

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

AUGUST 20, 2019



MECKLENBURG DEMOCRATIC WOMEN "PAINT THE TOWN BLUE!"

On August 15th the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg staged their annual "PAINT THE TOWN BLUE" banquet. The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the Doris Cromartie Award to longtime progressive Democrat Rose Wood who is wearing the beautiful flowered dress in the pictures above.

In the left picture above Rose is surrounded by Gavin McDowell, Ninth District Chair Cynthia Wallace, and County Commissioner Susan McDowell with Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles standing behind them.

In the picture on the right above, Rose is being congratulated by DW First Vice President Lisa Ellsworth.



**DW President Connie Green-Johnson
with Dimple Desai**



**State Representative Carla Cunningham with
Superintendent of Schools candidate
Constance Johnson**



Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Chair Jane Whitley, Dimple Desai, Representative Wesley Harris, and Donna Marie Woodson



Helping Paint The Town Blue: Each of these judicial leaders will be on the 2020 ballot. From the left: Judge John Arrowood of the NC Court of Appeals who is running for the Supreme Court in 2020. Judge Lucy Inman of the NC Court of Appeals who will also be running for the Supreme Court in 2020. Justice Mark Davis who will be running for a full term on the Supreme Court in 2020. Judge Christopher Brook who will be running for a full term on the Court of Appeals in 2020.



Suzanne Elsberry gave a tribute to award recipient Ann Wood.



Belal Elrahal, Senator Mujtaba Mohammed and State Representative John Autry



Elaine Paroff, DW Issues Chair Laura DiFraia, DW President Connie Green-Johnson, Ninth Congressional District Congressional Candidate Dan McCready, Donna Marie Woodson, and Judy Wittman



Rep. Brandon Loftin, Rep. Nasif Majeed, Senator Mujtaba Mohammed, Rep. Mary Belk, Rep. Wesley Harris, Rep. Becky Carney, Rep. John Autry, Senator Joyce Waddell and US Senate candidate State Senator Erica Smith of Northampton County.



City Council candidates Jorge Millares and Renee Perkins Johnson (right) with DW President Connie Green-Johnson



Judge Donald Cureton with CMS School Board Member Elyse Dashew



**Dimple Desai, DW Historian Norah Burke & Maytee Sanz
Norah Burke made many of the pictures in this article.**



**Marcie Shealy with
State Representative Rachel Hunt**



**The Ways & Means Committee of the Mecklenburg Democratic Women.
From the left: Courtney Stallman, Marilou Mabe, Chair Sharon Roberts,
Suzanne Elsberry, Linda Levy, Mary Milan, and Meg Davis**



**Michael Adarkwa, Representative Rachel Hunt,
Abigail Frempong, Stephanie Frempong,
Supt. of Public Instruction candidate
Constance Lav Johnson**



**Dr. Jack Burton, MD,
husband of
Constance Lav Johnson**



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CARY RECEPTION FOR CAL CUNNINGHAM!

Mr. and Mrs. Rashidul Islam held a reception for US Senate candidate Cal Cunningham at their elegant Cary home on Saturday, August 17th. Among the Democrats in the picture above are **Matty Lazo-Chadderton, State Senate candidate Christine Kushner, AAPI-NCDP President Dr. Grace Galloway, and Chinmoyee Deshpande.**



Cal enjoyed lively conversations with every one at the reception





WATAUGA DEMS REGISTER 1,000 NEW VOTERS AT ASU!

Pam and Jerry Wayne Williamson and this outstanding group of Democrats have conducted an all-out drive to register Democrats at Appalachian State University as students arrive for the fall semester. In case you are wondering: Most of these were NEW registrations. Only a small percent was made up of students transferring to Watauga County from other counties.

Included in the picture above are: Chris Behrend, Lee Franklin, Michael Bugge, and Griffith Porter. If more names arrive, this picture will be featured again.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

PORCH PARTY – CELEBRATING THE REOPENING OF THE GOODWIN HOUSE!

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DR. STEVE WOODSMALL & LINDA WILKINS-DANIELS!

Eleventh District Congressional Candidate Dr. Steve Woodsmall was one of many Democrats who attended the General Membership Meeting of the NCDP African American Caucus at the State Headquarters in Raleigh on August 18th. Dr. Woodsmall drove from his home in Brevard in Transylvania County. AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels welcomed Dr. Woodsmall and many other Democrats from all over the state.

Steve Woodsmall has already started a very active campaign to remove Freedom Caucus President Mark Meadows from Congress. He is doing a lot of opposition research so that he can tell 11th District voters the truth about Mark Meadow's performance in Washington.

Steve gathered one stunning piece of information from a national radio interview with former Speaker of the House John Boehner last week.

When Speaker Boehner was asked about Mark Meadows, he replied: ["Mark Meadows is an idiot!"](#)

Did you know? Steve Woodsmall authored a book entitled ["IT BEATS EATING LIZARDS: LESSONS LEARNED IN LIFE AND LEADERSHIP."](#)

Amazon has this fascinating information about Steve's book: "A collection of true short stories that illustrate the lessons in everyday experiences, such as the story of his selfless dying grandmother; the lady who gives the Governor only one piece of chicken; the manager who runs out of a training course to "unfire" an employee; and the six-year-old girl who years later gives her father his own advice."

Amazon continues: "In the short time it takes to read each meaningful story, you'll gain new perspective that will last a lifetime!"

Steve's website is: <https://Woodsmall4nc.com>



LARGE LINCOLN COUNTY TURNOUT FOR GOVERNOR COOPER!

