GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

February 21, 2018



DEMOCRATS FLOOD PRECINCT MEETINGS!

In the spirit of the resistance, Democrats have turned out in large numbers for 2018 Precinct
Meetings in a majority of our state's 2704 precincts this month. Over 150 strong Democrats
attended the South Mecklenburg precinct cluster meeting at South Charlotte Presbyterian Church.





Left: Four of the major organizers of the meeting were Jennifer Gaddy (Precinct 226), Kim Ume(227), 9th District Chair Cynthia Wallace, & County Commissioner candidate Susan McDowell. Right: Rep. John Autry, Senator Jeff Jackson, & Rep. Becky Carney.



County Commissioner Pat Cotham,
Ninth District Chair Cynthia Wallace,
DW President Connie Green Johnson,
with County Commissioner Trevor Fuller

More pictures from Precinct Meetings across the state can be found throughout this edition!



SOUTHWEST WAKE DEMOCRATS!

Scott Kendall created this montage of the overflow crowd which came to the Southwest Wake County cluster meeting. On the far right side of this montage is Christine Kelly of Holly Springs who presided at the meeting.



WAYNE IS GOING EVERYWHERE!

State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin addressed and inspired Democrats at two cluster meetings in Lincoln County on February 10th. These pictures were made at the CST Democrats cluster. CST Dems are the Democratic Precincts of Catawba Springs Township in Lincoln County.



CST Dems Chair Charlie Cook and CST Dems Vice Chair Donna Luckey welcomed State Chair Wayne Goodwin to Lincoln County.



WAYNE GOODWIN, SENATOR DAVIS, LINDA WILKINS-DANIELS, GOVERNOR HUNT, SENATOR BRYANT & SENATOR MCKISSICK MEET AT GOODWIN HOUSE!

Senator Floyd McKissick wrote: "It was great meeting with Governor Jim Hunt who's always been known as our state's education Governor, State Democratic Party Chair Wayne Goodwin, my colleagues in the NC Senate, Senator Angela Bryant and Senator Don Davis, as well as LINDA WILKINS-DANIELS, the President of the African American Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party, to discuss issues of importance and concern.

"Working together we will see that great blue wave overtake the state of North Carolina in next November's elections, and we will turn this state around for the good of all North Carolinians."



DEWEY SHEFFIELD!

After 34 years, prominent SEC Member Dewey Sheffield of Wilson presided over his last Precinct Meeting as Chair of Precinct D in Wilson on February 12th. Dewey is moving to a new location in Wilson.

However, Dewey's service as a Precinct Chair might not be over: The precinct into which he is moving is unorganized. He might be getting it organized soon!

Want to hear an example of great Democratic dedication? Dewey attended every J-J Dinner for 48 consecutive years from 1976 through 2014!

His email address is: DeweyBain@aol.com.



ANDY MILLARD, BETSY WELLS, DOUG WILSON HEADLINE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES CONFERENCE IN DC!

The first Democratic Candidates Conference organized by Andy Millard was a big success at the Tommy Douglas Conference Center just outside Washington. The event featured 250 registrants from 24 states, 53 speakers and trainers, 45 breakout sessions, complimentary head shots by a professional photographer, and a stump speech contest with a \$1,000.00 campaign contribution going to the winner!

NCDP Deputy Executive Director Doug Wilson was one of the featured speakers.

The 10th Congressional District of North Carolina where Andy Millard was the Democratic congressional candidate in 2016 sent a sizable contingent led by District Chair Betsy Wells and 2018 congressional candidate David Wilson Brown.

The NC Democrats in the picture above are: Ira Karet, 10th District candidate David Wilson Brown, BJ Zamora, Gabriel Sherwood, Joyce Coleman, Mary Degree, Tom Sullivan, Betsy Wells, Conference Organizer Andy Millard, 11th District congressional candidate Phillip Price, Emily Grace Hogan who starred in the YOUTH FEATURE recently, Pieter de Neaf, Kim Bost, Jasper Adams, and Pam Karet.



In this picture NCDP Deputy Executive Director Doug Wilson is coaching a candidate on how to improve her stump speech.

Readers can get information about the next Candidates Conference at:

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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF HARNETT COUNTY!

