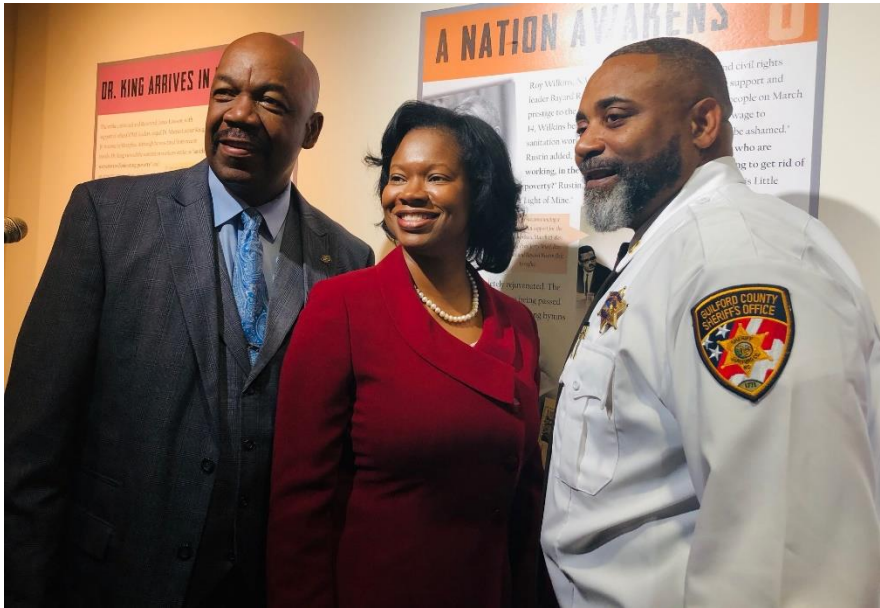


GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

January 3, 2019

YOUTH FEATURE – ANNE EVANGELISTA!



A HISTORIC MEET & GREET IN GUILFORD COUNTY!

For more than 300 years, the main purpose of law enforcement in North Carolina was to enforce slavery laws and Jim Crow laws to oppress the African American population.

In December the African American Caucus of Guilford County held a Meet & Greet to celebrate the progress that African Americans have made in law enforcement.

The event at the International Civil Rights Center and Museum drew a capacity crowd to salute the 2018 election of Avery Crump (center) and Danny H. Rogers (right.)

Avery Crump was elected the first African American District Attorney and first woman District Attorney in Guilford County's history!

Danny Rogers was elected the first African American Sheriff in Guilford County's history!

On the left above is County Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston who was a Co-Founder of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

A capacity crowd attended this happy event. Thanks to Felita Donnell for this article!



A distinguished roster of law enforcement officials!

From the left in the picture above are:

Judge Teresa Vincent, Judge Lora Cabbage, Judge Susan Bray, Judge Michelle Fletcher, Judge Betty Brown, Sheriff Danny Rogers, District Attorney Avery Crump, Judge Tonia Cutchin, and Judge Angela Foster



THE WEDDING OF CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCILWOMAN DIMPLE AJMERA

These pictures show the colorful, exciting wedding of City Councilwoman Dimple Ajmera to Dr. Vaibhav Bajaj, a dentist from Boston. What a happy event!



Mecklenburg Democratic leader Dan McCorkle had the honor of being a member of the wedding ceremony.





Dr. and Mrs. Vaibhav Bajaj celebrating their marriage.



State Representative John Autry, Erin Barbee, and Jennifer Roberts were among the many Democrats who attended the wedding.



Charlotte City Councilman Dr. Justin Harlow with his wife, Kiara Harlow at the wedding

HENDERSON COUNTY HONORS VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR!

At their December 27th dinner, the Democratic Party of Henderson County gave Volunteer Of The Year Awards to (left to right) Mindy Schwartz, Mary McGregor, and Kathleen Gould.

Randy Neall was also named a Volunteer Of The Year.

Outstanding County Chair Mark Vernon Case is kneeling in front of the winners in this picture.

More News: Next week Henderson County Democrats will be painting their new County Party Headquarters in Hendersonville!



FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN JUDGE INSTALLED IN CABARRUS COUNTY!

In November Judge Juanita Boger-Allen was elected as the first African American Judge in the history of Cabarrus County. On the day she was sworn in, she was joined by Cabarrus County Democratic Party Chair Dawn Larma, Dr. Grace Galloway, and many more Democrats.



Left: Judge Boger-Allen was elected to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Donna Johnson who is also a Democrat.

Right: Democratic star Ingrid Nurse joined in the celebration of the Judge's installation.





KEVIN JONES DELIVERS 30 COMPUTERS TO SCHOOL IN ROCKY MOUNT!

