

# GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

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## HISPANIC AMERICAN DEMOCRATS MEET AT STATE HEADQUARTERS!

Leaders of the Hispanic American Democrats Caucus of the NC Democratic Party met at the Goodwin House on May 26<sup>th</sup> to elect a new President and to develop plans for supporting Democratic candidates across the state in the 2018 election. Luis Toledo of Raleigh was elected President of the Caucus.



The Caucus presented Certificates of Appreciation to Geraldine and Uriel Rodriguez. The Certificates said: “The NCDP Hispanic American Caucus appreciates all the work you are doing in the Latino Community. You are a born leader. Thank you for your courage.” Their mother Carmen Rodriguez Gum happily joined Geraldine and Uriel for this picture.

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**NCDP Third Vice Chair Nida Allam and NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes joined Alamance County Hispanic American Caucus President Yvette Gaboury in this picture.**



**Four outstanding gentlemen: New NCDP Hispanic Caucus President Luis Toledo, Johnny Shaver of Duplin County who recently starred in the YOUTH FEATURE of this publication, Hispanic Caucus Second Vice President David Salazar, and Seventh Congressional District Democratic Party Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz.**



**Former Hispanic Caucus President Marshall Adame presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Carolina Fonseca who completed her term as HAD President at this meeting.**





## **ANGIE ELKINS' GRANDDAUGHTER IS WORKING WITH CONGRESSMAN ERIC SWALWELL!**

**Olivia Elkins of Durham is working in the Washington office of one of the most prominent Members of Congress, Congressman Eric Swalwell of California. Congressman Swalwell has been featured on dozens of national TV shows because he is a member of the House Intelligence and Judiciary committees. His opinions on the Trump-Russia investigation have been sought by many national news media outlets. He attended Campbell University for the first two years of his undergraduate studies.**



**Olivia graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2017. Angie Elkins joined Olivia and her parents, Mary and Butch Elkins in this happy graduation portrait.**

**Angie is the only North Carolinian ever elected President of the National Federation of Democratic Women.**



**In this picture Olivia is busy at work as Congressman Swalwell greets the cast of ABC's 20/20 show as they arrived for a televised interview.**



### **FOUR BRILLIANT DEMOCRATIC STARS!**

**This picture is filled with talented Democrats!**

**On the left are NC Court of Appeals candidate Toby Hampson and his wife, Kristin.**

**On the right are State Representative Robert Reives and his wife, Cynthia.**

**These folks are Democrats at their finest!**

**The website for Toby Hampson's campaign is:**

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

**The website for Robert Reives campaign for re-election in House District 54**

**in Lee and Chatham counties is:**

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





### **A MEET & GREET FOR LINDA BENNETT!**

**On May 20<sup>th</sup> Democrats enjoyed attending a Meet & Greet for Linda Bennett, a pharmaceutical executive, who is running for the legislature in House District 26 in Johnston County.**

**From the left above are: Jane Peplar of Chapel Hill, County Commissioner candidate Gracie Chamblee, Linda Bennett, & Jimmie Massengill who is running in State House District 28.**



### **STANDING UP FOR NET NEUTRALITY!**

**Wake County Senator Jay Chaudhuri recently headed a panel presentation in Raleigh on saving net neutrality. He is going to introduce a bill in the General Assembly which will try to protect net neutrality.**

**From the left the people who joined in the presentation are: Chuck Tryon, Paul Jones, Mark Johnson, and Mladen Vouk.**



## **COLE PHELPS FOR SENATE – DISTRICT ONE!**

**Voters in northeastern NC have the opportunity to vote for one of North Carolina's most phenomenal State Senate candidates – Cole Phelps in District One!**

**Readers of the “GOOD NEWS” have followed Cole since he first ran for Washington County Commissioner at age 23 while he was still a student at Law School at North Carolina Central. He won that election and became our state's youngest County Commissioner in 2012. He was re-elected in 2016.**

**Now at age 28 he is picking up enthusiastic support in all of the 11 counties in State Senate District One! This district has been held by a Republican since the 2010 election. People of all political affiliations are throwing their support to Cole.**

