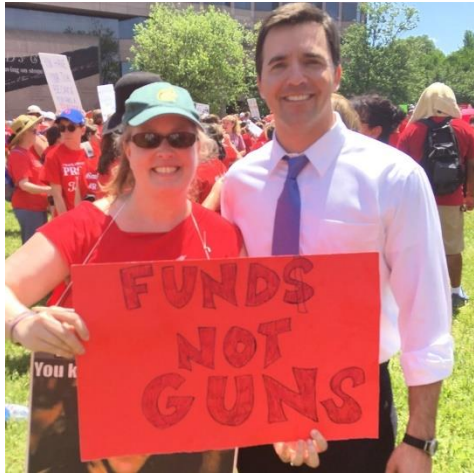


GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

MAY 13, 2019



DEMOCRATS MARCH FOR EDUCATION!

Thousands of Democrats filled the "RED FOR ED" march through downtown Raleigh on May 1st.

Democrats are proud to support North Carolina's public schools!

Prominent in the crowd were: Jennifer Bourne and Senator Jeff Jackson (Left)

Superintendent of PI candidate Jen Mangrum and Johnny Shaver of Duplin County (Center)

NCDP 2nd Vice Chair Matt Hughes & his fellow Hillsborough Town Commissioner Jennifer Weaver.



**Lifelong educators
Dot Kearns & Willie
Taylor of Guilford
County joined in.
Dot's support of
education has been
so strong that a
school was named
in her honor!**

**Senator Mujtaba
Mohammed and
Representative Graig
Meyer happily joined
the marchers.
No Republican
legislators
was spotted
in the march!**





Brunswick County Democratic Party leaders Mike Rush & Tom Sapp displayed their banner at the State Capitol during the march.



Democrats on the march!



Mike Rush of Brunswick County, 7th Congressional District First VC Sonya Bennetone, Brunswick County Party Chair Tom Sapp, and State House candidate Leslie Cohen of New Hanover.



SENIOR DEMOCRATS OF NORTH CAROLINA HOLD 2019 CONVENTION!

Senior Democrats from all over the state gathered at UNC-Wilmington for their 2019 State Convention on April 26-27. Gayle Wayne of Hendersonville is one of the prominently visible Democrats in this picture of the Pledge of Allegiance during the Convention's Opening Ceremony.



Left: Senior Democrats of North Carolina President Tom Rothrock of Charlotte planned, organized and conducted the two-day Convention. Delegates happily re-elected Tom for another term as President.

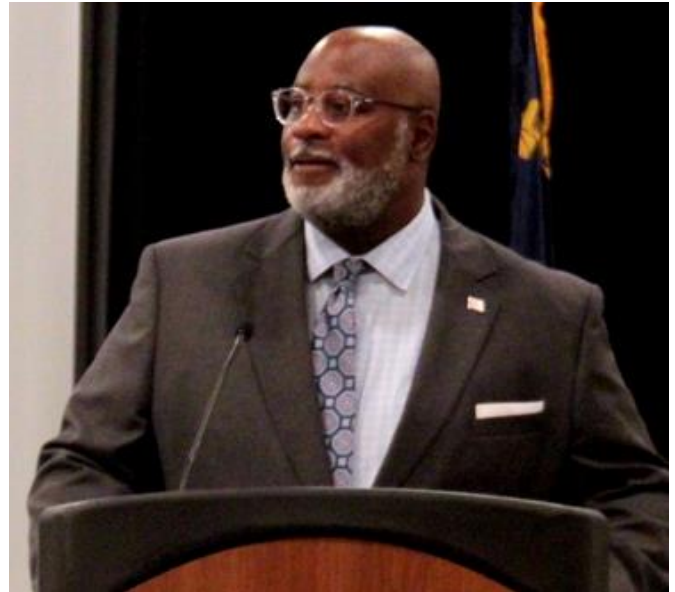
Center: The Convention named Geoff Hoy of Rowan County as "NORTH CAROLINA'S SENIOR DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR." Geoff has served as Chair of the Rowan County Democratic Party for many years.

Right: Dr. Kyle Horton was one of the Convention's Keynote Speakers. She delivered a rousing message about healthcare and other issues of concern to Senior Democrats.

All pictures in this article were taken by that great New Hanover Democrat, Owen Wexler.



**Lt. Governor candidates Bill Toole and Rep. Chaz Beasley addressed the Senior Dems.
Both of these Democrats live in Charlotte.**



New Hanover County Commissioners Rob Zapple and Jonathan Barfield spoke to the Convention.



