

# GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

July 3, 2018



## IREDELL DEMOCRATS HELP CELEBRATE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!

The Democrats of Iredell County proudly promoted Democratic issues and their Congressional Candidate Kathy Manning in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in the town of Troutman.



Iredell Democrats of all ages happily represented our "Party of the People."



## **DIANA IS A BIG DEMOCRAT IN TEXAS!**

**Several years ago Diana Williams served in 3 different positions in the Durham County Democratic Party: First Vice Chair, Third Vice Chair, and Secretary.**

**She was on the State Executive Council for seven years.**

**Afterwards she moved to Texas where she quickly jumped into Democratic activities. After marrying Scott Robinson, she became Diana Williams Robinson.**

**This picture riding a live longhorn steer was made on the night before the beginning of the 2018 Texas State Democratic Convention in Fort Worth.**

**Diana suggests that North Carolina Democrats might like to develop an exciting scenario like this in which NC Democratic Delegates could be photographed.**

**Her suggestion: Maybe Delegates could pose with Ramses of the Tar Heels.**

**Diana is now Chair of the Kyle/Buda Area Democrats in Hays County which is the fourth fastest growing county in the United States. In the past seven years the county's population has grown from 157,104 to 214,485. Kyle and Buda are two booming towns on I-35 just south of Austin, the state capital.**

**It is wonderful to see our Democratic friend, Diana, riding high in Texas!**



**DIANA WITH THE NEXT  
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS!**

**While attending the State Convention,  
Diana had an opportunity to talk with Lupe  
Valdez who recently won the Democratic  
nomination for Governor of Texas in a  
dramatic Runoff Primary.**

**Do you know about Lupe?**

**SHE WAS SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY  
FOR 12 YEARS FROM 2005 TO 2017!**

**Everyone can read her dramatic story at**

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

**JACKSON**

**IS SUPPORTING THE BLUE WAVE!**

**Jackson Goodwin has gone the extra mile  
as NC Democrats build the Blue Wave.**

**Check out his blue hair in this picture!**

**It goes well with his blue shirt, blue water,  
and blue umbrella.**

**Jackson is 10 years old and he is a big  
supporter of his father, State Democratic Party  
Chair Wayne Goodwin.**





## **LEE COUNTY DEMOCRATS!**

**Lee County Democrats filled their Headquarters in Sanford for the June 28<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams was the evening's speaker. Lee Democrats enjoyed the laughter and good spirit that his talk brought forth.**

**Juliann McCracken and Reba Branham joined Melvin in the colorful picture above. These ladies are among a dedicated group that staffs the County Headquarters full time.**



**12 more Lee Dems arrived after this picture was taken. A total of 43 attended. Lee County's outstanding County Chair John Kirkman is standing near the back. On the front row are: Tia Cheek, County Party Secretary Crissy Miller, & Fisher McMillan. On the second row are: Reba Branham, Bob Finch, GOTV Chair Gladys McAuley and former State Representative Leslie Cox.**



**Mark Paleveda, County Chair John Kirkman, and Jeff Cashion with Melvin**



**Longtime State Representative Leslie Cox**



**Over the years Mark Coggins has sent many wise and creative campaign strategies to the State Headquarters in Raleigh.**



**Brenda and Tia Cheek. Tia carries on a very active Democratic campaign on social media.**



### **LINDA SUGGS-COOPER HONORED!**

**Wilson County Democratic Party Chair Linda Suggs-Cooper (second from left) was saluted by the Wilson County Branch of the NAACP at their June 17<sup>th</sup> Freedom Fund Banquet. She received the CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT AWARD.**

**Attending to honor Linda were (left to right) Wilson County Democratic Women President Beth Punte, former Wilson County Party Secretary Nancy Hawley, and Wilson Democratic Women member Hope Bethea.**

### **MATT HUGHES STARS ON SPECTRUM NEWS!**

**NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes was a featured guest on the CAPITAL TONIGHT news show on Spectrum News on June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**He joined host Tim Boyam and Charlotte City Council Member Tariq Bokhari in discussing several major news stories.**





