

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS

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MATT HUGHES INSTALLED – HILLSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL!

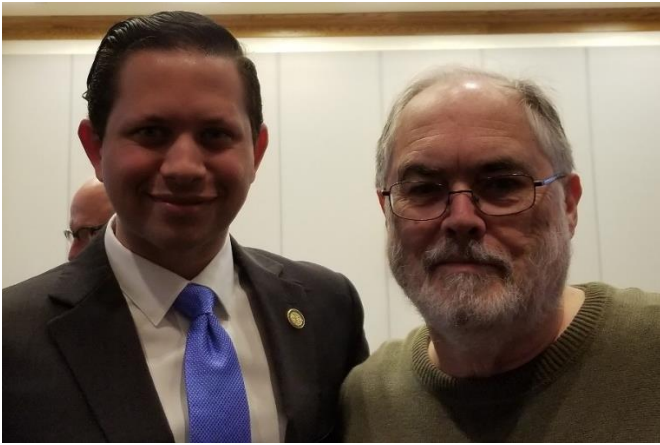
NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes was sworn in as the new member of the Hillsborough Town Council on April 9th! At a previous meeting the Council had selected Matt to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Councilman Brian Lowen.

Matt's mother, Shannon Burwell, and his grandmother, Maggie Hughes, held the Bible as State Senator Valerie Foushee administered the Oath to Matt. Loud applause erupted to celebrate Matt's big night.



From left to right the new lineup of Hillsborough Commissioners: Kathleen Ferguson, Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Weaver, Matt Hughes, Mayor Tom Stevens, Evelyn Lloyd, & Mark Bell.

The 2010 Census reported that 6,087 people resided in Hillsborough. Many more people have moved to this booming town since then.



T. E. Austin of Durham has been one of Matt's mentors for a long time. He helped Matt secure his first political position: 2nd Vice Chair of the Fourth Congressional District Dem Party.



Matt with NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams State Senatore Valerie Foushee.



Four of Matt's Democratic buddies joined in celebrating the happy occasion: Michael Wilson, Timothy Webster, Wes Tripp, and Clayton Brooks



Sandy McGee with Shannon Burwell and Jasmine Pounds



Orange County Commissioner Earl McGee with Hillsborough Town Commissioner Kathleen Furguson

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TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Town Commissioner Hughes sworn in, Lowen recognized

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ADAM POWELL/NEWS OF ORANGE

On Monday evening the Town of Hillsborough recognized outgoing Town Commissioner Brian Lowen, presenting him with a ceremonial Key to the Town and thanking him for over 17 years of service. Recently appointed Town Commissioner Matt Hughes then assumed the position, taking the Oath of Office for a term until December 2019.

Matt's inauguration was featured on the front page of the THE NEWS OF ORANGE COUNTY!



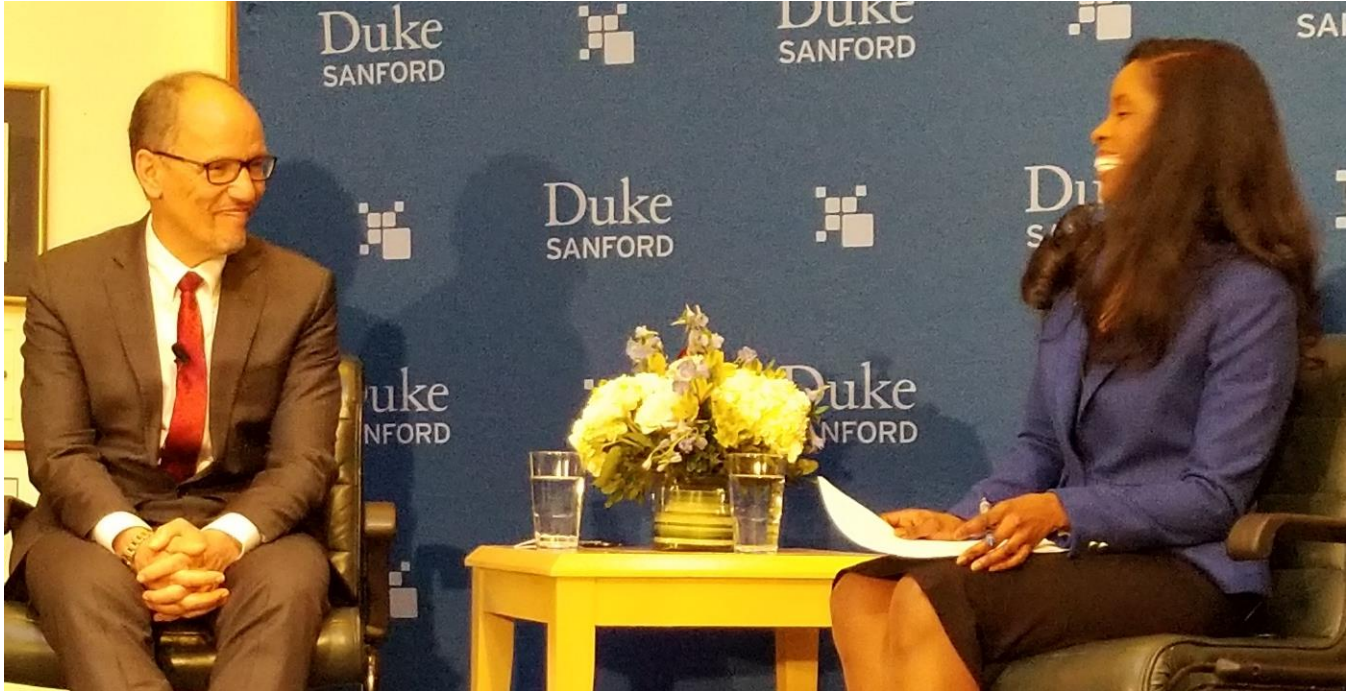
CHATHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Fleet Reddish Dinner



