

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

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SPECIAL FEATURE – WILLIAM GARNER!



ALMA ADAMS' MADHATTERS

Lots of hats and lots of Democrats filled Congresswoman Alma Adams MAD HATTERS PARTY in Charlotte on August 24th. Dr. Jill Biden was the featured speaker.

Six judicial stars: Judge Elizabeth Trosch, Chief Justice Cheri Beasley of the NC Supreme Court, Judge Ty Hands, Judge Karen Eady-Williams, Judge Alicia Brooks, & Judge Carla Archie



Left: Mecklenburg DW First Vice President Lisa Ellsworth, DW President Connie Green-Johnson, with State Representative Mary Belk

Right: State Representative Becky Carney, State Representative Mary Belk, US Senate candidate Cal Cunningham, and DW President Connie Green-Johnson



Constance Lav Johnson with Congresswoman Adams



Pamela Hemphill, Gloria McKenzie, Constance Lav Johnson, Senator Joyce Waddell, & Pat Moore



Ninth Congressional District Chair Cynthia Wallace with DW President Connie Green-Johnson



CMS School Board Member Elyse Dashew



This hat Congresswoman Adams was wearing was auctioned for \$2,000.00!



Charlotte City Councilman Larken Egleston



State Senator Joyce Waddell was resplendent in red!

Thanks to Lisa Ellsworth and Constance Johnson for sending these colorful pictures.



POLITICS & POLICY

Democratic presidential hopefuls complain about being pushed off debate stage

John Wildermuth, Joe Garofoli | on August 26, 2019



Photo: Paul Chinn / The Chronicle

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John Verdejo and Denise Adams, both from North Carolina, embrace after a fiery speech by the Rev. William Barber II during a Democratic National Committee meeting at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco on Friday.



Politics

Democratic Party leaders catch grief from moderates and liberals as they look to 2020 election



Attendees cheer as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.)

NC DEMOCRATS RECEIVE NATIONWIDE PUBLICITY!

Our North Carolina Members of the Democratic National Committee received nationwide recognition in the news media during the DNC meeting in San Francisco last week.

In the picture on the left above, the *SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE* showed NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin applauding as John Verdejo and DeeDee Adams hugged each other following Dr. William Barber's fiery address.

In the picture on the right above *THE WASHINGTON POST* shows John and DeeDee cheering during the speech of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

The NC Democrats who attended this San Francisco DNC meeting were: Chair Wayne Goodwin, Shelia Huggins, DeeDee Adams, John Verdejo, ED Meredith Cuomo, and NCDP Senior Advisor Kimberly Reynolds.

In typical news media style, the headline writers of both newspapers tried to draw readers to their articles by writing controversial headlines. Our DNC attendees reported that this DNC meeting was positive, cheerful, and harmonious.



**In San Francisco:
Shelia Huggins
and Wayne Goodwin
with Presidential
candidate Senator
Michael Bennett of
Colorado and another
Democrat**



**Shelia Huggins, Meredith Cuomo, Wayne Goodwin,
DeeDee Adams and John Verdejo in front of the DNC stage**



**Wayne Goodwin asked ED Meredith Cuomo to present our NC Action Plan
to the Southern Caucus of the DNC.**



**Presidential candidate Andrew Yang
with John Verdejo**

**Andrew Yang has qualified
to participate in the September
presidential debate.**

**John and Wayne
with presidential candidate
Marianne Williamson**



**A memory that will last a lifetime:
John Verdejo walked all the way
across the Golden Gate Bridge
and back.
That's a 3.4 mile walk!**





YOUTH FEATURE – WILLIAM GARNER

GUILFORD AND CARTERET COUNTIES!

The two pictures above were made about one year apart. In the picture on the left William Garner is with his mother, Dr. Ginger Garner, and Gov. Roy Cooper on August 15, 2018 in Raleigh. In the picture on the right he was with his mother and Governor Cooper in Greensboro on July 13, 2019.

Eleven year-old William is fascinated by political activities and issues! In 2018 his mother was the Democratic candidate for State Senate in the district that includes Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico counties.

Ginger says: “William was an excellent canvasser with my campaign in the 2018 election. He has marched in several protests since 2016.”

Recently William moved with his mother and his brothers, Michael and James, from Carteret County to Guilford County. He will enter the sixth grade this fall and he wants to be involved with the Student Council. Since this will be his first year in middle school, it will be his first opportunity to be part of the Student Council.