### **WAYNE GOODWIN'S RURAL LISTENING TOUR GOES TO ROBESON COUNTY!**

**About 40 Robeson County Democrats greeted NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin and NCDP staff members during a breakfast meeting in Lumberton. Our State Chair heard about economic and job needs, the courts and judicial system, agribusiness, Lumbee goals and concerns, and how best to share our NCDP focus on pocketbook, kitchen table issues. Some of the Democrats who are visible in this picture are attorney Brooke Clark, attorney Tiffany Powers, her son Saïd Powers, Ninth Congressional District Chair Cynthia Wallace from Charlotte, State Rep. Charles Pierce, and State Senate candidate Rev. John Campbell.**



### **WAYNE GOODWIN IN BLADEN COUNTY!**

**Approximately 30 Bladen Democrats including former State Rep. Ed Nye (on left) and State Senate candidate David Sink enjoyed lunch in Elizabethtown. They shared helpful feedback about rural Bladen County and Chair Goodwin offered the details of "Our Carolina Promise" which can be found at: [www.OurCarolinaPromise.com](http://www.OurCarolinaPromise.com)**



### **SAIID WELCOMES WAYNE GOODWIN!**

**Saïd Powers of Lumberton has starred in this publication several times. It is a joy to feature Saïd again as he welcomed NCDP State Chair Wayne Goodwin to Lumberton on the Rural Listening Tour. Saïd started coming to Seventh Congressional District Conventions from the time he was nine years old. He won several major door prizes there. So he has actually been an active Democrat almost all his life!**

**Currently he is Chair of his precinct in Lumberton. He has just finished his first year at East Carolina University. He is trying to decide if he wants to go into the medical field or become an attorney. Keep going strong, Saïd!**



### **DORIS WALLACE HONORED!**

**NCDP AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels recently presented an Outstanding Service Award to Johnston County AAC President Doris Wallace. Doris has helped move Johnston County forward in several different ways. She was a Delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.**





## **“ROCKIN DEMOCRACY” in BRUNSWICK COUNTY!**

Sunset Beach was lively when the Democrats of Brunswick County held their all day celebration entitled “ROCKIN DEMOCRACY.” They had lots of tents, lots of music, and lots of campaigning at this June 16<sup>th</sup> celebration.

In the picture on the left above, Seventh Congressional District First Vice Chair Sonya Bennetone hugs Democratic County Commissioner candidate Marilyn Priddy and her husband.

In the picture on the right above, Brenda Rivas-Diaz who is Recording Secretary of the Democratic Women of the state is promoting Tom Simmons’ campaign for State Representative.



**Board of Education candidate Bill Flythe, Brunswick County Party Chair Janis Simmons, Duplin-Pender Hispanic American Democrats President Johnny Shaver, and State Representative candidate Tom Simmons**





**The 7<sup>th</sup> District's strong candidate for Congress, Dr. Kyle Horton, enjoyed visiting with the youngsters in the Kid's Zone**



**7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Party Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz and State Democratic Women Recording Secretary Brenda Rivas-Diaz happily attend every event in the 7th district.**



**Neil Gilbert (on right) is President of the Brunswick Environmental Action Team. The lady is former Calabash Mayor Teddy Altreuter. The man in the middle is John Yencik, former President of the Brunswick County Knights of Columbus. Brunswick Democrats are fighting Seismic blasting and offshore drilling at meetings all over the state.**





## **MACK PAUL FOR STATE SENATE!**

**David and Emily Meeker hosted a fundraising reception for strong State Senate candidate Mack Paul at the Raleigh home of David's parents, Charles Meeker and Dr. Anne McLaurin. Mack is running in District 18 which includes northern Wake County and Franklin County. Of course, the star of the event was Wright Meeker who is sitting on the porch in this happy picture!**



**Mack Paul and Attorney General Josh Stein**



**Rep. Joe John, Anna Stein, and Sam Stein**



**Bardia Asfenia, Kriss Gomez, Tanya Gooch, and Adam Stein**

**Kriss Gomez is the dynamic Campaign Manager for Mack Paul's race.**



**Colorful Mack Paul cookies!**



**BOB BYRD  
HONORED BY ALAMANCE  
NAACP!**

The Alamance County Branch of the NAACP presented its prestigious Humanitarian Award to Robert E. Byrd, the county's only Democratic County Commissioner, at their June 23<sup>rd</sup> Freedom Banquet in Burlington. Bob Byrd is a Presbyterian Pastor and a professional-quality saxophone artist. The Humanitarian Award was presented by NAACP youth member Brianti Foster and Branch President Barrett Brown.