The Democratic Women of Harnett ended January with a "Paper and Pencils Drive" to support one of their county's public schools. Their signs say: "EVERY CHILD DESERVES A GREAT PUBLIC EDUCATION!"



The Harnett DW hosted Anita Earls, NC Supreme Court candidate, at their January meeting. Anita is picking up strong support everywhere she goes across North Carolina.

Anita has been a civil rights attorney for 30 years. She has especially focused on voting rights. The Harnett DW signs say: "DEMOCRACY MEANS FREE & FAIR ELECTIONS!"



LEE COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE!

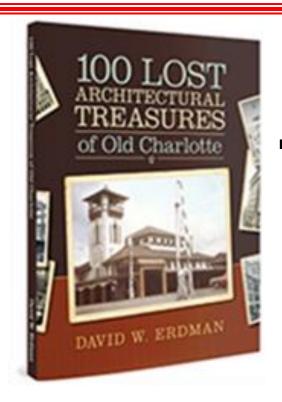
February 8th was a red letter day in Lee County as their Young Democrats officially organized and elected Officers. From the left above are the Officers: Secretary Patrick Kelly, President Nancy Gwyn, Treasurer Katelynn Anderson Vogt, and Vice President Gabby Murillo.

President Nancy Gwyn said: "As Young Democrats, we are ready to stand up and push back against regressive policies and undemocratic power-grabs by Republicans in Raleigh which are aimed at dividing us.

"Locally, Democrats at the city and county levels have effectively revitalized downtown Sanford, attracted new businesses, and improved our schools. Now, more than ever, we must bring this same common sense approach to lift up all people and inspire faith in our institutions by electing Democrats at all levels of government."



The outstanding young people above are the Charter Members of the Young Democrats of Lee County. All Democrats between the ages of 18 and 36 are invited to come to the next Young Democrats meeting at 7:00PM on March 8th at the Lee County Democratic Headquarters at 711 Carthage Street in Sanford.



DAVID ERDMAN'S NEW BOOK ABOUT

THE LOST TREASURES OF CHARLOTTE!

Democrat David Erdman of Mecklenburg County has written a book to champion historic preservation in Charlotte. The book is entitled "100 Lost Architectural Treasures of Old Charlotte." A native of historic New Bern, David was inspired by New Bern's preservation success to work to preserve Charlotte's history too.

Everyone can purchase a copy of this fascinating book by sending an email to David at:

David is a former Chair of the Mecklenburg Democratic Party. He holds the distinction of having been president of the largest Young Democrats county organization in North Carolina in the past 50 years. When he was President, his Mecklenburg YD Chapter had 442 paid members!

erdman@charlotte-nc-law.com.





NATASHA MARCUS FOR STATE SENATE!

Natasha Marcus has announced her candidacy for Senate District 41 in Mecklenburg County. This district was redrawn for the 2018 election and is now one of the most flippable Senate districts in the state.

Natasha is a former attorney, long-time community volunteer and mom who works at a non-profit community center.

She will be part of a new wave of progressive leaders who will advocate for public education from pre-K to the university level, environmental protections, access to affordable healthcare and voting and civil rights for all citizens.

Everyone is invited to support her campaign at www.NatashaMarcus.com, Facebook@NatashaforSenate, or by mail to Friends of Natasha Marcus, PO Box 24, Davidson, NC 28036.





RACHEL HUNT NILENDER FILES FOR THE LEGISLATURE!

On Valentine's Day Rachel Hunt Nilender drew cheers from her supporters when she filed for State Representative in House District 103 in Mecklenburg County. The district covers Matthews, Mint Hill, and part of Charlotte. It extends to the southern and eastern tips of the county. The GOP incumbent is Bill Brawley.

Rachel has worked as a domestic law attorney, school volunteer, house counselor for teenagers, and battered women's shelter resident manager. She now has two businesses that help with school and college options. Rachel's campaign mantra is: "Together we can make North Carolina a place of opportunity for all."

Susan Dosier of Charlotte wrote on Facebook: "The most beautiful thing I saw on Valentine's Day was the photo of my dear friend Rachel Hunt Nilender filing to run for NC House District 103. She has such a passion for education, children, and ALL people in North Carolina."

Two of Rachel's biggest cheerleaders are her parents, Governor and Mrs. Jim Hunt.

Rachel's website is <u>www.HuntForHouseNC.com</u>. Her two business websites are: CharlotteSchoolSearch.com and HuntForCollege.net.