Senior Democrats in one of their Convention sessions.



Senator Elizabeth Warren brought her Presidential campaign to the Senior Democrats Convention! She addressed them through a video that she made just for the NC Senior Dems! She had recorded the video earlier the same day. In the video she frequently mentioned North Carolina and the major role Senior Democrats will play in the 2020 Presidential Election.

Brunswick County Democrats attended the Senior Dems Convention in large numbers. Three of the Brunswick leaders are Neil Gilbert, Wesley Brown, and Alice Lohr.



One of the convention's most entertaining speakers was Pharmacist and Ventriloquist Steven Aldridge. It's amazing how well people listen to you when you are speaking through a puppet!



A FABULOUS CELEBRATION!

Asian American Pacific Islander Caucus staged an unforgettable AAPI HERITAGE MONTH celebration in Spring Lake on May 4th. Caucus President Dr. Grace Galloway saluted the event's hostess, Dr. Naveed Aziz, for producing a fabulous celebration.

Dragon Dancers are in the pictures above. In the picture on the right above children are feeding the Dragon.



Members of NCDP's AAPI Caucus Board with VIP guests



**Left:
Sunishka
Deshpande**

**Right: Dr.
Galloway with
Hakka
Dancers**





The Filipino contingent



**DNC AAPI Chair Bel Leong-Hong
with Dr. Robbie Akhere**



AAPI Board with some of the volunteers and guests



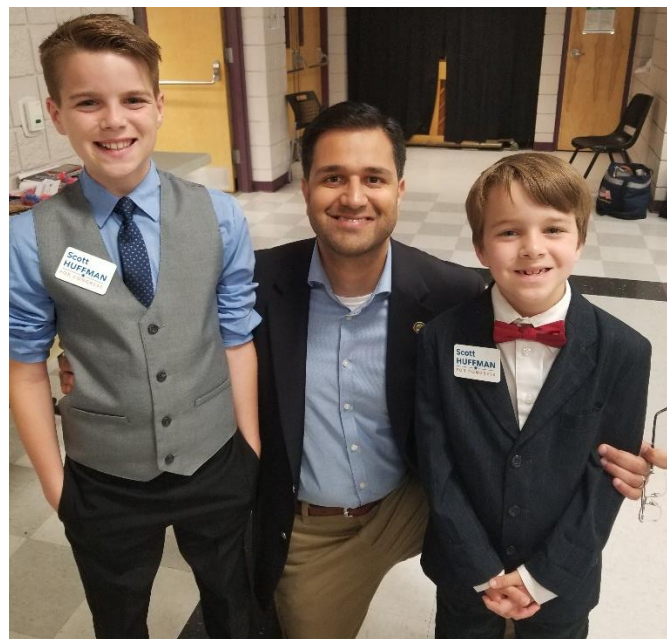
**SEC Member Ron Sanyal with the event's
Keynote Speaker, Congresswoman Grace Meng
of New York**



Dragon Dancers



Eighth Congressional District candidate Scott Huffman and his sons, Blake and Jeffrey, with Congresswoman Meng and Dr. Galloway



Jeffrey and Blake Huffman with Senator Mujtaba Mohammed of Charlotte. Jeffrey is 11 and Blake is 7.



Ron Sanyal & Chinmoyee Deshpande with 2019 Celebration Chair Dr. Naveed Aziz

**The Democratic National Committee
Featured Our AAPI Celebration
In Its Nationwide Newsletter!**

Click This Link To See What The DNC Says:

<https://mailchi.mp/fcbc9dfa19d0/aapi-newsletter-apahm-1534517>



COLLEGE DEMOCRATS OF NORTH CAROLINA ELECT NEW OFFICERS!

**At their recent State Convention in Greenville,
the College Democrats elected a strong
lineup of new Officers including:**

PRESIDENT ISAAC LOPEZ!

**VICE PRESIDENT
STEVEN GARFUNKEL
WITH GOVERNOR COOPER!**



**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
IZABEL MCCAFFREY**



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**50TH ANNIVERSARY
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06.08.19 | 8 AM | The Woman's Club of Raleigh

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A Different Kind Of Fashion Show Will Be Held At This 50th Anniversary Breakfast:

The Models Will Be Wearing Something In Which They Feel Powerful!

