

**\* GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS! \***  
**YOUTH FEATURE – JAMISON PENNIX – UNC-G!**

March 19, 2017



**LEE COUNTY DEMOCRAT WOVES JUDGES ON “THE VOICE!”**

**Britton Buchanan of Sanford auditioned and was chosen as a contestant on NBC’s popular TV talent search show “THE VOICE.” In his first appearance he was so spectacular that judges Alicia Keys and Blake Shelton were actually fighting to get him to join their team. He will be appearing in the next round of competition within the next few days.**

**Britton is a real Democrat! He volunteered almost daily during the 2016 election cycle. He was 16 and 17 during this time. He recently turned 18.**

**Britt blessed Lee County Democrats with his musical gift many times by playing at their Annual Party Picnics, at Rep. Robert Reives’ Annual Backyard BBQ in Siler City, & other events.**

**He gave a talk welcoming Senator Tim Kaine to Sanford during a vice presidential campaign rally at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center in 2016.**



**Britton is a native of Sanford and he is a Senior at Lee County High School.**

**Stunning performance:  
Look at this video of Britt  
singing at Sanford’s  
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration  
in 2017**

**<https://youtu.be/IK3nGzpBvpw>**



**“THE VOICE” can be seen at 8PM on Mondays and Tuesdays on NBC.**

**Here are links to**

**Britton’s first appearance on the show:**

**<http://www.wral.com/sanford-native-blows-judges-away-on-the-voice-premiere/17373747/>**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8EoV3HVIJM>**

**Thanks to Lee County Party 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Jan Tart for the information in this article**



### **WOMEN IN BLUE!**

**Southern Regional Director Barbara Faison of Sampson County & North Carolina Democratic Women President Joyce Mitchell joined other members of the National Federation of Democratic Women for this terrific picture in front of the US Capitol. It was held on International Women’s Day. They spread out to lobby Members of Congress on issues that are important to women.**

**Barbara and Joyce lobbied Congress Members Rouzer, Adams, Butterfield, and John Lewis. That night they gave a report on their visits at a dinner at the African American Civil War Museum.**



## **SYDNEY BATCH CAMPAIGN EVENT!**

**More than 60 voters attended a reception for State Representative candidate Sydney Batch at the home of Andrea Biondi and Chuck Tryon in Holly Springs. Andrea is welcoming guests in the picture on the left.**

**Sydney is running in House District 37 which is entirely in Wake County.**



**Sydney gave an enthusiastic talk to the guests. Sydney is an attorney, social worker, and child welfare advocate. She earned her undergraduate degree, Juris Doctorate, and Masters of Social Work at UNC-Chapel Hill. She and her husband, J. Patrick Williams, have a joint law firm. Everyone is invited to learn more about Sydney at <http://sydneybatch.com>. This event was cosponsored by Our Shot. Their website is: <http://OurShotNC.com>.**



**Andrea and Chuck's granddaughter, Laila, helped sponsor the event. She invited guests to enjoy these cupcakes.**





**Will and Allyson Atherton  
with Matthew, Megan, Peyton and Samuel**

**WILL ATHERTON – DEMOCRAT FOR ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD!**

**Will Atherton is happily campaigning for a seat on the Orange County Board of Education. He has been an active participant in Orange County Schools for many years as a volunteer in the classrooms, school events, and fundraising efforts. He has also been active in local organizations as a coach, mentor, and supporter.**

**Will says: “I am seeking a seat on the board to ensure all children are represented and supported equally in a safe, secure environment. I want to see diversity represented in our school systems and quality education available for all of our students.**

**“We need to continue to focus on recognizing and supporting our exceptional teachers and staff, as they are the key to our success. As a board member fiscal responsibility, transparency, and clear communication will be priorities during my term.**

**Will invites everyone to “feel free to reach out to me so that I can answer any questions you may have. I look forward to your support on Election Day!”**

**Will’s email address is: [Willaton@Athertonmail.com](mailto:Willaton@Athertonmail.com).**

**In this race, seven candidates are campaigning for four Board of Education seats.**



## **MEET THE LADY WHO IS GOING TO BEAT PHIL BERGER!**

**The day of deliverance is coming for the voters of Rockingham and Guilford counties! UNG-Greensboro Professor Jen Mangrum is running against the dictator of the NC General Assembly – Senator Phil Berger.**

