judicial system!

Anita Earls is the founder and Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice a non-profit legal advocacy organization in Durham. She litigates voting rights and other civil rights cases in partnership with community-based organizations.

She has previously served on the NC State Board of Elections and the NC Equal Access To Justice Commission. She earned her law degree at the Yale Law School where she was Senior Editor of the Yale Law Journal.



“As a former N. C. State Supreme Court Justice, I know Anita has the character and work ethic to serve with distinction. Anita will make us proud.

I call on every North Carolinian to join me in fighting every day to elect Anita Earls to the N.C. State Supreme Court.”

CONGRESSMAN G.K. BUTTERFIELD

ANITA EARLS WAS PUBLICLY ENDORSED BY GOVERNOR JAMES B. HUNT, JR. ON THE DAY SHE ANNOUNCED HER CANDIDACY!

Her website is:

www.Earls4Justice.com

Her Facebook page is:

Anita Earls For Justice

Her campaign twitter is:

@earls4justice

Campaign contributions are encouraged at:

<https://act.myngp.com/Forms/7070730645883718400>



DARE COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin, State Senator Erica Smith-Ingram, Chief Judge Linda McGee of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, Linda Emmett Wiley, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, and NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes happily attended Dare County's big "SUITS, BOOTS, AND GRASSROOTS PARTY" on December 2nd. What a lineup of stars!

The event at Basnight's Lone Cedar Café in Nags Head drew Democrats from SIX counties!

It was reported that Senator Smith-Ingram and Secretary Marshall gave deeply emotional speeches which will long be remembered by everyone who attended.

One attendee reported: "Keynote Speaker Wayne Goodwin is great at getting people fired up!"



Wayne Goodwin and Matt Hughes rode to the Dare Democratic event together. On Facebook, Matt captioned this picture: "Finally made it to the Outer Banks!"



Tommy Fulcher was the Master of Ceremonies at the "SUIT, BOOTS, & GRASSROOTS PARTY" and introduced every speaker. Senator Erica Smith-Ingram is pictured on the right above. Dare Democrats hold a big rally on the first Saturday in December in every odd numbered year. They held it in 2011, 2013, and 2015. These gatherings continue a tradition started long ago by Senator Marc Basnight when he led the NC Senate. This year's event featured a silent auction which brought in more than enough to cover the cost of the event. The ticket prices brought in hundreds of dollars for the Dare County Party!



**RANDOLPH COUNTY DEMOCRATS
INVITE EVERYBODY TO THEIR BIG DECEMBER 14TH
HOLIDAY PARTY!**



**HOLIDAY YOUTH FEATURE:
JD, NATE, & GRACE ELLSWORTH!**

The Ellsworth kids of Mecklenburg County enjoyed the fun at the Town of Matthews Tree Lighting Celebration last weekend! Their mother, Lisa Ellsworth, is the First Vice President-Elect of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County.

In the picture above JD (10), Nate (7), and Grace(12) are with Santa.



All three Ellsworths energetically bounced in the Snow Globe Bouncy House!

**An All-American boy makes his list for Santa!
Included on Nate's list are:
TV, Xbox, Hot Wheels, phone, and money.**





Grace (right) and her friend, Caramia are dancers at Rhythm Dance Studio in Matthews. Caramia's mom is Sheri Lynch, one-half of the syndicated Bob & Sheri Radio Show, as well as a talented amateur tap dancer!

Grace is in the front row as she and her fellow dancers entertain the crowds at the Matthews Hometown Holiday Celebration!