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At The Woman's Club Of Raleigh

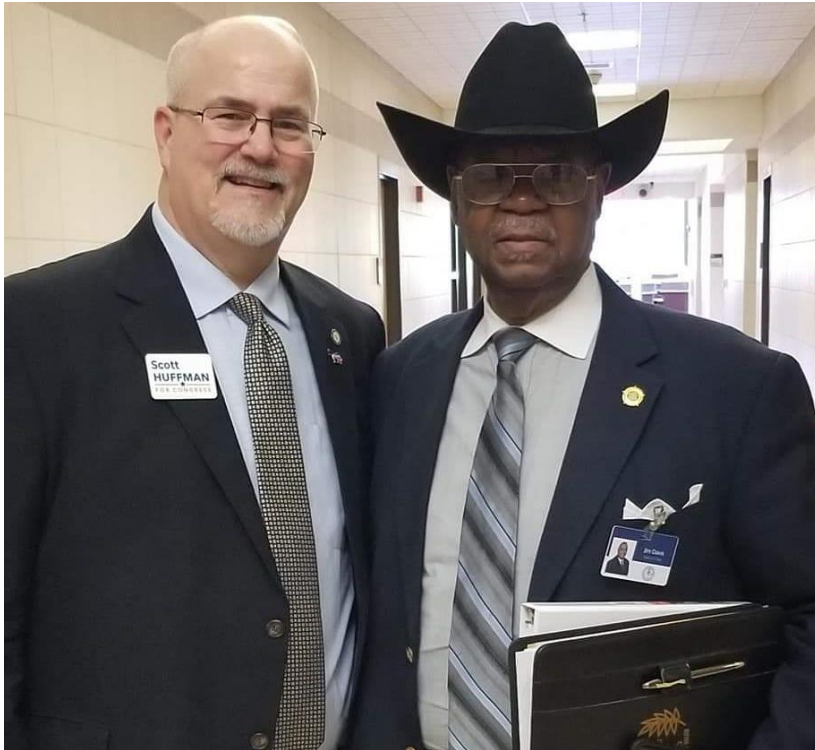
3300 Woman's Club Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

Event Co-Chairs: Vicky DeGroote & Penny Lauricella



TOWQIR EARNS MASTERS DEGREE!

**NCDP Third Vice Chair Nida Allam
happily congratulates her husband,
Towqir Aziz, as he graduates from
Duke University with a Master's Degree
in Bioethics and Science.
Next fall he will enter law school.**



JIM DAVIS ELECTED EIGHTH DISTRICT CHAIR!

At the Eighth Congressional District Convention in Spring Lake on April 27th, the following lineup of new District Officers was elected:

District Chair – Jim Davis, Hoke County

**1st Vice Chair – Sona Cooper,
Cumberland**

2nd Vice Chair – Dr. Elaine Coats, Stanly

3rd Vice Chair – Taylor Beckett, Cabarrus

Secretary – Christina Davis-McCoy, Hoke

Treasurer – Kerry Arnold, Moore County

Jim Davis is the former Sheriff of Hoke County. He is pictured with 8th District Congressional candidate Scott Huffman in this picture.

Scott and fellow Congressional Candidate Frank McNeill addressed the Convention.



State Senator Kirk Deviere is speaking to the 8th District Delegates in this picture. The Delegates also heard from Lt. Governor candidate Allen Thomas and Superintendent of PI candidate Keith Sutton. About two hundred Democrats attended this harmonious Convention!



TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION!

The beautiful Shelby Middle School was the site of the big Tenth Congressional District Convention on April 27th. The Delegates elected this terrific lineup of Officers to serve for the next two years: Treasurer Donna Luckey of Lincoln County, First Vice Chair Axia Wilson of Buncombe County, District Chair Betsy Wells of Cleveland County, Second Vice Chair Ray Raynor of Gaston County, and Third Vice Chair Allison Garren of Rutherford County. Lynn Dorfman of Catawba County was elected District Secretary.



What an auction! More than \$1,000.00 was raised during the Convention's Auction.



STEPHANIE GOSLEN CREATES & DONATES AN AMERICAN FLAG!

Stephanie Goslen worked more than six weeks to crochet this beautiful American flag which she donated to the Franklin County Democratic Party at their May 2nd meeting in Louisburg.



Franklin County Democrats proudly hung Stephanie's flag at their County Party Headquarters.

Stephanie is a Regional Director of the Democratic Women of North Carolina.

Her husband, Jesse Goslen, was elected Chair of the Second Congressional District Democratic Party on April 27th.



DIANE SNYDER RECEIVES LISTON B. RAMSEY AWARD!