**In the picture above some of her supporters were proudly waving her signs when she filed for State Senator in District 30.**



**Democrats can enjoy reading this Esquire magazine article about Jen!  
<http://www.esquire.com/news-politics/politics/a12919715/trump-iran/>**

**Everyone is invited to go to Jen's website:**

**[www.JenMangrumForNC.com](http://www.JenMangrumForNC.com)**



### **YOUTH FEATURE – JAMISON PENNIX!**

**Jamison Pennix is a 19 year-old sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. His 20<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming up on May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Jamison enjoyed talking with that amazing Democrat, Julian Castro, former Mayor of San Antonio and former Secretary of Housing & Urban Development, at the Unity Banquet of the Guilford County Democratic Party last Fall. Jamison says: “Julian is a man I definitely work hard every day to emulate. He has undoubtedly been one of the minority politicians that paved the way for people like me. I speak on behalf of all minorities when I thank Julian for both what he has done and what he will do!”**



**A happy day!**

**Jamison and his mother, Joyce Pennix, celebrated at his Graduation Ceremony when he graduated from the Burlington School in 2016.**

**Jamison and his Burlington School teammates won**

**the 1-A State Basketball Championship in 2015!**

**He attended the Canterbury School from 2009-2012 and General Greene Elementary from 2003-2009.**

**His mother is Danish and Liberian. Jamison has an older brother named Josh and a younger sister named Shelby.**

**Rising Star Award!**  
**State College Democrats President John Easterling with Jamison when Jamison was named one of the inaugural UNCG COLLEGE DEMOCRATS RISING STAR AWARD winners in 2017**

**Jamison currently is:**

- **Director of Political Affairs for the UNCG College Democrats,**
- **Chairman of Guilford Precinct G45**
- **Member of the Guilford County Democratic Party Executive Committee**