William likes to stay in the know about current events and he is very proactive about fundraising. He has independently raised several hundred dollars each for the NAACP, the ALCU, and for a domestic violence shelter.

When asked about his favorite hobbies, William replied: “My favorite hobbies are playing sports and talking about politics – and talking about what improvements need to be made in gun laws.”

Ginger Garner is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and she specializes in women’s health. She says: “Now that we have moved from Carteret County to Guilford County, William and our whole family are looking for ways to plug in and help the right candidates win in 2020, as well as support the organizations that are fighting for justice and equality for all in our democracy.”

Goal: Last weekend while he was making himself a PB&J, William said: “You know, I think I want to go to law school.” Ginger replied that law school was a wonderful choice and that he was a natural fit for the public service he’s so interested in pursuing afterward!



RONNIE CHATTERJI!

Ronnie Chatterji carried his campaign for State Treasurer to Greenville last weekend. In this picture, he is standing in the center of the back row in front of the mantel. Delicious food was served by Matt Scully, owner of the Scullery. He is Greenville's Small Business Owner Of The Year.

DO YOU KNOW THESE FACTS ABOUT RONNIE?

Ronnie is a father, husband, and proud resident of Durham. He is an economist and tenured professor at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business and Sanford School of Public Policy.

He previously served as a senior economist at the White House Council of Economic Advisers in the Obama Administration. He has advised multiple presidential and US Senate campaigns on economic policy. He is an appointee to Governor Cooper's Entrepreneurial Council and Transportation Secretary Trogdon's NC First Commission.

Ronnie's campaign says: "Ronnie has a proven record of turning innovative ideas into smart economic policy, helping family-owned businesses in North Carolina as well as Fortune 500 companies grow and thrive. He is a frequent keynote speaker and experienced adviser to leading companies in finance, healthcare, technology, energy, retail and sports."

His campaign manager says: "As the son of two public school educators, Ronnie is passionate about teaching and learning. His work ignited the League of Innovative Schools, a national network of pioneering school district leaders. He also helped create an online platform to test new educational technologies for K-12 students. Locally, he designed and taught an entrepreneurship class in Durham Public Schools and served on the board of Communities in Schools."

He has authored several opinion pieces on economic policy in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and the *Raleigh News and Observer*.

He is a leading authority on corporate social responsibility. His recent book, "Can Business Save the Earth?" explains how business leaders, investors, and policymakers can collaborate to build a more sustainable world.

Ronnie was previously a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and worked as a financial analyst. He received his Ph.D from UC Berkeley and his undergraduate degree in economics from Cornell University. He and his wife Neely have three children.

His website is: www.RonnieChatterji.com



BEAUTIFUL DEMOCRATS IN RALEIGH CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL PARADE!

Mrs. Michelle Francis and her one year-old daughter, Fifi, proudly marched in the annual Raleigh Caribbean Festival Parade on Saturday, August 24th.

**Michelle and Fifi are the daughter and granddaughter of
Harnett County Democrat Elizabeth Crudup.**

**Editor's note: I am constantly searching for colorful pictures.
This is one of the most colorful pictures ever!**



**SOUTHWEST BRUNSWICK DEMOCRATS RAISED OVER \$8,000
AT THEIR GOLF TOURNAMENT!**

The “Golf Gods” were smiling on the Brunswick County Democratic Party and Democrats from all corners of North Carolina on Sunday, August 25th as they had the nicest day of the summer to play their third annual SOBAD Golf Tournament! SOBAD stands for Southwest Brunswick Area Democrats. The Party’s total profit on this happy event was \$8,244.88!

The picture above features the Mosquito # 1 Precinct team who won the tournament!



The SOBAD Golf Tournament was co-founded by Neil Gilbert (left) and Tom Goodwin. Tom is holding the SOBAD Cup which was presented to the winning Mosquito # 1 Precinct team.



More than 150 Democrats enjoyed the tournament luncheon at the Sandpiper Bay Golf Club in Sunset Beach.

State Senate candidate Dr. David Sink (left) spoke at the luncheon. Brunswick County Party Chair Tom Sapp (right) introduced five candidates who are running for statewide offices.



Lt. Governor candidate Bill Toole drove from Charlotte and Lt. Governor candidate Terry Van Duyn drove from Asheville to fellowship with Brunswick County Democrats.



