

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

October 18, 2019



WESTERN GALA IN ASHEVILLE!

Hundreds of Democrats happily gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Asheville for the annual Western Gala on October 12th.

In the picture on the left above the Keynote Speaker, Congressman Dwight Evans of Pennsylvania, is being welcomed by Rutherford County Democrats JoAnn Woods and Jerry Wease. In picture on the right above are Tenth Congressional District Chair Betsy Wells, Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, and Jerry Wease.



A happy and emotional moment: Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin presented the Order Of The Long Leaf Pine to Tenth District Chair Betsy Wells.

This award was first presented to Betsy at the June 8th SEC meeting in Raleigh. However, there were popular requests for it to be presented to Betsy again in her own section of the state.

In addition to Congressman Evans' Keynote Address, the Western Gala featured speeches by our three strong Democratic candidates for US Senate: Cal Cunningham, Erica Smith, and Trevor Fuller.



BUNCOMBE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN HOST WESTERN GALA BREAKFAST!

The first event of October 12th was the Western Gala Breakfast at the Crowne Plaza Hotel which was sponsored by the Democratic Women of Buncombe County. In the picture above State Representative Susan Fisher led Democrats in singing “God Bless America.” Then she led them in singing “Good Ol’Boy’s Club” by Kacey Musgraves. Others in her group included Terry Van Duyn, Rachel Hunt, Julia Buckner, Betsy Wells, and Taylon Breedon.



State Representative Rachel Hunt delivered an inspiring Keynote Speech at the Breakfast.



Left: NC Court of Appeals candidate Tricia Shields with Clare Hagan. Right: Buncombe DW Co-Presidents Wendy Hamer and Nancy Waldrop expressed their appreciation to Rachel Hunt.



WESTERN GALA BREAKFAST COLLAGE!

Submitted by the Buncombe County Democratic Party



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Entertaining music, delicious food, and inspiring talks at historic Sherrill's Inn



 **Tricia**
SHIELDS
for COURT OF APPEALS

TRICIA SHIELDS CAMPAIGNS FOR NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS!

Tricia Shields is running for NC Court of Appeals in 2020! Judge Linda McGee will not seek reelection, leaving an open seat on the Court. (The Chief Justice will determine which judge will serve as Chief Judge.)

Tricia is a North Carolina native, and graduated from UNC law school in 1985. After working as a clerk to Chief Judge Hedrick of the NC Court of Appeals, Tricia became a recognized trial and appellate lawyer.

Tricia has been recognized as one of the Top 50 Women Attorneys and Top 100 Attorneys in North Carolina. She has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 2003 and received a Woman of Justice Award. Tricia has taught Trial Advocacy at Campbell Law School since 2013, in addition to her full-time law practice. You can learn more about Tricia at www.shieldsforjudge.com.

The photos below were taken as Tricia campaigns around the State.



With Rep. Deb Butler at LGBTQ Democrats of NC Convention



With Judge Chris Brook, Judge Lucy Inman, Veleria Levy and Judge John Arrowood at Equality NC Gala



With Chief Justice Cheri Beasley at the Chatham County Unity Breakfast



ANNE ROBOTTI IS ENJOYING HER DYNAMIC CAMPAIGN FOR MORRISVILLE

CITY COUNCIL – DISTRICT ONE!

As she campaigns toward the November 8th Election, Anne Robotti is picking up support every day as she discusses with voters the many ways in which her talents can bring progress to Morrisville. Anne has received the official endorsement of the Wake County Democratic Party and Equality NC.

FOUR MAIN PLANKS IN HER PLATFORM

- 1 - Proposing innovative solutions for Morrisville' traffic problems. She advocates installing biking lanes and walking trails in all streets, creating a ride share app for Morrisville, and talking with corporations about creative ways to let more employees work at home one day a week.**
- 2 - Supporting better and easier voting access for every citizen in Morrisville.**
- 3 – Making Morrisville a beacon of sustainability during growth. Anne believes that “Everything that is standing still should have a solar panel on top of it and a tree planted next to it.” She recognizes that the city needs to work with developers on installing better quality trees and should require that the trees be planted correctly.**
- 4 - Working with Wake County Public School System to support high-quality, stable schools for Morrisville's children.**



**The joys of Anne's life are her five talented children.
From the left they are: Victoria, 17; Sharon, 30; Charlie, 21;
Brooke, 23; and Grace, 15**



Anne's strongest supporter is her husband, Chuck. He is a former Marine.

ANNE'S STORY

When asked to talk about her life, Anne responded:

"In many ways, I'm very typical. I love my family (husband, five kids, two cats, and three dogs.) I love my job as a Social Media & Community Manager for Cisco, and I love my life here in Morrisville. In the past few years, I've become very focused on politics – how government affects our lives and what we can do about it. I think everybody has a responsibility to get involved to the extend that they can – that's why I'm running for Morrisville Town Council.