**WHAT A GREAT DEMOCRATIC SIGN!**

Tom Nichols created this sign and mounted it on busy Highway 210 in Brunswick County. Tom is one of many thousands of Democrats who do not want oil drilling on our beautiful coast! As the sign states, Tom is throwing his support behind Dr. Kyle Horton for Congress, John Johnson for State Representative, and Dr. David Sink for State Senator – three Democrats who are dedicated to protecting our coast!

## **MIKE MCINTYRE HONORED BY NC BAR!**

**Former Congressman Mike McIntyre was honored with the Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake, Jr. Public Service Award at the North Carolina Bar Association's June 21<sup>st</sup> award banquet in Wilmington.**

**The award is given to an outstanding North Carolina attorney who has performed exemplary public service. The award isn't given every year. Nominees are sent to a committee and voted on by the Bar Association's Board of Governors/Directors.**

**Congressman McIntyre was chosen by unanimous vote.**

**McIntyre served 18 years (1997-2015) as Congressman from North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District in southeastern North Carolina. Today, he is Senior Advisor and Director of Government Relations at the Poyner Spruill Law Firm in Raleigh.**



## **LARKEN & ROBERT WITH PRESIDENT & MRS. CARTER!**

**Charlotte City Councilman Larken Egleston and his father, Robert Egleston, heard President Jimmy Carter teach Sunday School at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. They were inspired by the sincerity and passion of this great statesman and Nobel Peace Prize Winner. After Sunday School ended, the Eglestons had the privilege of sitting on the same pew with President and Mrs. Carter during the Church Service.**



**ONE DAY IN THE SENATE CAMPAIGN OF D. COLE PHELPS!**

**Above – Beginning with a meeting in Dare County.**



**Attending a barbeque honoring  
the members of two  
American Legion lodges in  
Perquimans County**

**At a House Party sponsored  
by the Perquimans County  
Democratic Party!**

**Cole's is running in Senate  
District One which  
encompasses 11 counties  
in the northeastern corner  
of the state.**

**His website is:  
[PhelpsForNCSenate.com](http://PhelpsForNCSenate.com)**





**TWO JOHNSONS CAMPAIGN IN 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE IN CURRIE!**

**They are not related, but having the same last name makes them easy to remember! John Johnson is our Democratic candidate for State Representative in District 16 which includes Pender and Columbus counties. His website is: [www.ElectJohnJohnson.com](http://www.ElectJohnJohnson.com). Carol Ann Johnson is our Democratic candidate for Pender County Commissioner. Both of these remarkable Democrats are carrying on vigorous campaigns to bring better government to the people!**



**When you are campaigning in Currie, you are really carrying out a grassroots campaign! Currie is famous as the location of the Moores Creek Battlefield.**



**ANITA EARLS INSPIRES BEAUFORT COUNTY DEMOCRATS!**

**Our outstanding Democratic candidate for the Supreme Court of North Carolina, Anita Earls, was the Keynote Speaker at the recent fundraiser of the Beaufort County Democratic Party in Washington, NC.**



**Registration hosts**



**Senator Erica Smith-Ingram**



**Four strong Beaufort County Democratic Men!**





**GRAND OPENING NEW HEADQUARTERS – RANDOLPH COUNTY DEMOCRATS!**

The heroic Democrats of Randolph County recently held a Grand Opening at their new County Party Headquarters at 114 Sunset Avenue in Asheboro.

Left picture above: Sticker says “Come In – We’re Awesome!” Right picture above: Violet Crespo and Eli Owen pose in front of the Ryan Watts sign in the Headquarters window.



**Bob Morrison, Bill McCaskill, Jean Johnson, & Robert Johnson with 6<sup>th</sup> District’s Ryan Watts**



**Randolph County Party Chair Susie Scott with Frank Wells**



**County Commissioner candidates Bob Kolmm, Elworth Cheek and Bob Morrison**



**Meg Wolf-Roberts with Bob Kolmm**



### **DEMOCRATS AT SIR WALTER CABINET!**

**For generations the Sir Walter Cabinet has been an organization in which spouses of legislators have met, dined, and talked about their mutual opportunities to be of service. This picture from the June meeting of the organization features three outstanding Democrats: Executive Council Member Brenda Pollard, Rev. Sarah Woodard who is President-Elect of the Sir Walter Cabinet, and Mrs. Duane Hall who was attending her first meeting.**