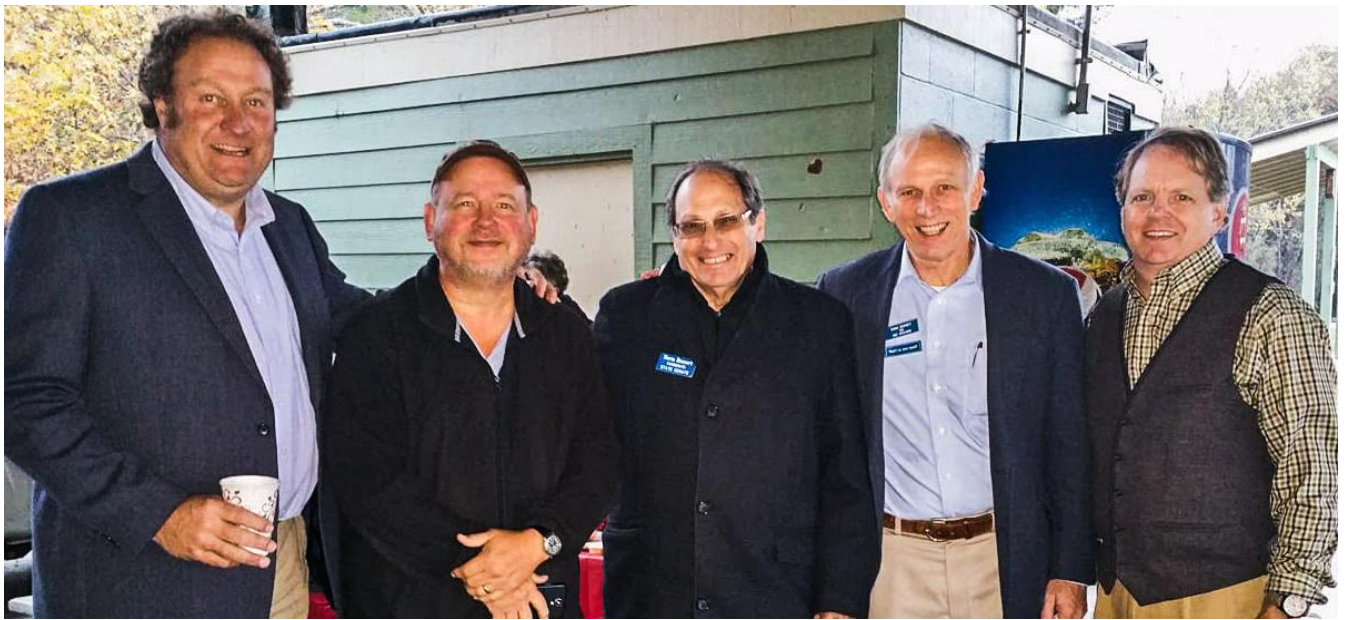


NORTH CAROLINA'S YOUNGEST COUNTY COMMISSIONER AT CHRISTMAS!

23 year-old Yancey County Commissioner, Sterling Carter, and his cousin, Zoie Ashby, took a ride through the town of Milton on Saturday, December 2nd in a 1922 Studebaker. Milton's citizens were hosting a Christmas Festival.



Sterling and Zoie had participated in the Yanceyville Christmas Parade earlier in the day. Sterling is enjoying serving as County Commissioner!



FIVE GREAT DEMOCRATS!

This picture was made at a recent Norm Bossert for State Senate event in Hendersonville. From the left they are: 11th District Congressional Candidate Phillip Price, Henderson County Party Chair Mark Case, Norm Bossert for State Senate, District 113 State Representative Candidate Sam Edney, and 11th District Congressional Candidate Dr. Scott Donaldson.



BOBBIE RICHARDSON IN CHRISTMAS PARADE!

Popular State Representative Bobbie Richardson was one of the stars in the Youngsville Christmas Parade on December 2nd. This lady strives to participate in everything that goes on in her State House District!



BLUE PLATE SPECIAL BREAKFAST IN CABARRUS COUNTY!

Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Second Vice Chair Scott Huffman joined Justice Mike Morgan at the December 2nd Blue Plate Special Breakfast at the new Cabarrus County Democratic Headquarters in Concord.

You can see part of Justice Morgan's speech in this exciting video:

<https://www.facebook.com/cabarrusdemocrats/videos/2013658102246838/>



VERY VISIBLE DEMOCRATS IN CHARLOTTE!

Mecklenburg Democrats who are members of Indivisible made their strong presence known by holding signs and speaking over a microphone against the terrible things the GOP is doing. Their signs say: "Country Over Party," "Trump Tax Scam," and "Don't Cut Medicaid To Give Tax Breaks To The Rich."



DEMOCRATS ACROSS THE NATION CHEER VI LYLES' VICTORY!

Vi Lyles's race for Mayor of Charlotte drew nationwide attention. On November 8th she became the first African American woman to be elected Mayor of North Carolina's largest city. Her victory was national news as reported by CNN, NY Times, MSNBC, and many other news organizations.



Aisha Dew was Senior Advisor to Vi Lyles' campaign. She played many different roles including Campaign Manager.



DNC Vice Chair Congressman Keith Ellison came to Charlotte to campaign with Vi Lyles. North Carolina DNC Member Ray McKinnon joined them in this happy picture.



Congresswoman Alma Adams headlined a GOTV Rally at CN Jenkins Presbyterian Church to help increase the voter turnout for Vi Lyles. Dr. Jerry Cannon is the Pastor of that church.



Aisha Dew welcomed DNC Vice Chair Michael Blake when he came to Charlotte to campaign for Vi Lyles.



After the Mayoral Election was over, Aisha Dew joined DNC Member John Verdejo, DNC Member Dee Dee Adams, Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds and NCDP Finance Director Meredith Cuomo at the big DNC meeting in Las Vegas.



**ANGELICA MCINTYRE
ADMITTED TO US SUPREME COURT!**

Angelica Chavis McIntyre was admitted to practice law before the US Supreme Court on December 4th.

In the picture to the left Angelica and her husband, attorney Stephen McIntyre, are standing on the steps of the Supreme Court.

Congressman Mike McIntyre joined Angelica and Stephen in the picture to the right. Mrs. Dee McIntyre went to Washington for the ceremony also.

Members of the Robeson County Bar and friends from UNC Law School were also admitted on the same day.



This picture gives a close up picture of Angelica and Stephen with a friend inside the Supreme Court building. Congratulations, Angelica!

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**Melvin Williams, State Secretary
North Carolina Democratic Party**