On August 13th lots of Lincoln County citizens gathered at the Lincoln Country Club in Lincolnton for a major fundraising event for Governor Roy Cooper's re-election. In the picture above, Governor Cooper is happily posing the some of the county's Teen Dems.



Governor Cooper with County Party Chair Elaine Jenkins (left) and County Party 3rd Vice Chair Melissa Cordell (right)



Left: Mary Francis White, the first African American ever elected to a public office in the county.

Right: Cindy Hatley and Mayor Ed Hatley

All these pictures were sent in by Melissa Cordell.



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ELAINE MARSHALL VISITS POLK COUNTY!

NC Secretary of State Elaine Marshall visited Polk County on August 9th at the invitation of the Polk County Democratic Party. More than 100 guests turned out to hear her speak and to enjoy a dinner prepared by the Polk County Democratic Women's Club. Polk County Party Chair Andy Millard introduced Marshall who is running to retain the Secretary of State office which she has held since 1996 when, she explained, her Republican opponent was race car driver Richard Petty . She takes pleasure in saying she raced Richard Petty and won!



In her remarks Elaine explained the many duties of her office and how she has modernized them by making more interactions with business and the public available online. Her office is a nationwide leader in this regard!

This was Marshall's first visit to Polk County and she received an enthusiastic welcome from the crowd.

Joining Andy Millard and Elaine Marshall in the picture above are Sam and Deda Edney. Sam is running for NC House in District 113 (Transylvania, Polk, and Henderson counties.)

Also in attendance was Mack McKeller who was appointed District Court Judge for District 29B (also Transylvania, Polk and Henderson counties.)

Judge McKeller will be running to retain this seat in 2020.

Thanks to Polk County First Vice Chair Pat Salomon for sending this information.



PENDER DEMOCRATIC WOMEN CELEBRATE EQUALITY DAY!

On Saturday, August 17th the Democratic Women of Pender County held their Third Annual EQUALITY DAY Dinner. State Representative Deb Butler of New Hanover County was the Keynote Speaker at his event in Hampstead.



The Democratic Women of Pender County are standing up strong and bold!





NEW CARTERET COUNTY HEADQUARTERS!

Saturday, August 17th was a happy day for the Democrats of Carteret County as they held an Open House, ribbon-cutting and Grand Opening Celebration at their new Headquarters in Morehead City!

One Democrat wrote: “The attendees were happy, excited, and thrilled to attend the Grand Opening. The food, beverages, and office space were well received.”



The front windows of the Headquarters display the Party's contact information:

**www.CarteretDemocrats.org
Democrats4Carteret@gmail.com**

Everyone knows that Brenda Pollard is one of the strongest supporters of GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS.

Brenda and her husband, Larry, have a condominium residence at Atlantic Beach.

They enjoy attending events of the Carteret County Democratic Party when they are at the beach.

In the picture on the right, the President of the Democratic Women of Carteret County is with Brenda.



RECEPTION IN SUPPORT OF THE

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YOUNG DEMOCRATS' LBGTQ CAUCUS EVENT!

On August 10th the LBGTQ Caucus of the Young Democrats of North Carolina held a fundraiser with the Charlotte chapter of the National Organization of Women. They raised money to buy transportation passes for immigrants in the Charlotte area.

Above: State Rep. Allison Dahle, Melissa Cordell who is Chair of the YD's LBGTQ Caucus, and Jenny-Jaymes Gunn.



Christine Link, Kristen Robinson, Jenny-Jaymes Gunn and Melissa Cordell

This picture features the Charlotte NOW members who helped organize this event.

Thanks to Melissa Cordell for sending the information in this article.





WAYNE GOODWIN, CYNTHIA WALLACE – FOUR COUNTY LISTENING TOUR!

With the eyes of the entire nation on the upcoming September 10th special election in the Ninth Congressional District, State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin and Ninth District Party Chair Cynthia Wallace embarked on a four-county Listening Tour on August 13th. They went to Bladen, Robeson, Scotland, and Richmond counties.

They were joined by NCDP Executive Director Meredith Cuomo and Deputy Executive Director Doug Wilson.

From 9:00AM – 10:15AM they met with Bladen County farmers at the Powell-Melvin Agricultural Service Center in Elizabethtown. From the left in the picture above are: Cynthia Wallace, County Commissioner Charles Evans of Cumberland County, Wayne Goodwin, and Chris Stevenson of the NCDP AAC.





From 11:30AM until 1:00PM the touring Democrats met with Robeson County Democrats at the Golden Corral in Lumberton.



The next stop was at the Main Table Restaurant in Laurinburg where Walter Jackson and Dorothy Tyson joined Cynthia and Wayne in this picture. This meeting was from 1:30PM – 2:30PM.



Executive Director Meredith Cuomo and Ninth District Chair Cynthia Wallace shared their political insights and answered questions during the stop in Laurinburg. These two wise leaders know a lot!



Part of the crowd in Laurinburg

Question: Have you invited the NCDP Listening Tour to come to your county yet?



From 3:30PM to 4:30PM the tour met with Richmond County Democrats at Hudson Brothers Deli in Rockingham. Crystal Monique Morrison is addressing the group in the picture on the right.



This picture includes Richmond County Commissioner Tavares Bostic. He is one of the youngest County Commissioners in the state!



During all four stops Wayne, Cynthia, Meredith, and Doug shared good information and learned a lot about the thoughts, ideas, and concerns of Democrats in each of the four counties they visited!

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Melvin Williams, State Secretary
North Carolina Democratic Party**