Nash County Democratic Party Vice Chair Kevin Jones brought the Christmas spirit to Williford Elementary School in Rocky Mount. After learning from Principal Kendrick Alston that most of the computers in the school's computer lab were more than 10 years old, Kevin swung into action. He said "For children in our community to have to use computers 10 years old and then be expected to compete with peers across the country and across the world is not right."

Kevin is the Director of the BAC Scholarship Fund. He teamed up with what he calls a "generous network of regional and national supporters" of the BAC Scholarship Fund to deliver more than 30 Dell laptop computers and Surface Pro tablets to the school.

The computers and tablets have a total value of more than \$51,000.

Kevin says: "Every time I'm made aware of an opportunity to improve a child's educational experience, I do all that I possibly can to bring that opportunity home - and this was one of those times."

Principal Alston is on the left in the picture above and Kevin is on the right.

Recently Kevin was able to help another student on behalf of the BAC Scholarship Fund. Alexis Jones-Brockington, who plans to attend Nash Community College to pursue a degree in medical patient services, will receive a \$500 scholarship from the BAC Scholarship Fund. Jones-Brockington, who is no relation to Kevin Jones, will be the first Tar River Academy graduate to receive a scholarship. Kevin said in a press release that the selection process was a competitive and that the selection committee felt that Alexis truly stood out.

This article and picture are from the *Rocky Mount Telegram*.



**MARENA GROLL TO
HEADLINE WAKE
DEMOCRATIC MEN'S
MEETING!**

President Max Adams has announced that one of North Carolina's most courageous Democrats, Marena Groll of Durham, will be the Keynote Speaker at next meeting of the Democratic Men of Wake County at:

**6:30PM, Monday, January 14, 2019
Holiday Inn Raleigh Downtown
320 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh**

Dinner is \$22 for Members of the Club and \$25 for Non-Members. All reservations for meals must be received by Thursday, January 10th. Reserve by replying to WakeDMC@mail.com.

Marena Groll chairs NC4ERA which is a project of NC National Organization of Women. She is one of the architects of the re-introduction of the ERA into the NC General Assembly. Her topic will be: The action plan for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.



**BLAIR WILLIAMS INAUGURATED
AS WAKE COUNTY
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT!**

Attorney Blair Williams received the Oath of Office to become Wake County Clerk of Superior County at a ceremony on December 3rd. Blair's family joined him for this happy occasion.

To get elected to this position, Blair defeated the incumbent Clerk of Court who is the granddaughter of Jesse Helms! Congratulations to all Wake County Democrats who worked to bring about this change!



**BUNCOMBE DEMOCRATS ANNOUNCE
2019 KICKOFF!**

**County Chair Jeff Rose and the strong Democrats of
Buncombe County invite everyone to their**

KICKOFF 2019 FUNDRAISER

6:30PM – 9:30PM

Friday, January 25, 2019

AB Tech Conference Center, Asheville

Delicious Buffet Dinner & Dessert

Try Your Luck At the Wine Pull & The Gift Card Tree

Tickets: \$50 or \$25 for Democrats Under 35

Get Your Tickets At

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YOUTH FEATURE – YD PRESIDENT ANNE EVANGELISTA!

Twenty six year old Anne Evangelista is President of the Young Democrats of North Carolina. Before being elected President, Anne had served as YDNC Executive Vice President, YDNC Communications Director, Vice President and then President of the Guilford County Young Democrats.

After practicing law as a non-profit attorney in Boone, Anne has recently moved to Raleigh where she is a Legislative Assistant at the General Assembly.



Shannon Auer and Matt Hughes with Anne



Anne campaigning with Julie Von Haefen



Anne and many other Young Democrats campaigning for Kathy Manning.



The pictures on this page show Anne with lots of other Young Democrats.

Anne earned a degree in Political Science at the University of South Carolina and then she earned a law degree from Elon University School of Law.

In her free time, when she is not watching Netflix with her cat, she likes going to Gamecock football and baseball games.

She also enjoys finding new breweries to taste in different North Carolina towns.



When asked about her goals, Anne replied:

Short term goals – “I’m excited to move to Raleigh and get to explore the Triangle.”

Long term goals – “I’m hoping to continue being an advocate for human empowerment through politics, law or both!”

Democrats may write to Anne at: annenevangelista@gmail.com.



CHRIS HEAGARTY INSTALLED ON WAKE SCHOOL BOARD!

Chris Heagarty was recently installed as a new member of the Wake County Board of Education. He was appointed to fill the remainder of the term of a member who passed. Jessica Holmes, Chair of the Wake County Board of County Commissioners, administered the oath. Chris's wife and children, Stephen and Sidney Emma, joined in the ceremony.