**In the picture on the left above, Cole is with a young man at the Pasquotank Potato Festival in Elizabeth City. On the right above Cole was attending the opening day of the short session of the General Assembly with Senator Ericka Smith-Ingram and Senator Don Davis. Senator Davis has been Cole's mentor for many years! Cole gave strong support to Senator Smith-Ingram during her first legislative campaign. Washington County was in her district at that time.**



**Cole met these folks when he spent an entire weekend campaigning on Ocracoke Island and Hatteras!**



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RECIPIENT BANQUET

SENATOR BOB MARTIN CENTER IN WILLIAMSTON, N.C.  
**FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018 | 6:30 P.M.**

**Cole Phelps strongly promotes and supports young people! At this July 13<sup>th</sup> banquet he will be presenting nine \$1,000.00 scholarships to students who graduated in 2018!**



**FORTUNE MAGAZINE RECOGNIZES LINDA COLEMAN,  
DEE DEE ADAMS, AND ALMA ADAMS!**

**North Carolina's three female Democratic Congressional candidates received national publicity in Fortune magazine's latest edition which focused on the dramatic impact women are having in the 2018 election.**

**You can click this link to read the article:**

**<http://fortune.com/2018/05/24/georgia-governor-black-women-politics/>**

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**Amina Cliette and Caroline Silversen with Ryan Watts  
at an event in Chatham County on May 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Ryan is making friends everywhere he goes!**

**Look At His Website:**

**[WWW.WATTSFORCONGRESS.COM](http://WWW.WATTSFORCONGRESS.COM)**





## **JAVON PHILLIPS GRADUATES!**

**In 2016 Democrats all across the state fell in love with Mrs. Audrey Morgan as she campaigned with her husband, Justice Mike Morgan.**

**Last week Mrs. Morgan joyfully attended the graduation of her grandson, Lavon Phillips, from Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School.**

## **KELLY BAREFOOT GRADUATES!**

**Kelly Barefoot of Brunswick County graduated cum laude from the College of Charleston with a Double Major in English and Political Science.**

**She is going to Wake Forest School of Law this fall.**

**She is the daughter of Judge Napoleon Barefoot and Kelly Barefoot.**

**One of this publication's most popular pictures of all time was made when Kelly, her mother, her grandmother, and her great-grandmother all went together to vote in the November General Election.**

**That was four generations of Democratic voters!**







**WILLIAM FLYTHE**  
For  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION!**

**Bill Flythe says: “Based upon my education and work experience, I am uniquely qualified to serve on the Brunswick County Board of Education.” He earned a B.S. degree in Chemistry at Johnson C. Smith University in 1965. He obtained a doctorate in Physical Organic Chemistry from Howard University in 1969. He spent two years as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry and spent 12 years in the pharmaceutical & chemical industries as a quality control chemist & a senior laboratory supervisor.**

**Bill served on the Brunswick County Planning Board during five years in which Brunswick was the 14<sup>th</sup> fastest growing county in the US.**

**He was Treasurer of the Brunswick County Democratic Party and was an Official Delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte.**

**GOALS AND STRATEGIES**

**Bill Flythe has established the following goals and strategies for his service on the Board of Education:**

**- Increase state funding for public education. Teacher salaries should be increased without a decrease in funding for other school resources.**

**- Promote a STEM Curriculum. Students should be encouraged to take courses that will lay the foundation for careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.**

**- Promote a Teacher, Student, Family, and Community Partnership. An active line of communication between teacher and parents should be maintained. Community organizations – business and religious – should provide volunteers and financial support.**

**Bill says: “I am steamed up! Ready to go!”**

**William Flythe’s website is:  
FlytheForEducation.com**







### **CHARLES WARREN HONORED**

### **AS HE RUNS FOR SHERIFF OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY!**

**Charles Warren is an outstanding Democrat – and he has strongly supported our “Party of the People” for many years. He is the popular Democratic nominee for Brunswick County Sheriff.**

**In the picture above Bernest Hewett and Ericka Whitaker are presenting to Charles the COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD of the South East Community and Services organization.**

**Charles had 20 years of law enforcement experience in Connecticut before moving to Brunswick County. He was elected a County Commissioner in Brunswick in 2008 and rendered dedicated service for a four-year term.**

**His website is [www.VoteWarrenForSheriff.com](http://www.VoteWarrenForSheriff.com). Donations to his campaign can be easily made at: <https://secure.actblue.co/donate/vote-warren-for-sheriff-1>.**