For many years 11th Congressional District Democrats have held their big Liston B. Ramsey Dinner on the same date as their District Convention. On this occasion one Democrat from each county is named that year's winner of the Liston B. Ramsey award.

In the picture above DIANE SNYDER (center) is receiving the Liston B. Ramsey Award for Cherokee County! Jane Carver (left) and District Chair Kathy Sinclair are congratulating her.



JANE CARVER NAMED REGION ONE "DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR!"

At the Region One Democratic Women Annual Meeting in Asheville last week, Jane Carver of Cherokee County was named

"DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR!"

Jane's commitment to and active involvement in pursuing the ideals of the Democratic Party as well as her encouragement of others were noted as the award was presented to her.

In addition to being the Treasurer of the Region One Democratic Women, Jane is the First Vice Chair of the Cherokee

County Democrats and a member of the TriCounty Democratic Women. She was honored last year at the Liston B. Ramsey Dinner in Waynesville as the Cherokee County Democrat of the Year. Jane is holding her award in this picture. From left to right are NC Democratic Women President Julia Buckner, Betty Anderson of Clay County and Nancy Helms of Cherokee County.



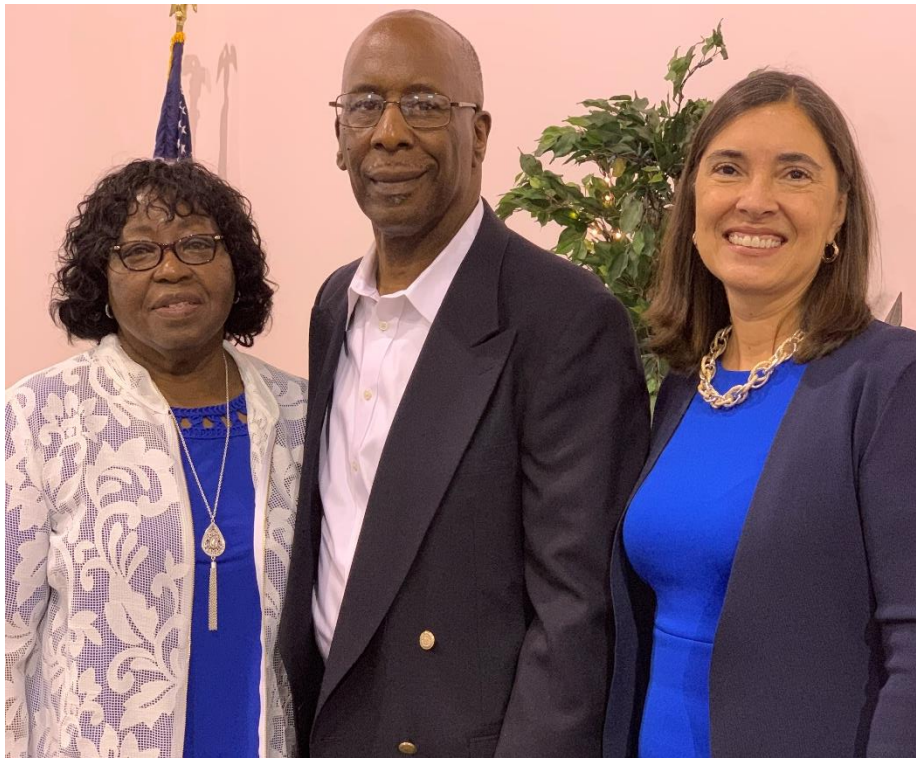
MARY HERR HONORED!

MARY HERR was saluted as the **Liston B. Ramsey Award** winner for **Swain County** for her many years of service to our good government party. **Swain County Chair Luke Hyde** and **District Chair Kathy Sinclair** happily presented the award.



TWO GREAT DEMOCRATS!

The Facebook page of **Pup's Steakhouse** in **Wilson** features this relaxed portrait of **Governor Jim Hunt** and **Dewey Sheffield** with their host. The caption reads: "It is always good to have **Governor Hunt** and **Dewey Sheffield**!" May these two lifelong friends enjoy many more dinners together!



**HOKE COUNTY
DEMOCRATS
HOST A SUCCESSFUL
“SPRING COMMUNITY
BRUNCH FUNDRAISER!”**

**New Hoke County Democratic
Party Chair William Hollingsworth
and his wife, Pastor Vera
Hollingsworth, welcomed
Supreme Court Justice
Anita Earls and a large crowd
of Democrats to their
“Spring Community Brunch”
on May 4th.**



**Hoke County Democrats
are excited about Allen Thomas’
campaign for Lt. Governor!**



**County Chair William Hollingsworth, Judge Regina Joe,
Judge Toni King and Judge Tiffany Whitfield**



**Justice Anita Earls with
Hoke County Commissioners
Bobby Wright, Chair James A. Leach,
Tony Hunt, and Harry Southerland**



RUTHERFORD DEMOCRATS SHINE AT MAYFEST!