SUNDAY,
APRIL 15, 2018
Galloway Ridge
4-8pm



DNC CHAIR IN NORTH CAROLINA!

Our National Democratic Chair Tom Perez was on stage at the Terry Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University on April 9th for a recorded conversation with Professor Rose of Duke. Mr. Perez displayed a fascinating personality and a good deal of humor as he talked about the past and the future of the Democratic Party.

Earlier that afternoon Tom Perez visited the new Durham County Democratic Party Headquarters. The new Durham Headquarters is in a former bank. This makes it possible for Democrats to make donations at the drive-through!



DNC Member Cliff Moone and 2020 US Senate candidate Eva F. Lee



**In the crowd to hear Tom Perez at Duke:
NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams and Alan Longman of Harnett County**



KEVIN JONES ORGANIZES BLACK HISTORY CONTEST!

Kevin Jones, Vice Chair of the Nash County Democratic Party, organized the BAC Scholarship Fund's 2018 Black History & Oratorical Contest for fifth graders at Williford Elementary School in Rocky Mount. More than 50 students wrote essays about a famous African American person. The three First Place Winners are shown in the picture above as they delivered their essays at a school assembly.



**From the left the three top winners are:
NAQIYAH LEE-WILLIAMS for her essay about PATRICIA BATH
MAIJAH MERCER for her presentation about MICHELLE OBAMA
ANTHONY JONES, 11, who wrote about DENZEL WASHINGTON
Kevin Jones is the founder and President of the BAC Scholarship Fund.
He presented checks for \$40.00 to each of the three winners.**



WILLIFORD STUDENTS GO TO THE SUPREME COURT!

Students who tour the NC Supreme Court in Raleigh rarely get to talk with a Supreme Court Justice. Nash County Democratic Party Vice Chair Kevin Jones arranged for students from Williford Elementary School to meet and talk with TWO Supreme Court Justices!

He arranged for both Justice Cheri Beasley and Justice Mike Morgan to spend a considerable amount of time helping the students learn about the Supreme Court.



These students and several more third grade students from Williford toured the Supreme Court.

The teachers who accompanied the students were Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Braswell, and Mrs. Borum.

Who knows? Because of this trip one of the children in these pictures might be inspired to study law and become a Supreme Court Justice one day.

**SONYA BENNETONE KEYNOTES
PENDER COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION!**

Sonya Bennetone of Wilmington, First Vice Chair of the Seventh Congressional District Democratic Party, delivered a passionate Keynote Speech to the Pender Democratic Convention in Hampstead. Sonya said: "Just like the Olympics we plan for victory, not the agony of defeat. To form a winning team we much first have unity. Where there is unity there is power."

She continued: "Let us dwell on what unites us, not on what divides us. This is what makes us strong and unstoppable as Democrats."



"What unites us is that we believe in family, humanity, love of mankind and democracy.

The only thing that matters is that we are Democrats.

"When we cross the finish line at the polls, it will be a victory not only for our party but for all the American people. We are in it to WIN IT!"



Hardworking Pender Democratic Chair Debbie Fintak is shown on the left in this picture as she was speaking to the 2018 Convention.



State House candidate John Johnson is seated as he discusses GOTV with other Delegates.



After the Convention, many of the Pender Democratic Women went to join the MARCH FOR OUR LIVES in Wilmington.



**KYLE HORTON'S "SAVE THE OCEAN" FUNDRAISER
WAS A HAPPY SUCCESS!**

A large crowd attended the "SAVE THE OCEAN" fundraiser for Dr. Kyle Horton's 7th District Congressional Campaign at The Blockade Runner in Wrightsville Beach. The donations received that night raised Dr. Horton's donations total to \$236,000.00.



Attorney Steve Coggins and Keynote Speaker Deborah Ross with Dr. Horton. Steve and his wife, Louise, were major sponsors of the event. Everyone is invited to go to Dr. Horton's website and donate:

www.DRKYLEFORCONGRESS.com



YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TURNED OFF BY THE GOP!