**Do you know about this? The current Brunswick County Sheriff was a Democrat when he was appointed to that position by the Executive Committee of the Brunswick County Democratic Party. In his speech to the Executive Committee he said: “I was born a Democrat, I am living as a Democrat, and I will die as a Democrat!”**

**About six months after he was appointed, HE SWITCHED TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY!**



### **VOTE FOR FAIR & HONEST JUDGES!**

**Anita Earls for  
Supreme Court**

**<http://Earls4Justice.com>**

**John Arrowood for  
NC Court of Appeals  
[KeepJudgeArrowood.org/](http://KeepJudgeArrowood.org/)**

**Toby Hampson for  
NC Court of Appeals**

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



### **LISTON B. RAMSEY DINNER!**

**The 2018 Liston B. Ramsey Dinner was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> “under the Big Tent” at the Waynesville Country Club.**

**One of the highlights of the event came when Luke Hyde presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award to longtime State Representative Phil Haire of Sylva. Phil represented Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties for 14 years!**



**Jackson County Democratic Party Chair Frank Burrell presented the Liston B. Ramsey Award to Jane Koenig, the Communications Chair for the Jackson County Party. 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Chair Kathy Sinclair joined in this happy picture.**

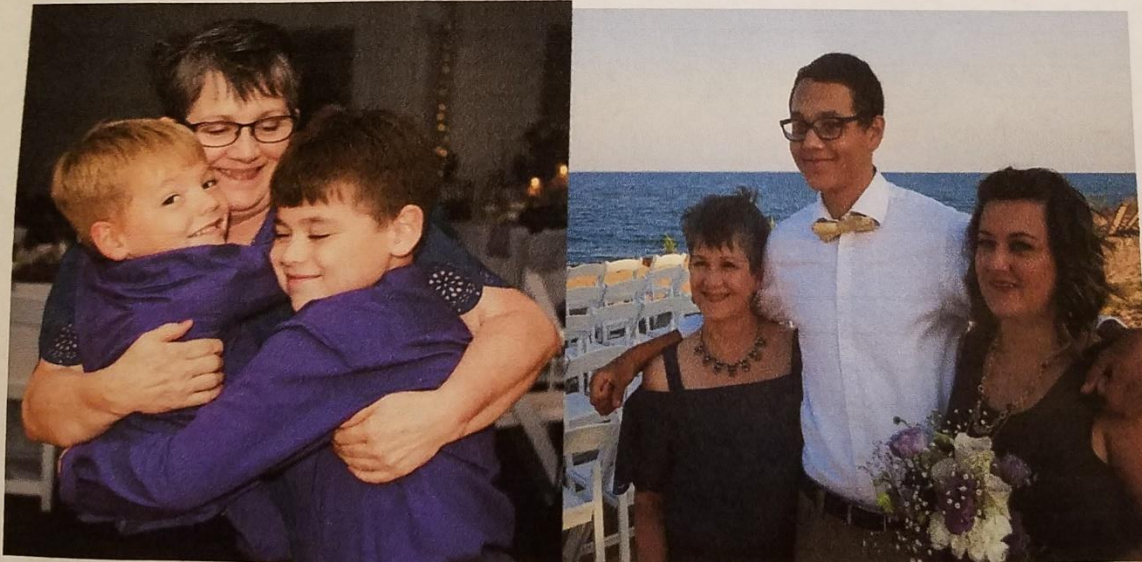


## "GAYLE KEMP FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE!"



On February 28, 2018, my supporters and I went to the Henderson County Board of Elections. Running for the House of Representatives is a huge jump for me. I have always been involved in Democratic politics and had to resign my elected positions of Fletcher Precinct Chair and Women Democrats of Henderson County Program Chair among others. Cutting back on other community activities also came with the campaign. However, I refuse to stop teaching sewing to young people at 4-H!

I sought the advice and consent of my children. My son was the third vote that made it unanimous. Family means a lot to me. Especially my three grandsons. The support of my family, friends and community makes this campaign one of hope and belief in better things to come.



My father gives me the most guidance even though he passed away three years ago. He taught me the values that I carry today: compassion for people, hard work, integrity, honesty, love of family and community, and always doing what is right no matter the personal cost.