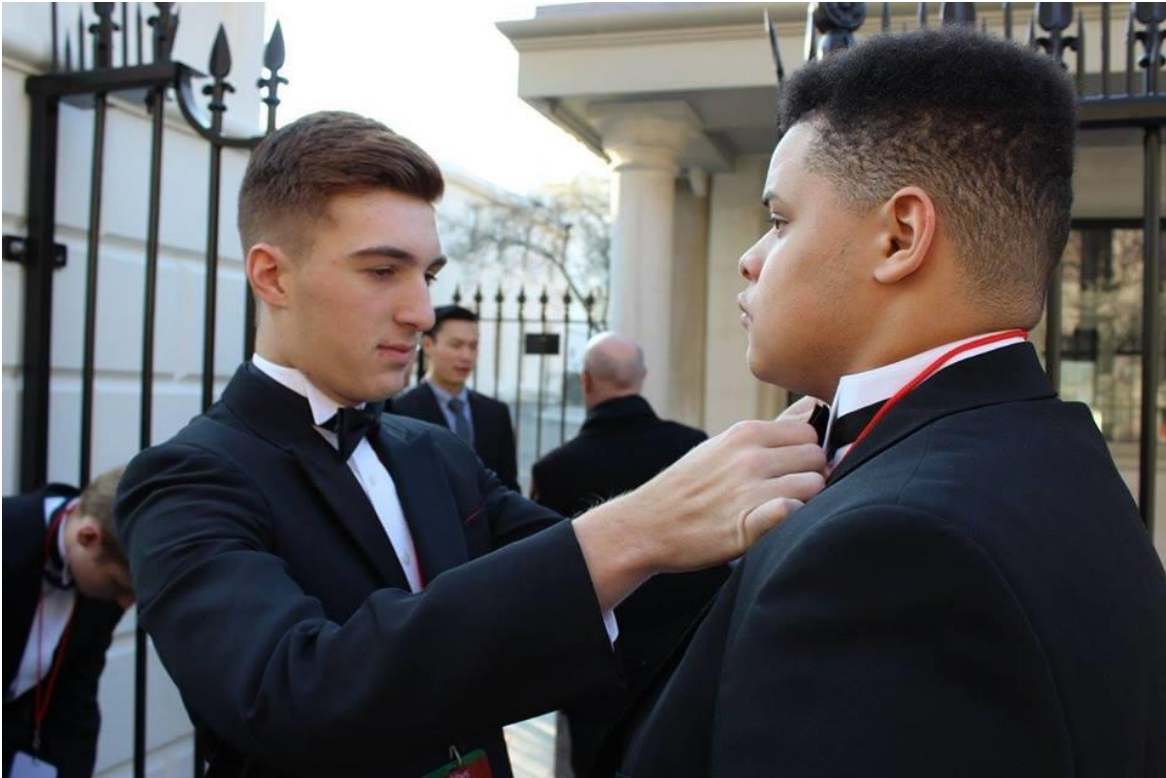


**Jamison talked with Greensboro's Democratic Mayor Nancy Vaughan about her re-election platform and ways she could appeal to college age voters, after the UNCG College Democrats voted to endorse her.**



**Jamison and UNCG College Dems Director of Communications Elijah Mears talking with Greensboro Democratic City Councilwoman Nancy Hoffman about her re-election campaign. The UNCG College Dems enjoy being a strong part of the Guilford County Democratic family!**





**Jamison with his longtime friend and mentor Fletcher Riddle preparing to sing at the White House for a winter choral event.**



**Jamison is proud to be part of this group of UNCG College Dems Officers!  
First Row: Elijah Mears, Victoria Starbuck, Sheree Simon, and Jessica Johnson  
Second Row: Jamison, Brandon Combs, Roger Cooper and Noah Ambrose**

**Jamison plans to go to Law School and then look for a position in Greensboro area local governments after college.**

**When asked about his goals, he replied: "My goals are to use whatever platforms and positions are available within our Democratic Party to better my community and my country, one step at a time."**

**Democrats may write to Jamison at: [JLPennix@UNCG.edu](mailto:JLPennix@UNCG.edu)**





**KATHY MANNING IS CAMPAIGNING  
FOR 13<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL SEAT!**

**Civic leader, philanthropist, and former immigration lawyer Kathy Manning is enjoying running for the congressional seat in North Carolina's 13<sup>th</sup> district. In the picture on the left, Kathy is with the cake that some of her friends made for an event in High Point.**



**This picture shows Kathy with some supporters as they get ready to go canvassing in Greensboro.**

**Her website is: [www.KathyManning4Congress.com/](http://www.KathyManning4Congress.com/)**



**STERLING CARTER**

**Caswell County Commissioner Sterling Carter starred in a segment of UNC-TV's "This Weekend Show."**

**Everyone who looks at this 4-minute video will grow wiser. Enjoy viewing it!**

**<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=373727826440711&set=a.128206014326228.1073741828.100014104903429&type=3>**



**BE**  
*One Good Apple*  
**GET INVOLVED**

THE HENDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
IS PROUDLY HOSTING

*Anita Earls*

CANDIDATE FOR NC SUPREME COURT

**SATURDAY, MAY 26, AT 12:00**

AT THE HENDERSONVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT MYHCDP.COM OR IN PERSON AT  
HCDP HQ AT 905 GREENVILLE HIGHWAY, HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792

**ANITA EARLS  
WILL TAKE HER SUPREME  
COURT CAMPAIGN TO  
HENDERSON COUNTY  
ON MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>.  
EVERYONE IS  
INVITED!**



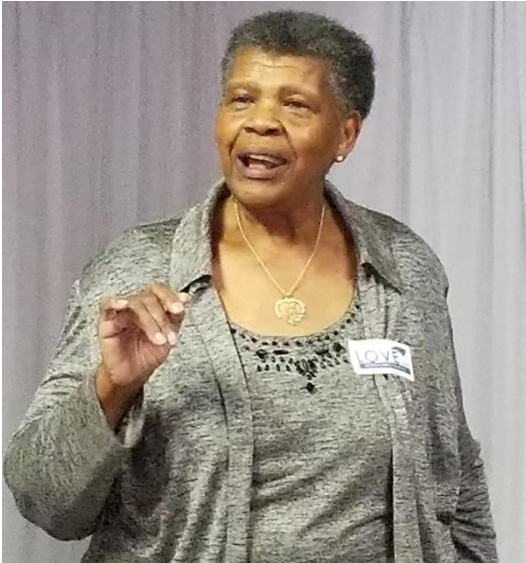
## **DUPLIN & ONSLOW COUNTIES**

### **DA'QUAN LOVE STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE!**

**On March 11<sup>th</sup> Da'Quan Love kicked off his campaign for State Representative in House District 4 with a rally in Wallace. Everyone who attended agreed that this candidate has a large vocabulary, a brilliant mind, and a heart to serve the people.**