DONNA BAXTER HONORED!

A special salute was rendered to
Donna Baxter of Brunswick County
at the big Seventh Congressional District
Leadership Banquet at the River Landing
Country Club in Wallace on February 3rd.
Donna has been an outstandingly active
Democratic leader for many years
and she has enjoyed every minute of it!



YOUNG DEMOCRATS - 2018 WESTERN CONFERENCE!

The Young Democrats of North Carolina

&

The Buncombe County Young Democrats
Announce the First Ever

"YOUNG DEMOCRATS WESTERN CONFERENCE"

Asheville - March 10, 2018

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN TURNER

This conference is designed to provide Young Democrats across western North Carolina the opportunity to network, organize, and coordinate our efforts to break the majority in November!

The slate of speakers will also include

John Moore, President of the Henderson-Transylvania Young Democrats

Drew Christie, Governor Cooper's Western Director

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Buncombe County Commissioner

SPECIAL FEATURE

Progressive Turnout Project's "Take Back The House" Training!

PTP is a grassroots organization with a simple mission – to get Democrats to the polls.

This training will cover everything from research-based tips and strategies for mobilizing voters to how individuals can get involved and take action locally.

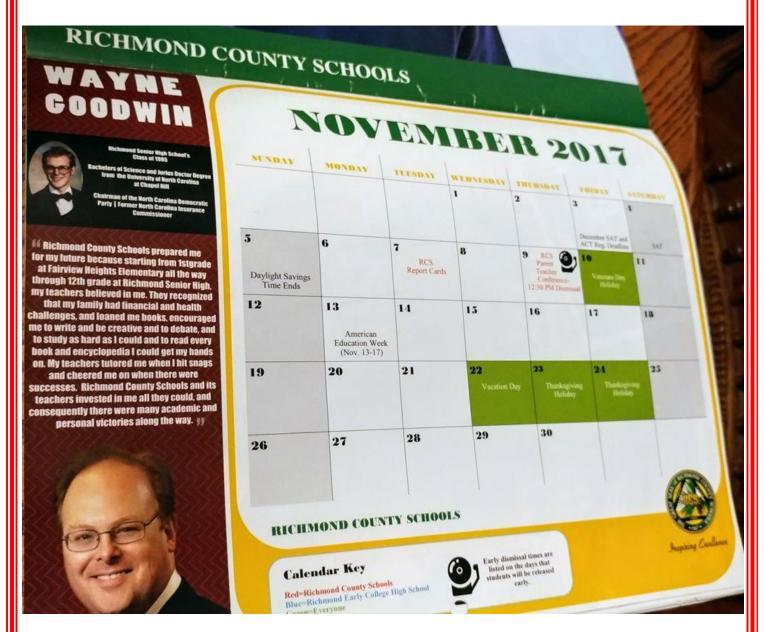
SPECIAL INVITATIONS TO:

Candidates and their staffs to join us to take part in the training and to provide them the opportunity to speak about their campaigns and to network with and recruit potential volunteers and campaign staff for their campaigns.

Find More Information and RSVP here:

https://www.facebook.com/events/839585352913287/

Lorenzo Pedro, Mountain Regional VP, Young Democrats of NC, <u>lorenzopedrophoto@gmail.com</u>
Ben Sullivan, President, Buncombe County Young Dems, <u>ben.sullivan.nc@gmail.com</u>



WAYNE IS "MR. NOVEMBER!"

The official calendar of the Richmond County School System featured NCDP State Chair Wayne Goodwin as "Mr. NOVEMBER." He is probably the First State Party Chair to be pinup material!

At the top left corner is a picture of Wayne when he was in high school in Richmond County.

Beside that picture it proclaims that he is Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party

Under that picture is this message:

"Richmond County Schools prepared me for my future because starting from 1st grade at Fairview Heights Elementary all the way through 12th grade at Richmond Senior High, my teachers believed in me.

"They recognized that my family had financial and health challenges and loaned me books, encouraged me to write, be creative, to debate, to study as hard as I could, and to read every book and encyclopedia I could get my hands on.

