

## **\*\* GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS \*\***



### **A BLUE WAVE AT THE NINTH DISTRICT CONVENTION!**

**District Chair Cynthia Wallace at the podium led all Ninth District Democrats in cheering for a blue wave at the District's Convention in the McGee Theatre of the Batte Center at Wingate University on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Cumberland County Chair Roberta Waddle said it was "a beautiful venue."**

**From the left Democrats sitting at the table are: District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Phil McRae, College Dems President John Easterling, District 3<sup>rd</sup> VC Jeremy McKenzie, District Treasurer Juliette Weiland, and Representative Garland Pierce.**

**From the left the standing Dems are: Heather Wright of Union County, Scotland County Chair Dr. Walter Jackson, Robeson Chair Ed Henderson, Richmond 1<sup>st</sup> VC J. L. McCullers, District Chair Cynthia Wallace, Cumberland Chair Roberta Waddle, and Wendall Williamson of Anson.**



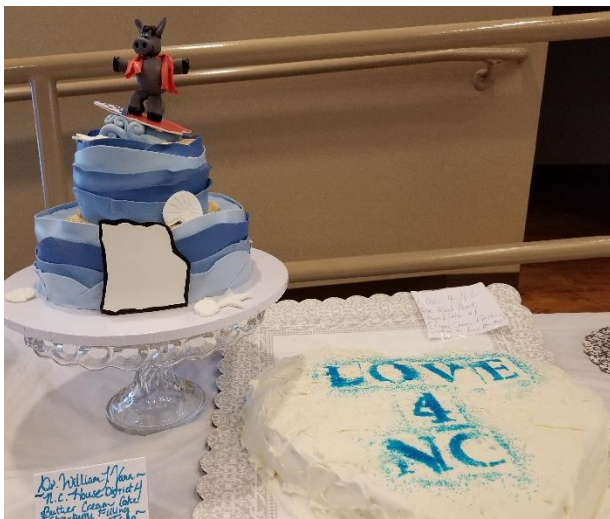
**From the left at the 9<sup>th</sup> District Convention: Cumberland County Chair Roberta Waddle, Jamal Doran, Jenny DeViere, & State Senate candidate Kirk DeViere. The Democrat in the white shirt is Teshan who works tirelessly in the DeViere campaign. The people in the yellow shirts are strong DeViere supporters.**





**\$5,000.00 WORTH  
OF DEMOCRATIC CAKES  
IN DUPLIN COUNTY!**

**Amid spirited bidding from 200 attendees, the cakes in these two pictures were auctioned for a total of \$5,000.00 at the May 4<sup>th</sup> "MEET THE CANDIDATES CAKE AUCTION" of the Duplin County Democratic Party. The cake of Sheriff Blake Wallace topped the auction by selling for an amazing \$750.00! County Chair George Francis, First Vice Chair Mary Weber, and many other Duplin Dems spent weeks planning and promoting this happy event.**



**NCDP SECOND  
VICE CHAIR  
MATT HUGHES  
WAS THE KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER AT THE  
CAKE AUCTION  
IN KENANSVILLE.  
MATT WOWED  
THE CROWD WITH  
HIS ENTHUSIASM  
AND HIS PROFOUND  
DEMOCRATIC  
INSIGHTS!**