**Joining Da'Quan in this rally picture are Mary Francis (wife of Duplin County Party Chair George Francis), NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams, Duplin Party First Vice Chair Weber, and Seventh Congressional District Party Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz. Mary Weber raised her hand as she cheered for Da'Quan.**



**Far Left: Duplin County Commissioner Jessie Ladson spoke at Da'Quan's rally.**

**Near left: Ekoyo Atkins is the manager of the Love campaign.**



**Mary Love came from Richmond to give support to her son's campaign.**



**In this picture Da'Quan is with Judge James Faison III and his wife, Angela. Da'Quan attends Byrd Chapel Missionary Baptist church where Judge Faison has been the Pastor for many years.**

**This candidate has a great campaign name. At the rally several people suggested his campaign slogan should be**

**"Love Is All We Need!"**

**His campaign website is: [www.Love4NC.com](http://www.Love4NC.com)**

**Please Like His Facebook page: Da'QuanLoveForNorthCarolinaHouse**

**Everyone can follow his campaign at: @Love4NC2018**



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### **BIG WILMINGTON KICKOFF FOR LESLIE COHEN - IN STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 20!**

**Many excited New Hanover County Democrats gathered at the Liberty Tavern in Wilmington on March 11<sup>th</sup> to kickoff a drive to liberate State House District 20 from the control of a GOP legislator who does not care about the people!**

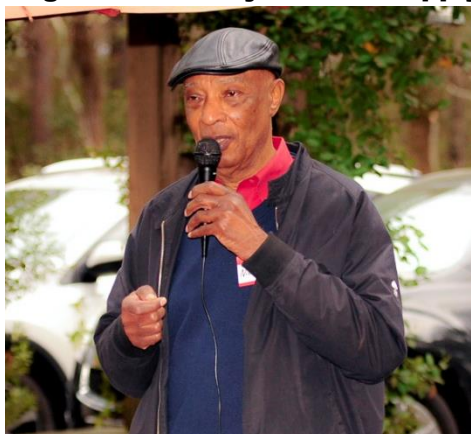


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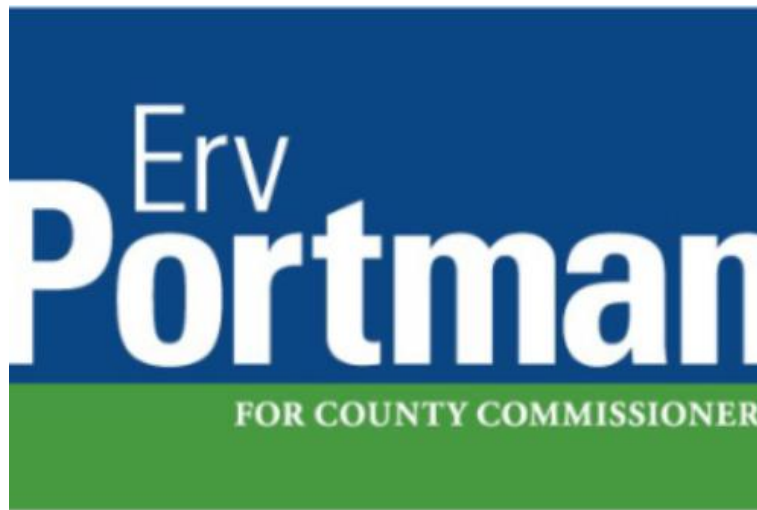
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**Everybody is happy to support a progressive candidate who is determined to stop the poisoning of the county's water supply.**