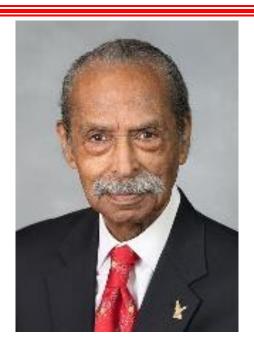
"My teachers tutored me when I hit snags and cheered me on when there were successes.

"Richmond County Schools and its teachers invested in me all they could and consequently there were many academic and personal victories along the way."

AFTER 45 YEARS OF SERVICE, REP. MICHAUX ANNOUNCES HIS RETIRMENT FROM THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

Everyone is invited to click the link below to read about the retirement of NC's longest serving legislator!



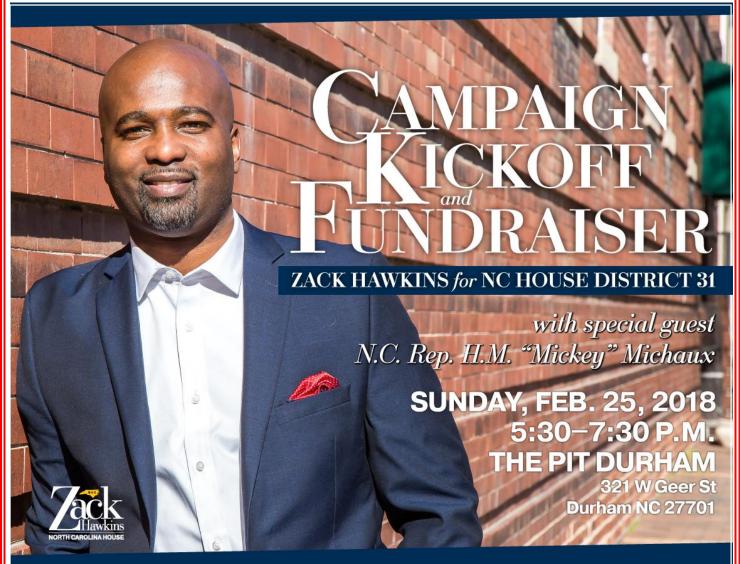
http://www.wral.com/durham-s-michaux-longest-serving-legislator-to-retire/17323721/



DEMOCRATS FILING IN DURHAM!

These Durham Democrats filed for legislative seats on February 12th, the first possible filing day. From the left they are:

- Zack Hawkins filing for Rep. Michaux's seat
- Representative Marcia Morey filing for her first full term
- Representative Mary Ann Black filing for her first full term
- State Senator Mike Woodard filing for re-election



Suggested contribution of \$50

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CATAWBA COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

On February 10th the Catawba County Democratic Party held a Candidates Workshop for candidates who are running for office in 2018. In the picture above County Party Chair Marcus Williams outlines how the county party supports candidates.



State Representative Chaz Beasley gave a talk on how to run a smart campaign.



County Commissioner candidate Geniey Yang gave a brief speech



State Senate candidate Ric Vandett talked about plans for his campaign.



CATORI SWANN ANNOUNCES FOR BUNCOMBE COMMISSIONER!

Many voters are cheering the debut of Catori Swann on the campaign trail as he runs for County Commissioner in District 3 of Buncombe County. He is a long term resident of the county and a lifelong Democrat.

Catori is 37 years old, a working class artist, Production Manager of NC Stage Company and Operation Manager of the Immediate Theatre Project, two not for profit theatres in Asheville. He also owns a small production company catering to the needs of nonprofit and educational arts institutions across Buncombe County.

"I experience and appreciate the struggles of everyday life in the communities surrounding Asheville," Swann says, "and I am committed to exploring new methods and programs to benefit every citizen of the county. I am an experienced collaborator and mediator, and have a strong history of managing limited budgets."

"I sense a deep divide between the governing bodies in this county and the communities they represent. Many citizens feel their voices are not being heard and have grown understandably frustrated. I intend to build a bridge between the Board of Commissioners and the more rural communities of the county, assuring their struggles are not ignored in favor of continued growth and development."

"I look forward to meeting the great people of Buncombe County, hearing their stories, and gaining a better understanding of how our Commissioners can better serve them. My priorities will include fortifying our excellent public school system, increasing funding to early childhood development programs, and investing in the arts communities."

Catori is eager to point out that he is NOT running in the same district as Nancy Nehls Nelson who was featured in the previous edition of this publication.