### **LINDA, BRENDA & BARBARA!**

**NCDP AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels, NCDP Executive Council Member Brenda Pollard, and State Senate candidate and Wayne County Democratic Party Chair Barbara Dantonio were among the invited guests at the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner & Party for Marion A. "Mouse" Wiggins at the JB Duke Hotel in Durham on June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Brenda said it was "an elegant and special dinner for a hardworking entertainer, family man, and great friend!"**



**WAKE COUNTY AAC BANQUET!**

**President Eunice Jones and the African American Caucus of Wake County have been staging large, successful banquets for several years now. Their June 23<sup>rd</sup> celebration at the North Raleigh Hilton was another big success. Democrats who are easily recognizable in the picture above are:**

**NC Court of Appeals candidate Toby Hampson  
 County Commissioner candidate Susan Evans  
 NC Court of Appeals candidate Allegra Collins  
 Harnett County Commissioner Barbara McKoy  
 Wake AAC President Eunice Jones  
 Keynote Speaker Chris Rey  
 Nash County leader Gwen Wilkins  
 NC Supreme Court candidate Anita Earls**

**Commissioner candidate Vicky Adamson  
 Judge Louis Meyer  
 State Representative Joe John  
 State Representative Yvonne Holley  
 Clerk of Court candidate Blair Williams  
 Judge Keith Gregory  
 (Apologies to the 3 unidentified ladies.  
 No list of names was supplied)**



**Cal Cunningham and Gwen Wilkins were radiant at the Wake AAC celebration.**



**Former Spring Lake Mayor Chris Rey gave a highly motivational Keynote Address. Chris and his family live in the Washington area now but they still love their NC friends.**



**Wake AAC Banquet attendees**



**President Eunice Jones**



**Wake Democratic Men's Club President Max Adams  
with Willie Rowe**



**Harnett County Commissioner Barbara McKoy  
former NCDP First Vice Chair Gwen Wilkins**

**The pictures in this article were made by  
Edward Jones and Gwen Wilkins**



### **CAMPAIGNING IN NASH COUNTY!**

**Last Saturday's sweltering heat and humidity did not slow down these dedicated Nash County Democrats as they canvassed door to door to promote Linda Coleman for Congress and the entire Democratic ticket. Kevin Jones, Linda Edwards, Talia Jones, and Valerie Steel enjoyed telling the Democratic story!**



### **JANE PEPPLER!**

**For more than a year now, Jane Pepler has been canvassing door to door throughout the counties of the Second Congressional District. She has talked with thousands of voters! Last Saturday she went to Raleigh to join thousands of other Democrats in standing up for children!**



**FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA  
NC DEMOCRATS MARCH TO “KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER!”**

**Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> will always be remembered as the day NC Democrats turned out by the tens of thousands to stop the mistreatment of children. Democrats have always been supporters of children and their families!**

**The picture above shows thousands of Democrats demonstrating in Asheville. How do we know they are Democrats? You don't see any Republicans there, do you?**



**Our 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidate for Congress, Phillip Price, brought his friends, neighbors, and other supporters to the Rally to protest the harsh policies of Freedom Caucus leader Mark Meadows.**



**Look closely at this picture: Zainab Baloch of Raleigh is in the top left corner.**

**Famous movie star DANNY GLOVER is on the right!**

**This picture was taken when Zainab and other NC Democrats marched in the “Keep Families Together March” in Washington, DC on Saturday.**



**Randolph County State Representative candidate Jim Meredith and his famous daughter, Tia Meredith, marched in Greensboro.**

**Their signs are accurate predictors: Lots of people are going to “Remember In November!”**



**Wake County Soil & Water Supervisor candidate Nervahna Crew & Edward Jones in Raleigh march.**



**New Hanover NAACP President Deborah Maxwell with Tish & Dana Rajendra and their children in the Wilmington march.**



**Raleigh Democrats**



**Wilmington Democrats**



**Johnny Shaver of Duplin County (left) with friends in the Wilmington demonstration**



**Patrick Peoples who just graduated from Yale University joined Deborah Maxwell in the Wilmington march.**





**TOM ROTHROCK, PRESIDENT OF THE SENIOR DEMOCRATS OF NORTH CAROLINA, SENT THESE PICTURES OF THE VAST CROWD AT THE "KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER" RALLY IN CHARLOTTE.**



**SENIOR DEMOCRATS - AND ALL DEMOCRATS - LOVE CHILDREN!**

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

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