"My job as a Social Media and Community Manager is twofold – achieve consensus and spread the message. This, as well as my role of "mother of five," requires me to listen to everyone, come up with creative compromises, and get everyone's buy-in to the final decision.

"I've spent years learning to help people collaborate and get on the same page, and I want to bring this experience to the Council. I want to listen to my neighbors, understand what they need and want, and then dig in and figure out how to get it for them. I'm excited about the opportunity to bring about real change that improves people's lives!

"The past five years have been a whirlwind for me. When I moved here I never would have dreamed that I'd find myself speaking at the NC General Assembly about judicial gerrymandering, or canvassing door to door to register voters, or making daily calls to my representatives about the issues that are important to me.

"I want to leverage that passion to encourage everyone to have a voice in government. My first action as a member of the Town Council would be to embark on a listening tour – invite me to your clubhouse, your church, your PTA meeting, your Chamber of Commerce breakfast and tell me what I can do to make government work for you."

Anne is running her District One campaign in coordination with Donna Fender's campaign in District Two.

Anne's website is: <https://annerobotti.com>

Facebook: Anne Robotti Candidate For Morrisville Town Council District 1

Twitter: @arobotti

Anne's email address is: arobotti@gmail.com

From an expert: Here is a blog Anne wrote about how to do social media

<https://blogs.cisco.com/lifeatcisco/from-techwriter-to-techicon>

Here is a link to all of Anne's Cisco blogs:

<https://blogs.cisco.com/author/annerobotti>



WILSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS STAGE A SPECTACULAR “FALL FLING!”

Wilson County Democrats overfilled the Something Different Restaurant for a highly successful “FALL FLING” on October 9th. Democratic candidates from all over the state joined in the festivities.

Governor and Mrs. Jim Hunt were among the Democrats who worked on getting this event ready. How about this? Governor Hunt went to another location and brought back a load of extra chairs for this event.



As each Democrat entered, Governor Hunt introduced them to Chief Justice Cheri Beasley.



NC Court of Appeals Judge Christopher Brook with his mother, Sharon Glenn, and Wilson County Party Chair Linda Cooper-Suggs

The pictures in this article were made by Jim Hawley, Colavito Tyson, and Jenna Wadsworth.



Left: The Master of Ceremonies was “Chief” Willie Williams who led the Wilson Police Department for many years. Right: Legendary Democrat Dewey Sheffield with Agriculture Commissioner candidate Jenna Wadsworth

Betty McCain, the first female Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party, with NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams



Allen Thomas (left) and Chaz Beasley brought their campaigns for Lt. Governor to Wilson Democrats





Governor Hunt, Rachel Hunt, First Lady Carolyn Hunt, Rebecca Hunt-Hawley behind Betty McCain



State Treasurer candidate Matt Leatherman



Robert Evans & Bobby Tyson



State Senate candidate Al Pacer



Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Jen Mangrum



Eloise McCain Hassell lives in Greensboro but very frequently she comes to Wilson events with her mother.



State Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield



**WAKE DEMOCRATS HOST TILLIS EMPTY CHAIR TOWN HALL!
MORE THAN 72,000 SEE IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

Since Thom Tillis has refused to participate in Town Halls, Andrea Biondi, Chuck Tryon, and other Wake County Democrats organized an Empty Chair Town Hall at the Cary Senior Center on September 29th. A crowd of more than 100 attended in person. It was livestreamed by American Bridge. More than 72,000 viewers watched it on the “Now This” political site on social media.

All US Senate candidates of all parties were invited. Those who accepted were Democrats Erica Smith and Trevor Fuller plus Shannon Bray who is the Libertarian candidate.

Joel Brown from ABC Channel 11 moderated the event.



Everyone can enjoy this video from the Empty Chair Town Hall:

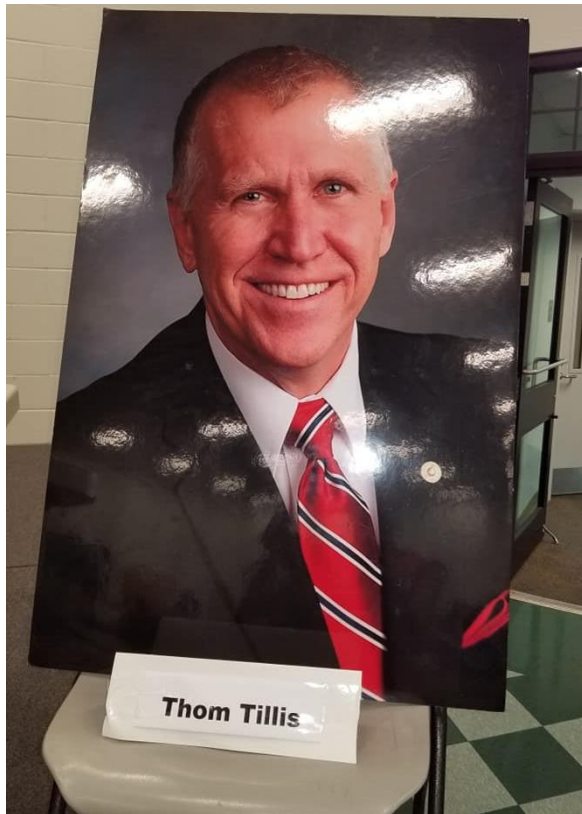
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Andrea and Chuck's granddaughter, Laila, joined Mindy Churches and Erica Smith for this happy portrait.