**Jeff Cohen and Nick Rhodes, Jr. expressed strong support for Leslie!**

**Her website is:  
ElectLeslieCohen.com/  
These pictures were made by  
Chris Stevenson of Brunswick County.**



You are invited to a

*Campaign Kickoff  
Event*

Wednesday, March 21 5:30-7:00pm

**Home of Pam and Al Swanstrom  
207 Lochview Drive, Cary, NC 27518**

**Everyone is invited to join local leaders in supporting Erv Portman's  
re-election campaign at this**

**"SPRINGTIME ABOVE LAKE LOCHMERE RECEPTION"**

**Go to: [www.ErvPortman.com](http://www.ErvPortman.com)**



**Erv and Sue Portman were able  
to hold their tenth grandchild,  
Wyatt, for the first time  
on February 21<sup>st</sup>.  
What a happy picture!**



### **TARHEEL DEMOCRATS AT DNC MEETING IN WASHINGTON!**

**North Carolina Democrats were well represented by the Democratic leaders above at the March 8 – 10 meeting of the Democratic National Committee.**

**From the left on the front row are DNC Vice Chair Michael Blake of New York, Aisha Dew, Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles, DD Adams, Wayne Goodwin, Cliff Moone, and Shelia Huggins. Ray McKinnon, John Verdejo and South Carolina's Jaime Harrison are on the back row.**



**Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles addressed the entire DNC on how to win. Vi and DNC Deputy Chair Keith Ellison are enjoying a humorous moment in the picture above.**



**North Carolina's star Democrat John Verdejo with Deputy Chair Keith Ellison.**

**COUNTY CHAIRS:  
IF THERE ARE ANY DEMOCRATS IN YOUR COUNTY  
WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING THIS PUBLICATION,  
PLEASE SEND THEIR EMAILS TO ME AT  
[MELVIN535@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MELVIN535@GMAIL.COM)**



**Drew Kromer and Cutler Renard of Mecklenburg County went to Washington for the Winter Conference of the College Democrats of America which was held in conjunction with the DNC meeting. Prior to leaving for Washington they had arranged with Congresswomen Alma Adams to get tickets for a tour of the floor of the House of Representatives. NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin joined them on the tour.**

**They convinced Paul Ryan's staffer to let them take a picture on the Speaker's Balcony.**



**Our State Chair was able to get this picture with President Truman. Wayne reported that Mr. Truman was not in a talkative mood. that day.**



**SECOND LEG OF STATE CHAIR'S  
EASTERN TOUR GOES TO  
WILSON, PERQUIMMANS,  
PASQUOTANK, CURRITUCK & DARE!**

**On March 7th NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin,  
Deputy Executive Director Doug Wilson,  
and Third Congressional District Chair  
Chris Hardee visited Democrats in all the  
counties above. The first two pictures on  
this page were made at the breakfast at  
Calvary Presbyterian Church in Wilson.**



**This picture shows Chair Goodwin addressing Perquimans County Democrats  
at the Courthouse in Hertford.**



**MORE THAN 100 CURRITUCK & DARE DEMOCRATS  
GATHERED TO HEAR WAYNE!**

Over 100 Democrats turned out to welcome our State Party Chair and listen to his speech at BJ's Carolina Café in Jarvisburg on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Among the candidates in the picture above are State Senate candidate Cole Phelps and State House candidate Tess Judge.



**The restaurant posted a special welcome for Wayne Goodwin.**



**Part of the buffet that Currituck and Dare Democrats enjoyed.**



**Left: Longtime Currituck County Democratic Chair Becky Howard with Wayne Goodwin. If you ever hear Becky talk you will know why her email address includes the word “Songbird.” She has one of the most beautiful voices in the entire state! Becky is a former teacher and now she is an executive with the Currituck County Visitors Bureau.**

**Right: Cyndi Sarfan with Third Congressional District Chair Chris Hardee.**



**Part of the crowd of more than 100 who enjoyed receiving a visit from the State Party Chair.**



**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
FILL THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE!**

**Democratic Women packed the International House in Charlotte for their March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The picture on the right above shows DW First Vice President Lisa Ellsworth, community advocate Molly Barker, President Connie Green-Johnson, and radio show host Sheri Lynch. Molly and Sheri were the dynamic speakers at the meeting.**



**DW Issues & Resolutions Chair Lajura DiFraia,  
speaker Molly Barker,  
State Representative Mary Belk,  
and speaker Sheri Lynch  
The Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County  
are an inspiration to  
Democrats everywhere!**