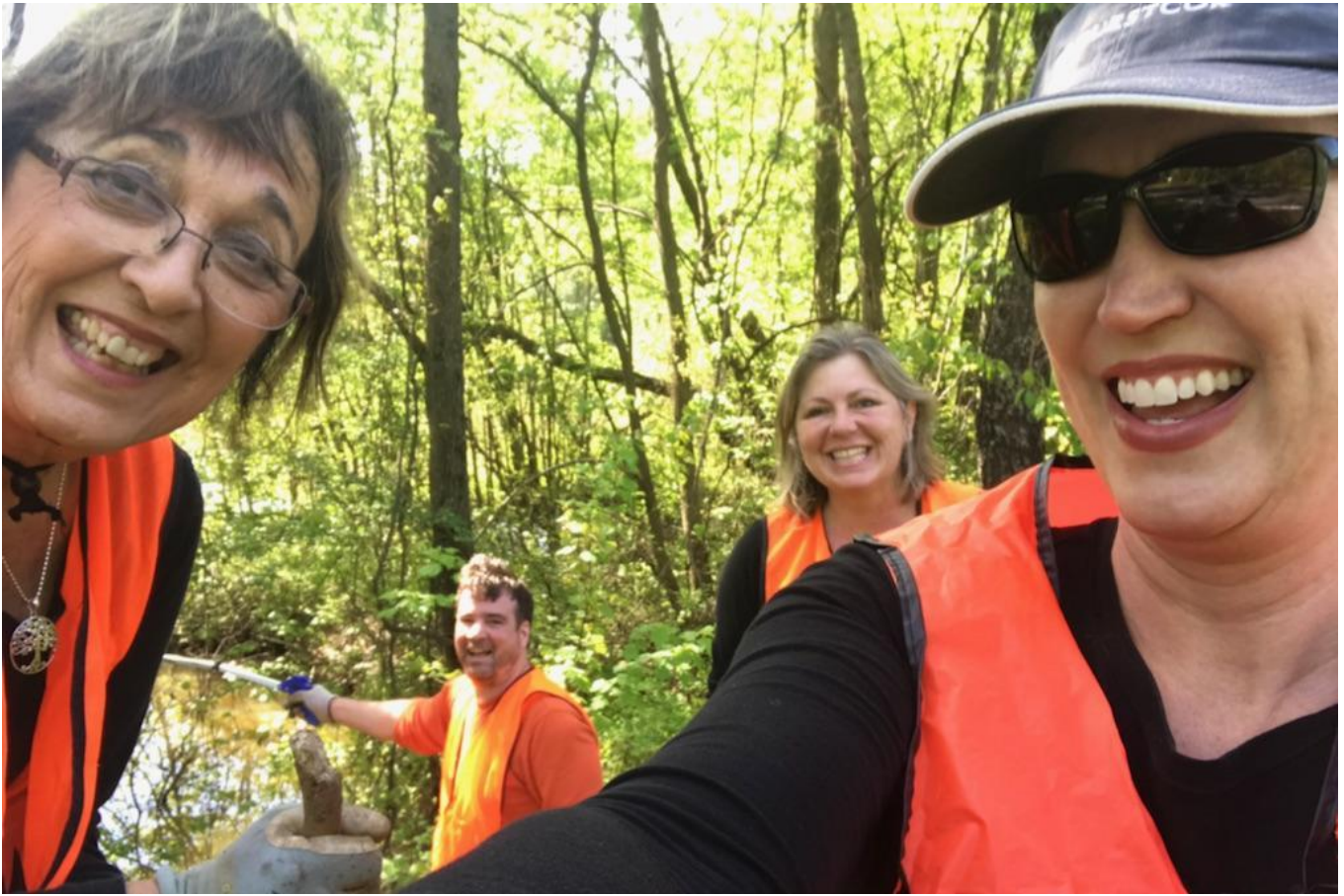
**Duplin County Register of Deeds June Hargrove is flanked in this picture by Assistant Register of Deed Anita Savage (right) and her daughter Jasmine.**

**AN ALL-STAR COUNTY CHAIR!**  
**George Francis is a creative, inspirational and hardworking Duplin County Chair Democratic Party Chair!**



**This picture shows part of the crowd of 200 Democrats at the Duplin Cake Auction.**





### **WILL THE WHITE HOUSE BE NEXT?**

**On April 27<sup>th</sup> a group of Forsyth County Democrats joined in the Clemmons Community Spring Cleanup. From the left they are Suzanne Caroon, Kevin Farmer, Shari Burrell, and Rebekah Whitfield. Congratulations to these fine Democrats for cleaning up Clemmons this month.**

**It is reported that next month they may go to Washington and try to clean out the White House!!**

**Kevin Farmer is a former Chair of the Durham County Democratic Party.**



### **SIXTH ANNIVERSARY FOR JEFF AND MARISA!**

**Those popular Democrats, Jeff and Marisa Jackson, celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on May 6th. Jeff is one of many State Senators who is devoting a tremendous amount of energy toward helping Democratic legislative candidates all across the state.**





**OUR ALL-STAR LINEUP  
OF STATEWIDE  
DEMOCRATIC JUDICIAL  
CANDIDATES!**

**Seated on left:**

**Allegra Collins running for a  
Vacant seat on the  
NC Court of Appeals**

**Seated on the right:**

**Anita Earls running for a  
seat on the NC Supreme Court**

**Standing on the left:**

**Judge John Arrowood who is  
running  
for a full term in the Court of  
Appeals  
seat which he now holds**

**Standing on the right:**

**Toby Hampson running for a  
Republican-held seat on the NC  
Court of Appeals**



**Photographed at a recent fundraising event for Allegra Collins:  
Billy Young, Allegra Collins, Rufus Edmisten, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall,  
and Supreme Court Justice Mike Morgan**