Candidates Dr. David Sink, Terry Van Duyn, and Bill Toole with Brunswick Party Chair Tom Sapp and Brunswick Party Treasurer Dwight Willis



**You gotta love Tom Steward's tee shirt which says:
"MAKE OBAMA PRESIDENT AGAIN!"**



BIG DEMOCRATIC TURNOUT IN GOP TERRITORY!

More than 60 Democrats turned out for the Precinct Cluster 2020 Kickoff Meeting of Cashiers and Glenville precincts in Jackson County. Despite the fact that lots of GOP voters live in these two precincts, this crowd of Democrats was genuinely enthusiastic about the next election.

OUTSTANDING! This gathering also celebrated the big Democratic turnout in these two precincts in the 2018 election. In that election 73% of Democrats voted in Cashiers precinct and 67% of Democrats voted in Glenville precinct!

This high voter performance helped send Joe Sam Queen to the State House, helped end the supermajority in Raleigh, and PUT A MAJORITY IN PLACE ON THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS!

Everyone in the meeting agreed that their goal is: DO IT AGAIN!



Jackson County Commissioners Gayle Woody and Boyce Dietz shared Jackson County government news with the Democrats of Cashiers and Glenville.



Longtime State Representative Phil Haire spoke to the happy Democrats.

Thanks to Lorna Barnett for sending this terrific news from Jackson County.



JACKSON COUNTY WELCOMES GOVERNOR COOPER!

Lots of Democrats from all over western North Carolina assembled at the home of former Judge and Mrs. Lacy Thornburg for a fundraising event supporting Governor Cooper's re-election. Democrats filled their home in Webster, North Carolina. Eleventh Congressional District candidate Steve Woodsmall happily posed with the Governor at this event.



CATAWBA DEMOCRATS TURNOUT FOR GOVERNOR COOPER!

Catawba County supporters of Governor Cooper came out in large numbers for a recent fundraising event supporting his re-election campaign.



EAST WAKE DEMOCRATS!

Enthusiastic members of the East Wake Democrats held a meaningful meeting on August 20th.

The picture above shows the new Officers who were elected during the meeting. From the left they are:

**Outreach Chair Meg Brown
Treasurer Robin Kitson
Vice President Katie Kandylas**

**President Estancia (Stan) Bell
Angela Bridgman**



The main feature of the program was the Keynote Speech of Jane Pinsky who spoke on the history and current state of gerrymandering in the Tar Heel state. After her talk Jane led an engaging discussion about gerrymandering.

The goal of the East Wake Democrats is to get official recognition as an auxiliary of the Wake County Democratic Party.

Thanks to Rita Rakestraw for sending this information.



JEN MANGRUM IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY!

Jen Mangrum brought her campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Mulberry Community Center in Shallotte in Brunswick County on August 18th.

Jen and the voters of Brunswick County talked at length about the current state of education and how small towns in Eastern North Carolina are underfunded and lacking resources and support from the state.



Her website is: www.JenMangrumForNC.com



DR. GRACE GALLOWAY & BETO O'ROUKE!

Dr. Grace Galloway, President of the Asian American Pacific Islander Caucus of the NCDP, was among a big crowd who attended the Beto O'Rourke Town Hall in Charlotte on August 28th.

In this picture you can see Grace holding a microphone at the far left as she asks questions of the presidential candidate. She asked him about veterans issues, especially suicide among the troops.

Dr. Grace reports that "Beto had very good plans." She is attending Town Halls of as many presidential candidates as possible.



JUSTICE MARK DAVIS ADDRESSES LEE COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Justice Mark Davis of the North Carolina Supreme Court gave the Keynote Address at the August 22nd meeting of the Lee County Democrats in Sanford. Justice Davis made a lot of friends when he campaigned statewide for the NC Court of Appeals in 2014.

Now he is campaigning for an eight-year term on the Supreme Court.

Lee County's terrific County Chair, John Kirkman, welcomed Justice Davis.



The African American Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party held its 2019 Official General Body Meeting at the State Party Headquarters on August 24th. AAC chapters from all over the state were represented at this meeting.

In the picture on the right above shows State AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels presiding over the meeting.



Democratic National Committee Members John Verdejo and Shelia Huggins shared information with the crowd. NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes gave an uplifting talk.



Thanks to Chris Stevenson for sending these pictures.

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