As I go about the **Henderson County**, where District 117 is located, meeting with and listening to people, I am convinced that we all want the same things in life: safety and security for ourselves and our children, clean air and water, control over our own lives, the opportunity to make a better life for ourselves and for our children to be educated and do better than we did, and access to quality healthcare without bankruptcy, among others. We may not always agree on how to get there, but we can if we really listen to each other with respect.

I am not a politician. I was an attorney, spending 15 years advocating as a public defender and then as an attorney and criminal justice instructor, primarily training law enforcement. I am just a woman who cannot sit down and be quiet in this time. Our state legislature is on a road that leads to the destruction of our vote and our voice, our fair elections and our independent judicial system. They have grabbed power and used taxpayer money to waste money on lawsuits and to give breaks to the very wealthy among us, including corporations that pollute our environment. This must stop. And I will use my voice during this campaign and after to speak truth to power. My father taught all his children to stand up for what is right and that is what I intend to do.



Everyone can help by going to [GayleKemp.com](http://GayleKemp.com) and clicking on the donate button.

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/gayle-kemp-for-state-house-1?utf8=%E2%9C%93&amount=&commit=Contribute>





### **THREE HENDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS HONORED AT "ONE GOOD APPLE" DINNER!**

**A happy time in Henderson County! There was lots of enthusiasm as Henderson Democrats held their "ONE GOOD APPLE DINNER" on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hendersonville Country Club.**

**BLUE APPLE AWARDS** were presented to the three Democrats pictured above:

- **Dr. Raymond Stone** for his lifetime of service to the NC community college system
- **Cindy Ellis** who was recognized for her volunteer work and her outreach efforts
- **Dr. Clay Eddleman** who helped found the LBBTQ Democrats of Henderson County



**The BLUE APPLE AWARDS** were handcrafted glass blue apples which had sterling silver necklaces which were engraved with the names of the recipients.



**NC Supreme Court candidate Anita Earls keyed the dinner.  
Jeannie Medlin who was “the force behind the scenes of the dinner.”**



**Left - Doris Allison and Luke Hyde    Right – Pat Sheley is campaigning for County Commissioner**



**Young Zachary Cone read a moving statement about his drive to collect items for the needy.  
On the left is Master of Ceremonies Steve Carlisle.  
On the right is John Moore who organized the Young Democrats and the AAC in Henderson County.  
John is First Vice President of the statewide African American Caucus!**





**State Senate candidate Norm Bossert brought pictures of FDR's "Four Freedoms" as the basis for his speech at the dinner.**



**Sam Edney is running for State Representative in District 113. Right: Edowah South Precinct Chair Beth Pearson and her mother, Penny Pearson.**



**Supreme Court candidate Anita Earls with John Moore.  
House District 117 candidate Gayle Kemp (featured in the previous article.)**





## **AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS ORGANIZED IN LINCOLN COUNTY!**

**Standing up for better government in Lincoln County! The picture above shows some of the people who gathered at the Lincoln County Democratic Party Headquarters in Lincolnton on May 19<sup>th</sup> to organize the AAC of Lincoln County.**

**They elected the following slate of Officers:**

**President – James Smith**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Charlie Cook**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Stanley Roseboro**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Anthony Bunch**

**Secretary – Vanessa Ross**

**Treasurer – Leroy Smith**

**Parliamentarian – Gerald Pearson**



**State AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels traveled from Goldsboro to help the Lincoln AAC get organized and chartered.**

**Linda said: “This optimistic group of individuals is excited about establishing a solid foundation and GOTV apparatus for the General Election in November!”**





### **DURHAM DEMOCRATS MEET THE CANDIDATES!**

**This picture shows part of the crowd who attended a “Meet The Candidates” event at the South Regional Library in Durham. It was sponsored by Precinct 30-1 and this information was sent in by that wonderful Democrat, Marena Groll.**



**Precinct Chair Sarah Mye and her husband, Ben Fein-Smolinski, with State Representative candidate Zack Hawkins**



**Shenna Mathews, Third Vice Chair of the Durham County Democratic Party**

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**I will send the newsletter to them  
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so they will not be added to any list serves.**

**Five County Parties have already sent their email lists to me!**

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“GOOD NEWS”  
to lots more Democrats!**

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