**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF REGION 8!**

**Varner Spencer of Johnston County was honored as the recipient of the Sarah Anderson Leadership Award at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Democratic Women of Region 8 in Lillington. The award was presented by Region 8 Director Viola Figeroua (left) and Sarah Anderson.**



**In this picture Director Viola Figeroua was thanking the Democratic Women of Harnett County for being gracious hostesses of the regional meeting.**





## **ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE DAY!**

**Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed May as  
ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH in North Carolina!  
The AAPI Caucus of the NC Democratic Party held a celebration  
at the State Headquarters on the afternoon of May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pictured above: Stephanie & Jesse Goslen (President of the NCDP Small  
Business Caucus,) AAPI President Grace Galloway, Executive Council Member  
Brenda Pollard, & NCDP AAC Caucus President Linda Wilkins-Daniels.**



**This AAPI celebration was organized under the brilliant leadership  
of Dr. Grace Galloway, President of the NCDP AAPI  
who is in the yellow outfit with green lei in all of these pictures.  
State Senator Jay Chaudhuri is with Grace in the picture on the left.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE  
ASIA AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCUS  
WRITE TO DR. GALLOWAY AT:  
[DR.GRACIE.GALLOWAY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DR.GRACIE.GALLOWAY@GMAIL.COM)**



**More pictures from the AAPI Celebration. In the picture on the right above Chinmoyee Deshpande is reading aloud the Governor's Proclamation.**



**FASCINATING PICTURE!**  
**Did you know that Dr. Grace Galloway and her daughter, Li Mei, used to be professional trapeze artists? What an amazing life Dr. Grace is living!**





**THE SUPER-ACTIVE DEMOCRATS  
OF LEE COUNTY!**

**Lee County Democrats are actively participating in every civic event in their county. The picture above shows some of the Lee Democrats who worked at the Sanford Block Party. County Chair John Kirkman is the gentleman wearing the hat in this picture. His wife, Patricia, is the lady wearing sunglasses in the front of the picture.**



**Lee Democrats were prominent at the "BROADWAY OUR WAY" event in the Lee County town of Broadway.**





**SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION  
WAS A HAPPY SUCCESS!**

**Democrats from all nine counties in the Seventh Congressional District gathered in the brand new gym at Wallace Elementary School in Duplin County on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Convention gave awards to each of the nine county parties because of their EXCELLENCE IN ORGANIZING THEIR PRECINCTS THIS YEAR.**

**From the left in the Convention picture above are:**

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| <b>Carolyn Crenshaw - Johnston County</b> | <b>Barbara Dantonio - Wayne County</b>     |
| <b>Mary Weber - Duplin County</b>         | <b>Debbi Fintak - Pender County</b>        |
| <b>Mae Gresham - Columbus County</b>      | <b>Suzanne Werner - New Hanover County</b> |
| <b>Glenn McKoy - Bladen County</b>        | <b>Janis Simmons - Brunswick County</b>    |
| <b>Charlotte Murphy - Sampson County</b>  |  |

**Special recognition was given to Pender Chair Debbi Fintak and Brunswick Chair Janis Simmons for organizing 100% of their precincts!**



**District Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz and District First Vice Chair Sonya Bennetone (right) welcomed the Seventh District's strong candidate for Congress, Dr. Kyle Horton (center.) Her website is: [www.DrKyleForCongress.com](http://www.DrKyleForCongress.com)**

**<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article209284739.html>**





**Part of the crowd at the Seventh Congressional District Convention**



**Sonya Bennetone and Francisco Rivas-Diaz presented an award to Dr. Larry Bell of Sampson County for his 18 years of service as State Representative. Dr. Bell was one of the Convention's two Keynote Speakers.**

**State Representative Deb Butler of New Hanover County was one of the Convention's two Keynote Speakers. She issued a call to arms for Democrats to BREAK THE MAJORITY.**

**Attorney Jim Morgan of Wilmington was the Convention's Parliamentarian. Jim was Chair of the Seventh Congressional District from 2011 to 2015.**





**Convention Delegates cheered talks by**

**Left – Da'Quan Love, State Representative candidate in Duplin and Onslow counties**

**Right – Tom Simmons, State Representative candidate in Brunswick County**



**Dr. David Sink, State Senate candidate in Brunswick, Pender, and Columbus counties**



**2020 US Senate candidate  
Eva F. Lee of Raleigh**





### **DAVIDSON DEMOCRATIC GALA!**

**Davidson County Democrats turned out with big hearts for their Seventh Annual Gala. Before the event began, every seat in the above picture was filled. Cal Cunningham was the Master of Ceremonies.**



**What a great choice for Keynote Speaker!  
NCDP Deputy Executive Director  
Doug Wilson gave a masterful speech  
about Democratic strategies and spirit.**