Mary Weber, First Vice Chair of the Duplin County Democratic Party, organized a team of people to hold voter registration drives at Wallace-Rose Hill High School and James Kenan High School. They registered 68 new voters. Only 3 of them registered as Republicans!

The breakdown by party was:

Democratic – 43
Unaffiliated – 18
Republican – 3
Other - 4



The two Democrats shown at the registration table in these pictures are Peaches Swinson and Margaret Hall.

They have already scheduled voter registration drives at East Duplin High School and North Duplin High School.



DUPLIN COUNTY CONVENTION!

Duplin County's outstanding County Chair George Francis welcomed 112 enthusiastic Democrats to the 2018 County Convention at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville. This was more than twice the number of people who attended the 2017 Convention!

Each of the candidates in the picture above spoke for several minutes outlining their campaigns and their goals.

From the left they are: State Senate candidate Vernon Moore, State House candidate Da'Quan Love, Sheriff candidate Harvey Stroud, incumbent Clerk of Superior Court Katie Harrell who is unopposed, State House candidate William Vann, and incumbent Sheriff Blake Wallace.



DEMOCRATIC RALLY

APRIL 12, 2018

Sponsored by the
ROBESON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

6:00 p.m. at Adelio's
111 West 3rd Street, Lumberton, N.C.



Let's get educated about the issues and candidates,
excited about the Blue Wave, and motivated to vote!



FIRST PASSOVER SEDER IN THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION!

Governor and Mrs. Roy Cooper are continuing their campaign to welcome everyone to the Executive Mansion in Raleigh. They recently hosted the first-ever Passover Seder in that mansion. It was a heartwarming occasion!



STERLING PERFORMS AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION!

Caswell County Commissioner Sterling Carter recently had an opportunity to play the piano in the ballroom of the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh.

He played the music for a new hymn he is writing. He has finished composing the music and is still developing the words for this hymn.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE STERLING PERFORM:](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=377289196084574&set=a.128206014326228.1073741828.100014104903429&type=3)

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY CONVENTION!

More than 125 Democrats attended the 2018 Cumberland County Convention in Fayetteville. Cumberland's outstanding County Chair Roberta Waddle presented an all-star lineup of Democratic candidates who spoke to the crowd.



Sheriff Ennis Wright and State Representative Billy Richardson were two of the candidates who spoke. Sheriff Wright is running for his first full term after being appointed to finish out the term of retired Sheriff Moose Butler.



Girl Scout Troop 1265 helped with many activities at the Convention.



LENOIR COUNTY CONVENTION!

Lenoir County's excellent County Chair Jimmy Cochran welcomed a large crowd to the 2018 County Convention in Kinston. Supreme Court candidate Anita Earls and Judge Beth Heath were the Keynote Speakers.



This pictures shows all the candidates who addressed the convention.



Part of the large Convention crowd is shown in this picture.



CYNTHIA BALL EVENT!

State Representative Cynthia Ball may face the most daunting re-election challenge of any of our incumbent Democrat legislators. The latest GOP gerrymander gave her a district that includes only 3 of the precinct she currently represents. She was given 17 brand new precincts!

Nina Slosberg-Landis held a fundraising reception at her Raleigh home to give a boost to Cynthia's campaign. In the picture on the right above Deborah Ross is standing between Nina and Cynthia as she speaks to the guests.



**James Pearce & State Senate candidate
Mack Paul**



Cynthia with her husband, Dave Aspnes



**Part of the happy guests
who came to support
Cynthia.**



OVERFLOW CROWD AT GUILFORD COUNTY CONVENTION!

Every seat was filled and many people had to stand as County Chair Nicole Quick called the 2018 Guilford County Convention to order at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown. Guilford Democrats are organized and ready to campaign!



Left: Josh Brown was smiling at the Convention as he continues to recover from an accident. Right: Libby Bowles and Mary Bell-Hemingway helped with the registration.



Guilford Democrats gave an especially warm welcome to the young people who were organizing the MARCH FOR OUR LIVES!



A NEW DEMOCRATIC AUXILIARY MAKE A DRAMATIC START!

More than 100 people turned out for the first meeting of the Southern Wake Democrats auxiliary in Holly Springs. State House candidate Antoine Marshall (on left) is seen speaking to the enthusiastic crowd. Christine Kelly and Chuck Tryon are two of the people who helped organize this new group.

The spirit of the members of this new organization is amazing!



**Many candidates spoke to the Southern Wake Democrats including:
Erv Portman, Sam Searcy, and Susan Evans**



**Blair Williams, Lindy Brown, and Matt Calabria
enjoyed promoting their campaigns at the meeting.**

**Please remember that the new email address
to which you can send all your
GOOD NEWS**

Is:

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North Carolina Democratic Party**