**RYAN WATTS SPEAKS TO PERSON YOUNG DEMOCRATS!  
Sixth Congressional District candidate Ryan Watts recently spoke to  
the Young Democrats of Person County in Roxboro.**



### **SOUTHWEST WAKE DEMOCRATS!**

**On March 17<sup>th</sup> the Southwest Wake County Democrats were at the “SPRING FLING” in the town of Holly Springs. They greeted and registered voters, recruited volunteers, and hosted many outstanding Democratic candidates. From the left the picture above features NC House District 37 candidate Sydney Batch, Wake County Commissioner candidates Vickie Adamson and Jeremiah Pierce, the Easter Bunny, County Commissioner candidate Susan Evans, State Senate District 17 candidate Sam Searcy, and NC House District 36 candidate Julie von Haefen. Strong Democratic volunteer Annee Moxley is seated at the table. Southwest Wake Democrats are led by Co-Coordinators Susan Barnard & Scott Kendall.**



### **FDR Dinner March 24, 2018**

The Ashe County Democratic Party's annual FDR Dinner will be this Sat. March 24th at the Ashe Senior Center at 6:00 pm. **Please reply to this message as soon as possible if you are planning to attend.** Our local candidates for this year's election will speak, and Mike Cooper will give a dynamic keynote address.

The FDR Dinner is an opportunity for us Democrats to be reminded of the legacy of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and how his policies, that created jobs, social security, health care, and opportunity for working people, are as relevant today as they were seventy years ago.

Tickets are \$20. Contact LeVonda Clouse at [nanujoon@yahoo.com](mailto:nanujoon@yahoo.com) to reserve yours today!

### **ASHE COUNTY'S FAMOUS FDR DINNER MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>!**

YOU ARE INVITED

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA

EASTERN REGIONAL LUNCHEON/MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

BLADEN, BRUNSWICK, COLUMBUS, CUMBERLAND, DUPLIN, NEW HANOVER, PENDER, ROBESON AND SAMPSON COUNTIES  
MARY MARZELLA MORRISEY, CHAIRPERSON

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Time: 11:30— 2:00 PM

Place: Pelican Reef Clubhouse

1466 Royal Tern Drive

Hampstead, NC 28443

Hosted by:

Democratic Women of Pender County

Linda Larkins, President



Guest Speaker: Brenda Pollard, Chair,  
Women in Blue  
Democratic Women of North Carolina

Open to ALL Democratic women, men and children in our region!

- (Cut and send in the registration form along with fee; Keep the top portion for your information)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 16, 2018. SPACE IS LIMITED, SO RSVP EARLY!** RSVP is required to determine the amount of food and seating needed. Any questions, please contact Janet Tucker, DWPC Secretary, at 910-330-6633 or [democraticwomenofpendercounty@gmail.com](mailto:democraticwomenofpendercounty@gmail.com). Cost **\$15.00 per person**. Make checks payable to: DWPC. Mail checks and registration form to: Diane Capretta, DWPC Treasurer, 139 Sir Walter Court, Hampstead NC 28443. Looking forward to seeing you there!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ PRECINCT: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

JOB TITLE (STATE BOARD OF ELECTION REQUIREMENT) \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION HELD WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY/DEMOCRATIC WOMEN \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN  
ARE INVITED TO THIS HAPPY EVENT!**



**2018 BURKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC GALA!**

**7:00PM, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**CITY OF MORGANTON AUDITORIUM**

**401 South College Street, Morganton, NC**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**SENATOR TERRY VAN DUYN**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE GRAIG MEYER**

**TICKET PRICE - \$50**

**YD TICKER (35 & UNDER) - \$25**

**SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:**

**PLATINUM - \$1,000**

**GOLD - \$500**

**SILVER - \$250**

**FOR QUESTIONS:**

**EMAIL TO: [DemocratsBurke@gmail.com](mailto:DemocratsBurke@gmail.com)**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
Nash County Democratic Party  
Political Forum**

**Moderator: Matt Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair,  
NC Democratic Party**

**DATE: Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 6:00 p.m.**

**PLACE: Ebenezer Baptist Church  
702 W. Raleigh Blvd  
Rocky Mount, NC**

**Come meet the Candidates!**

**(In Alphabetical Order)**

**Linda Coleman, Wendy May, Ken Romley**



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

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