**For many years Loretta Martin has been  
a leader in the Davidson County  
Democratic Party and in the  
Democratic Women of North Carolina!**



**Craig Weeke, Sixth Congressional District candidate  
Cathy Manning, and Elaine Hill**



**Sixth Congressional District  
candidate Adam Coker**



**Aiming to  
BREAK THE MAJORITY:  
State House candidate  
Wendy Sellars (far left)  
and  
State Senate candidate  
Dr. Cheraton Love**

**Proud To Be  
Davidson Democrats:  
Jeanne Doom,  
Martha Williams,  
and Annmarie Clark**







**DEE JONES HELPED GUIDE  
THESE FOUR DEMOCRATS TO VICTORY!**

**NCDP Executive Council Member Dee Jones of Charlotte enjoyed this year's Democratic Primary campaigns! She worked effectively on the campaigns of four Democratic candidates.**

**She was a Campaign Scheduler in Masif Majeed's victorious campaign for State House in District 99. Dee and Masif are shown in the picture on the left above.**

**She was the Campaign Manager for Trevor Fuller's successful County Commissioner re-election campaign. He holds an At-Large Seat which required him to campaign throughout all of Mecklenburg County.**



**Dee served as Co-Campaign Manager in Carolyn Logan's drive to win the Primary in State House District 101 and she was Campaign Scheduler for Mark Jerrell's campaign for County Commissioner in District 4.**

**Dee and these four candidates are getting fired up for the General Election in November!**



**BRENDA AND LARRY  
POLLARD GO TO  
NEW YORK TO SEE FILM  
ABOUT DURHAM  
MYSTERY!**

**Brenda and Larry Pollard  
went to New York to  
see the movie  
"THE STAIRCASE"  
which was a major attraction  
at Robert DeNiro's  
Tribeca Film Festival.  
"THE STAIRCASE" portrays  
the story of Mike &  
Kathleen Peterson of Durham!**

**This picture was made when the Pollards  
were talking with the film's Director.**

**Brenda and Larry were fascinated  
by the panel discussion by the  
film's director and actors.**



**Larry and Brenda saw every possible attraction including  
"Beautiful - The Carole King Musical" and the 911 Memorial.**



Erin  
Penland  
Photography



**UNION COUNTY DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE  
39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DONKEY DINNER!**

**Top political strategist Morgan Jackson was the Keynote Speaker at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Donkey Dinner which was organized by the Democratic Women of Union County.**

**Morgan is one of the leading gurus of this year's BREAK THE MAJORITY drive.**

**From the left the Democrats in the picture above are: Bill Hutton, Morgan Jackson, Union County Democratic Party Chair Nancy Rorie, and former Union County Sheriff and State Representative Frank McGuirt.**



**Riding the Blue Wave at the Donkey Dinner: Ninth Congressional District candidate Dan McCready, Ninth Congressional District Democratic Party Chair Cynthia Wallace, and State Senate candidate Carolina Walker.**

**All pictures in this article were made by Eric Penland Photography.  
They were submitted by Matt Alexander.**





**State House 69 candidate  
Jennifer Benson**



**Pam and Jerry De Maria have been strong  
Union County Democrats for many years.**



**After serving six terms as Mayor of  
Marshville, Frank Deese is running for  
State Representative this year.**



**Union Democrats treasure Matt Alexander! He just  
finished a term as Executive Vice President of  
the NC Teen Dems. He has finished his first year  
at UNC-Chapel Hill and has been hired to work on  
the State House campaign of Dr. Rick Foulke.**





**WES TRIPP GRADUATES FROM LAW SCHOOL!**

**Fourth Congressional District Chair Wes Tripp received his Juris Doctorate from the Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University at a ceremony in Raleigh. Michael Wilson and Virginia Reed joined Wes in the celebratory picture above.**



**TWO DEMOCRATIC STARS EARN MASTERS DEGREES!**

**NC Young Democrats National Committee Member Ebony West and NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes received their Masters of Public Administration degrees in a Chapel Hill ceremony on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Matt will now enroll at NC State University to begin working toward a PhD in Public Policy. Congratulations, Ebony and Matt!**

**NIDA ALLAM'S  
SISTER  
GRADUATES!**

**Arsheen Allam graduated from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. She earned a MBA degree. Her sister, NCDP Third Vice Chair Nida Allam, is very proud of her!**



**SONALI BISWAS GRADUATES WITH DISTINCTION!**

**Sonali Biswas, daughter of Wake County Democratic leader Niv Biswas, graduated from Duke University where she majored in Biology and double minored in Neuroscience and Spanish.**