Readers can learn more about this outstanding Democratic candidate at his website: www.CatoriSwannForBuncombeCounty.com



SAMPSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Sampson County Democrats were very prominent at the 7th Congressional District Leadership Dinner on February 3rd at the River Landing Country Club in Wallace.

From the left in the picture above are: Brenda Daughtry, Carolyn Johnson, Lee Byam, Ambree Spearman, Barbara Faison, Judith Barnes, Doug Daughtry, and Larry Barnes.



Superior Court Judge Albert Kirby of Sampson County spoke at the 7th Congressional District Leadership Dinner.

Governor Roy Cooper recently appointed Judge Kirby thereby making him the first African American Judge in Sampson County history.

He is running for a full term this year in his district which includes Duplin, Sampson, and Jones counties.



SEVENTH DISTRICT LEADERS!

One of the reasons the 7th Congressional District Leadership Banquet was successful was because Sonya Bennetone-Patrick (right above) was the Mistress of Ceremonies. With her cheerful demeanor, she kept the event moving at a spirited pace.

7th Congressional District Secretary Farah Farrior of Duplin County (left) and District Treasurer Melanie Wright-Ladd of Wayne County (center) were also major contributors to the event's success.



State Representative candidate John Johnson of Pender County spoke to the 7th District crowd.



Andrew Olsen, Chair of the Elder Law Group at the Cranfill, Sumner, and Hartzog law firm accompanied Pender County Democratic Party Secretary Anne Fondren.



DEMOCRATS ENJOYING BASKETBALL!

Super Democrats Larry and Brenda Pollard of Durham hosted Mary Britt and former State Senator Don Vaughan of Greensboro in their section for the Duke-Carolina basketball game in the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill on February 5th.



Brenda and NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes texted each other during the game and arranged to get together for this happy picture.

No matter where they may be, Democrats like to get together!



BEAUFORT COUNTY PRECINCTS!

Beaufort County Chair Elaine Wood shared this picture the cluster meeting of Washington Ward 2 Precinct and River Road precincts. The Precinct Chairs are Marlene McCabe and John Chrystal.



DEMOCRATIC STARS AT CARY/MORRISVILLE CLUSTER MEETING!

Wake County Party Chair Rebecca Llewellen recognized each of these officeholders and candidates at the February 11th cluster meeting in Cary. Harvey Richmond provided this picture.

Featured in this picture are: Congressman David Price & Richard Watkins for 4th District seat in Congress, Ken Romley & Wendy May for 2nd District seat in Congress, Reps. Duane Hall, Joe John & Cynthia Ball, State Senate seat 17 candidates Luis Toledo & Wiley Nickel, County Commissioner candidates Erv Portman, Matt Calabria, Lindy Brown & Susan Evans, Morrisville Mayor TJ Cawley and Council Members Steve Rao & Vicki Scroggins Johnson, School Board Member Jim Martin, and Jenn Ferrell who has been redistricted out of the legislative seat for which she had announced.

More Harvey Richmond pictures from this meeting are on a subsequent page!



AN APPROPRIATE NAME: SARAH SMYLIE!

Why is this lady smiling?

She is Sarah Smylie and she had just filed for a seat on the Orange County Board of Education when this picture was taken. Everyone can learn more about her on her website:

www.SarahSmylie.org.

Her Facebook page is:
Sarah Smylie For OCS Board Of Education.
She is one of four Democrats
campaigning for three seats on the
Orange County Board of Education.

HILLARY MACKENZIE ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION!

Hillary MacKenzie is also one of the four Dems running for those three seats.

When asked why she is running for the Board of Education, Hillary said: "Our children deserve to have energetic and highly involved leaders taking care of our schools. I will bring my love for children, passion for coalition building, and commitment to breaking down systems of injustice to the school board.

"I would like to support innovative classroom ideas, teacher collaboration, as well as family and community participation. With my own children in Orange County Schools, my commitment to our public schools is quite personal. I'd be honored to have your support to energize, refresh and engage the school board."

Her website is: www.mackenzie4ocs.com



If information arrives from the two other Democrats running for these seats, they will be happily featured.





DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF STANLY COUNTY!

New Officers were installed during the February meeting of the Democratic Women of Stanly County at Jay's Restaurant in Albemarle.