Rutherford County Democrats were a major presence at the Mayfest in Rutherfordton on May 4th. While most of the county party officers were at the State Party Training Session in Greensboro, Sarah Thompson and her team of volunteers staffed the Democratic booth.

From the left the picture above features Phyllis Washburn, Kay Leibel, Gina Collias, Sarah Thompson, and Colleen Grossell.



Gina Collias has kicked off her campaign for Congress in the Tenth Congressional District.



Strong men vote Democratic!

**All Democratic candidates are invited to send pictures, captions, and short articles to:
melvin535@gmail.com**



JOIN THE VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES CAUCUS!

Caucus Chair Wendy May sends this invitation:

“Calling all Veterans! Are you on a mission for your rights? The Veterans and Military Families Caucus of the NCDP is on that mission and we need your help to raise our voices in Raleigh and in every county seat in North Carolina.

“As a group of the North Carolina Democratic Party our number one mission is to be the voices of our Veterans, Military Families, Widows, Widowers, and active duty members of the US Armed Services.

“Our group is in need of you. We need a chapter in every North Carolina county. Please join us and help us form a county chapter so our voice will be heard and we can elect Veterans, Military Families, and Allies.”

Go to our website:

WWW.VMFCNCDP.ORG

The Officers of the Caucus are:

- **Wendy Ella May, Chair/State Commander**
- **Gary Cooper, First Vice Chair/Junior State Commander**
- **Lynn Mari Slivka, Secretary/State Caucus Adjutant**
- **Vice Chair/Senior Vice State Commander – Janice Covington Allison**
- **Scott Huffman, Second Vice State Commander**
- **State Caucus Treasurer – Arnita Miles**

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CHATHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

For many years, the largest fundraising event of the Chatham County Democrats has been their Fleet Reddish Dinner. This event was named after a great Chatham Democrats of past decades.

The 2019 Dinner was held on May 4th. The picture above was taken at the end of the happy event. Included in the picture are: Sheriff Mike Roberson, Mayor Cindy Perry, Sixth District Chair Randolph Voller, County Chair Jan Nichols, School Board Member Dee Turner, Senator Valerie Foushee, Rep. Robert Reives, Allen Baddour, County Commissioner Karen Howard, Jane Wilson, and County Commissioner James Crawford.

Chatham County Chair Jan Nichols said: "Our 2019 Fleet Reddish dinner was a success on all fronts! Everyone had a wonderful time with great company and great food. Sen Van Duyn provided important information about the current workings of the legislature and the critical role of the Lt. Governor. She inspired us all to work hard for our entire slate of candidates in 2020!"



SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ELECTS NEW OFFICERS!

**The outstanding new Officers of the Sixth District are:
Front row: Chair Randy Voller of Chatham, 2nd Vice Chair Delilah Warner of Randolph, 3rd Vice Chair Elsie Rogers of Alamance.**

Second row: 3rd Vice Chair Brandon Combs of Person, Treasurer Cindy Palay of Chatham, Secretary Tim Greene of Randolph.

Third row: Minority Affairs Director Byron Gladden of Guilford

Bill Toole for Lt. Governor



Yesterday, I met teachers from Pitt County. They told me about the lack of instructional materials in their classrooms. They cannot even afford enough textbooks for each student to have a copy, so they have to make Xerox copies. That's ridiculous!

I was proud to march with teachers in Raleigh yesterday – it's time to put public education first in North Carolina.



I always love returning home to Belmont, especially for the Garibaldi Festival.



I was honored to be walking with the Sisterhood Share Club at the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. This walk empowers women impacted by sexual or domestic violence, and supports efforts to provide ongoing resources for prevention.

The most recent campaign activities of Lt. Governor candidate Bill Toole are pictured here. Bill is enjoying taking his campaign across the state!