JIM MARTIN ELECTED CHAIR OF WAKE SCHOOL BOARD!

Dr. Jim Martin, Professor of Chemistry at NC State University, was recently elected Chair of the Wake County Board of Education. He is seated in the middle of the front row in this picture. Dr. Martin has been a member of the Board for many years. Seven of the nine Board members are Democrats.



A FASCINATING ROBESON COUNTY EVENT!

The Robeson County Bar Association has an annual Christmas Dinner called the Buck Harris Dinner. It is named for the late Superior Court Judge William C. Harris of Raleigh. He rode a circuit of county courts before today's unified court system was established.

Judge Harris held court in Robeson and his last session of court there each year was culminated with hunting and revelry. The Bar Association would hunt for deer and quail with Judge Harris after the last session of Superior Court. Still today, the dinner's menu consists of quail, deer hash, grits, boiled eggs, butter beans, cornbread and apple pie with a slice of cheese on top.

The 2018 dinner honored Judge Herbert Richardson (left above) who was retiring after 39 years on the bench and District Attorney Johnson Britt (right above) who was retiring after more than 25 years in office. Bar Association President Ronald Foxworth is center.

Judge Richardson was appointed in 1979 by Governor Jim Hunt and was the first African American judge in Robeson. He was re-elected unopposed every election after his appointment and became the longest serving District Court Judge in North Carolina history.



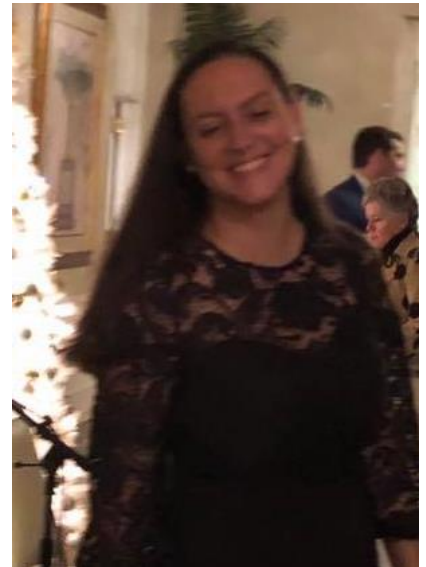
Kim and Tiffany Powers with Supreme Court Justice Cheri Beasley and Curtis Owens



Attorney Tiffany Powers, Clerk of Superior Court Shalena Smith, Attorney Sheena Oxendine-Hunt, with Attorney Jessica Scott



**Judge John Carter, Kim Powers, & Judge Stokes
with Supreme Court Justice Mike Morgan**



Judge Brooke Clark



**Kim Powers with incoming District
Attorney Matt Scott, the first Native
American DA in North Carolina history**



**Attorney Joshua McIntyre, Membership Director
of the State Bar Association, with Tiffany Powers**



Bar event cake



The site of the Bar dinner



Da'Quan Love Earns Masters Degree!

That outstanding Duplin County Democrat, Da'Quan Love, graduated from NC State University on December 19th with a Masters of Education Degree. He had a 3.786 Grade Point Average.

Da'Quan earned this degree while conducting a Primary campaign and a General Education campaign for State Representative in House District 10 in 2018. During this same time he was a fulltime third grade teacher in Duplin County!



Da'Quan's mother, Mary Love, stands beside him in this graduation portrait .



Several friends and campaign supporters joined Da'Quan for a celebratory lunch at the Lonnie Poole Golf Course at NC State.



MECKLENBERG DEMOCRATS ENJOY BLACK POLITICAL CAUCUS EVENT!

**Lots of Mecklenburg County Democrats packed into the
BLACK POLITICAL CAUCUS CHAIRMAN'S OPEN HOUSE & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
on December 16th.**

**In the picture on the left above President Arthur Griffin, Jr. displays the Christmas gift
which the Caucus members presented to him. The picture on the right above, features
Ninth Congressional Democratic Party Chair Cynthia Wallace and her mother, Mary Wallace.**



**NCDP 1st Vice Chair Aisha Dew and
Congresswoman Alma Adams were among
the attendees. Many other Democrats are
shown in subsequent pictures.**





AISHA DEW ON CAPITAL TONIGHT!

Aisha Dew is a political consultant with many clients. The CAPITAL TONIGHT television show in Charlotte has invited Aisha to express her political views and analyses several times in 2018.



MECKLENBURG YOUNG DEMS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

State Senator and Mrs. Jeff Jackson hosted a holiday party for the Young Democrats of Mecklenburg County at their Charlotte home. This is the fourth consecutive year the Jacksons have hosted this event.

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

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