In the picture on the left above former Judge Susan Taylor administered the Oaths of Office to Assistant Treasurer Frances Russell, Secretary Theresa Lanning, Second Vice President Patsy McNeill, President Johnnie Harris, Corresponding Secretary Hazel Poolos, and First Vice President Ivonia Mills.

In the picture on the right above are former Judge Susan Taylor, former County Party Chair Judy Hammill, and current DW Vice President Ivonia Mills.





Several spouses attended the happy Democratic Women dinner.



NEW BUMPER STICKER!

County Chair Susie Scott and the Democrats of Randolph County designed this new bumper sticker. They are proudly displaying them in their red county!



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY!

The Fellowship Hall of the Little Rock A. M. E. Zion Church in Charlotte was packed to overflowing for the February 13th meeting of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Women.



New Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles was the Keynote Speaker. The DW Members were treated to a dance performance by high school senior Miss Rilee Clayton in honor of Mayor Lyles and Black History Month. Outstanding DW President Connie Green-Johnson presided.



A large group of Mecklenburg's Democratic candidates received applause from the crowd as they spoke.



200 ATTEND CARY/MORRISVILLE CLUSTER PRECINCT MEETING!

Wake Democrats love to turn out for their Party's events! More than 200 Democrats from 37 Precincts gathered in the ballroom of the Cary Senior Center for their 2018 cluster meeting. 34 of the 37 precincts met quorum and remain organized for 2018.

Harvey Richmond, who was one of the organizers of the meeting, provided these pictures. State Representative Joe John and Morrisville Mayor TJ Cawley are visible in the forefront of the picture above.







State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin gave a rousing speech to fire up the crowd. This meeting was held the day after he spoke at two cluster meetings in Lincoln County. Wayne is on the move!

Don Wildman promoted effective strategies for voter registration. (center)

Wake Democratic Men's Club President Max Adams was speaking in the picture on the right. He is a strong Democratic leader. (right)





A BUSY WEEK FOR LINDA COLEMAN!

After marching in the HKONJ event, Second Congressional District candidate Linda Coleman held a meet-and-greet reception in Raleigh. Some of the attendees happily held her banner for the picture on the top left. Carolyn Barrett, one of the Coleman volunteers, joined Linda inside.



Brenda Cleary was with Linda in



During the same week Linda went to Washington this picture in front of the refreshment table. along with another representative of Wake Tech. They were talking with a member of Congressman David Price's staff when this picture was made.

Her website is: www.LindaColemanForCongress.com



THOUSANDS OF DEMOCRATS MARCH IN HKONJ!

Democrats from all over the state went to Raleigh on February 10th to join in the massive HKONJ March. The letters HKONJ stand for "Historic Thousands on Jones Street."

The Progressive Caucus of the NCDP was very visible in the march.

Progressive Caucus leaders in the picture above are Robert Hyman,

Mike Pierce, and Caucus President Dave Nelson.



State Democratic Women President Joyce Mitchell is on the right above



Seventh District candidate for Congress, Dr. Kyle Horton (center) with two of her supporters



A safe bet: That there is not a single Republican in the crowd!



Young people in the march.



Nolan Collins & Senator Floyd McKissick, with NC Court of Appeals Candidate Allegra Collins



Sixth District candidate for Congress Ryan Watts



Betty and David Bland of Raleigh



Professor Gene Nichol with Jane Stein, mother of Attorney General Josh Stein



Ninth District congressional candidate Christian Cano in white hat



Ben Barber, son of Dr. William Barber



"Dissent Is Patriotic!"



POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN!

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* VIP Reception - 6:00 PM

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Guest Speaker Jason Kander

Former Missouri Secretary of State and President of Let America Vote

Dinner, Music, Cash Bar

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Reserved Table Sponsorship available.**

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"2018'S RECORD NUMBR OF WOMEN CANDIDATES ARE SET TO BLOW UP POLITICS AS USUAL!"

Two of our North Carolina Democratic candidates are featured in the above map which is on the website TheCut.com.

A picture of Fifth Congressional District candidate Jenny Marshall is shown on the NC/SC coast.

Eva F. Lee, 2020 candidate for US Senate, is pictured on the Georgia/Florida border.

These ladies are shown as part of the massive wave of female candidates who have announced for public office.

2018 IS GOING TO BE A GREAT DEMOCRATIC YEAR!

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

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