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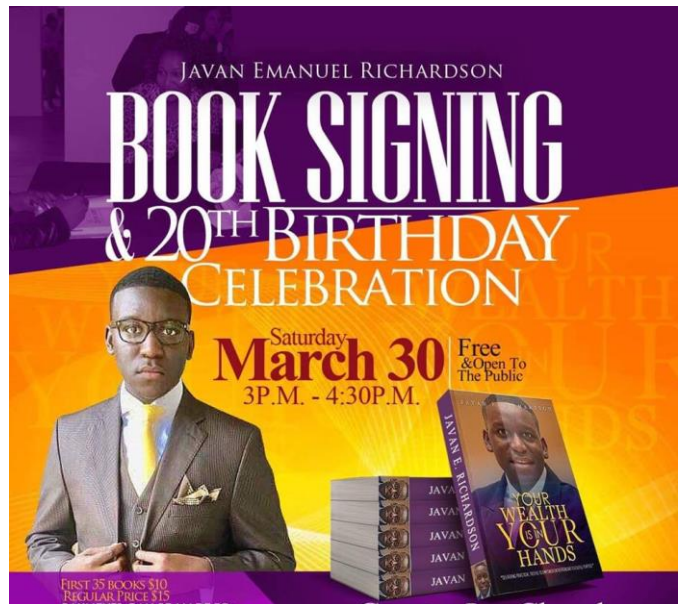
SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION!

More than 200 Democrats gathered at the Wallace Elementary School for the Seventh Congressional District Convention on April 27th. For the fourth consecutive year, Brunswick County brought the largest crowd of Democrats.

State Senator Harper Peterson of New Hanover County delivered the Keynote Address. Short talks were made by Superintendent of PI candidate Michael Maher and by surrogates for Lt. Governor candidates Cal Cunningham, Chaz Beasley, Terry Van Duyn and for Labor Commissioner candidate Eva Lee.



Delegates elected the Democrats in this picture to serve as Officers for 2019-2021. From the left they are: Secretary Farrah Farrior of Duplin County, First Vice Chair Sonya Bennetone of New Hanover, District Chair Francisco Diaz of Duplin for his third term, retiring 3rd Vice Chair Kerry Kriesler of Johnston, new 3rd Vice Chair Eva Gresham of Columbus, Treasurer Melanie Wright-Ladd of Wayne. Chair Francisco appointed Kelvin Stallings (on the right) to be the new Communications Director and Nick Rhodes of New Hanover to continue as Director of Minority Affairs.



JAVAN RICHARDSON PUBLISHES A CHEERFUL BOOK!

Over the years this newsletter has featured Javan Richardson many times. Now this NC A&T student and evangelistic preacher has authored an exciting book entitled “Your Wealth Is In Your Hands.”

It has been well received by people who have read it. You can purchase Javan’s book through either of these sources:

Cash App: \$JavanRichardson

PayPal: [paypal.me/remarkablejavan](https://www.paypal.me/remarkablejavan)

The price is only \$20 which includes shipping.



**From an early age, Javan has had the courage to achieve his dreams.
He is frequently a guest evangelist in churches across the state.
He recently met one of his favorite people: Bishop T. D. Jakes.**



BOBBIE RICHARDSON!

NCDP First Vice Chair Bobbie Richardson is going all over the state speaking at Democratic events and raising significant amounts of money for the Party.

The picture above was made in Tampa, Florida when Bobbie attended the National Convention of Links, Inc. The lady with her is Dr. Kimberly Leonard, National President of the organization.

Links, Inc. is a social Sisterhood in which members are dedicated to friendship and service to each other and to the community.



DEMOCRATS HOST 97TH ANNUAL LUNCH!

Former State Representative Marian McLawhorn, Pitt County Commissioner Ann Huggins, Richard McLawhorn, and DNC Member Shelia Huggins were photographed at the 97th Annual Pierce-Spilman Fellowship Lunch at the McLawhorn farm in Ayden, North Carolina.



Register today!

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF WAKE COUNTY

UNITY BREAKFAST 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DRESSED TO EMPOWER!

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GRAIG MEYER KEYNOTES PENDER COUNTY UNITY BANQUET!

Pender County Democrats completely filled the banquet room of NINETEEN Restaurant in Hampstead for their May 11th Unity Banquet.

State Representative Graig Meyer of Orange County gave an inspiring Keynote Address.



Pender County Democratic Party Chair Carol Ann Johnson spoke to the gathering about the upcoming opportunities for election successes.

Prominently visible in this picture are New Hanover County Party Chair Richard Poole, Seventh Congressional District Director of Minority Affairs Nick Rhodes, and New Hanover First Vice Chair Deloris Rhodes.



Pender Democrats enjoyed bidding on a multitude of items in the Silent Auction.

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North Carolina Democratic Party**