**She speaks fluent Spanish and has done a lot of community work with Leprosy patients (with Stigma) in Ecuador. She has also studied for a semester in Costa Rica and has studied Tropical Diseases. Her most important work was with the Duke Institute of Brain Sciences where her research involved finding alternative drugs for kids with ADHA and also various diagnostics for Alzheimers patients.**

**Sonali has done numerous community service projects with Durham communities for which she was awarded the William J. Griffith University Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Durham community. SHE IS CO-FOUNDER OF DUKEHAND WHICH SERVES ALZHEIMERS PATIENTS THROUGH RESEARCH AND FUNDRAISING. It has a full-fledged Executive body that will continue to function after Sonali leaves Duke.**





### **JASMINE NETHELS EARNS LAW DEGREE!**

**Ninth Congressional District Democratic Party Chair Cynthia Wallace went to Durham for the graduation of her niece, Jasmine Nethels, from the NC Central University School of Law.**

**Jasmine graduated from Spelman College with a BA degree in Political Science in May, 2014. She was a field organizer for Michelle Nunn's 2014 US Senate campaign. She was an Intern for Congresswoman Alma Adams for a few months in early 2015 before she started law school.**

**Jasmine and Cynthia attended a holiday party at the Executive Mansion in December, 2017.**



### **SUZANNE MEREDITH GRADUATES FROM UNC-ASHEVILLE!**

**Suzanne Meredith, daughter of Sixth Congressional District Chair Jim Meredith and his wife, Beverly, graduated from UNC-Asheville with a degree in French this month.**

**In the picture above Suzanne is on the right with her brother, Wilson Meredith, and her sister, Tia Meredith, who has been featured many times in this publication.**

**Wilson graduated from UNC-Asheville in 2015 with a degree in theater.**





**THOUSANDS OF DEMOCRATS  
DRIVE FROM ALL OVER THE STATE  
TO JOIN  
THE EDUCATION MARCH!**

**A massive number of Democrats proudly  
participated in the  
MARCH FOR STUDENTS & RALLY FOR RESPECT.**

**How do we know that most of the  
marchers were Democrats?  
You didn't see any Republicans marching,  
did you?**

**Stunning: The State Superintendent  
Of Public Instruction DID NOT MARCH!  
Why? He is a Republican.**



**DNC Member John  
Verdejo of Raleigh  
carried his son, Jacob,  
as he marched!**



**This picture captured State Senator Jeff Jackson of Charlotte  
as he spoke about education with a group of marchers. Jeff reports  
that one teacher told him she had to teach a class of 35 students  
- in a trailer!**





**State Senate candidate Barbara Dantonio (center) with Johnny Shaver (right), Nicholas Green (left), and others**



**Davidson County State House candidate Wendy Sellars wore a shirt saying: "Future Legislator Who will Fight For Public Schools."**



**Cal and Elizabeth Cunningham with other marchers**



**Sina Shahnizadeh, College Dems President John Easterling, & Trevor Sigler inside the Legislative Building**

# FREE WEBINARS – JOIN IN!

## Free Webinars for County Parties, Precincts, and Campaigns

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Webinars will take place from May through October  
Second and third Saturdays of the month from 10:00-11:00 am

### C2C WEBINAR REGISTRATION

| Date   | Topic  |
|--|--|
| Saturday May 12<br>10-11 am                                | For the Win: Get Out the Vote with Tom Sullivan from Buncombe County |
| Saturday May 19<br>10-11 am                                | Volunteer Recruitment & Management                                   |
| Saturday, June 9<br>10-11 am                               | Phone Banking  |
| Saturday, June 16<br>10-11 am                              | Voter Registration   |
| Saturday, July 14<br>10-11 am                              | Canvassing   |
| Saturday, July 21<br>10-11 am                              | Organizing Your Precinct   |
| <b>The schedule for August-October will come out soon!</b> |  |

required registration go to: [C2C WEBINAR REGISTRATION](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oMeSzMblbDvoJrhfoOzEwlnRrmiUsAHJCGZwzEvNfOM/edit) OR paste this into your browser  
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You will receive instructions for the webinar by email three days before your scheduled webinar. Handouts provided.

Webinar speakers are experienced county party leaders, precinct leaders and volunteers from Orange County Democratic Party, Durham Democratic Women and Buncombe County.

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I invite County Chairs, District Chairs,  
and everyone else to send me  
email addresses of good Democrats  
you know – so they can receive  
this publication!**

**Please Send Them To My New Email Address:  
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Melvin Williams, Secretary  
North Carolina Democratic Party**