Democrats enjoyed seeing this pair of "empty" Thom Tillis flip flops.



This was the official Thom Tillis Empty Chair. Democrats at the event were saying that Tillis will not be smiling after November, 2020!



RALEIGH RECEPTION FOR CAL CUNNINGHAM!

**On October 7th Joyce Fitzpatrick and
Jay Stewart hosted a reception at their
Raleigh home for
US Senate candidate Cal Cunningham.
Frank and Julia Daniels
are with Cal in this picture.**

**Raleigh attorneys
Michael Easley and
Mary Marshall Easley
with Cal**



**This Raleigh couple enjoyed
the food and the camaraderie at the
reception for Cal.**



**Host Jay Stewart and Stephanie Whitley
with the host's canine**



Stephanie loves dogs!



**Anthony Quiller and John Upsal with Stephanie Whitley in the elegant dining
room of the Fitzpatrick-Stewart home. The name of the John's catering firm is
Spread Catering and Events Co.**



MEET THE REAL ELIZABETH & JOEL!

Elizabeth Coviello and Joel Porter attended the September 19th Porch Party which celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of the renovated State Party Headquarters in Raleigh. However, the last edition of this publication featured the wrong picture of them.

The picture above shows the real Elizabeth and Joel along with Matty Lazo-Chadderton and NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams.

Elizabeth and Joel moved to North Carolina when she accepted a position as a High Risk OB Physician at UNC Medical Center in Chapel Hill.

This happy couple were married on October 6, 2018. They celebrated their First Anniversary on October 6, 2019.

Joel and Elizabeth are active Democrats. We are glad to have them in our North Carolina Democratic Party family!



WAYNE GOODWIN'S RURAL LISTENING TOUR GOES TO WILKES COUNTY!

Democrats from Wilkes and Alexander counties attended Wayne Goodwin's Rural Listening Tour on October 11th at the Wilkes County Agricultural Center.

Wilkes County Democratic Party Chair Kathryn Charles welcomed Wayne in the picture on the left above. NCDP's Doug Wilson imparted some of his wisdom to the group also. Doug has been with Wayne on all the legs of the Rural Listening Tour.



Issues and Concerns which the Democrats brought up included: Voter outreach, Voter Protection and Voter ID, the "One Country" project launched by North Dakota's Heidi Heitkamp, Broadband Internet Access, Messaging, Census, Gerrymandering, NC State Budget, Transportation Funding, and Green Technologies.



WAYNE'S RURAL LISTENING TOUR IN YADKIN COUNTY!

Yadkin County Democrats met with NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin when his Rural Listening Tour came to the Yadkin Arts Center Bistro Café in Yadkinville on October 11th. Wayne led a dialogue on increasing local employment opportunities, improving health care, improving civil and human rights, finalizing state and congressional redistricting decisions, understanding industrial hemp agriculture, coping with climate change, building more solar farms and winning the 2020 elections.

**Front row: Joe Reece, Ellen Reece, Laurie Stinson, Wayne Goodwin, and Bailey Stinson
Second row: Stokes County Party Chair David Dalton, Yadkin County Party Chair Debra McClain, Janice Shields, Ann Ashman, Larry Vestal, William Stinson, Unidentified Man, Jeremy McLamb, and Surry County Party Chair Roy Thomasson.**

Also attending, but not shown were: Ron Ashman, Andy Matthews,

Andrew Mackie, and Doug Wilson

Thanks to Andrew Mackie for submitting this article.



THREE DEMOCRATIC STARS!

Jen Mangrum's campaign provided this happy picture of three outstanding Democrats at New Hanover County's Unity Dinner: Lt. Governor candidate Terry Van Duyn, Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Jen Mangrum, and Cheri Beasley, Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court

GRAND OPENING OF NEW MECKLENBURG COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS!

Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Chair Jane Whitley welcomed folks to the new Mecklenburg County Party Headquarters during the second weekend of October.

She displayed memorabilia that is especially meaningful to her.



Jane invited State Senator Joyce Waddell to join her in cutting the Grand Opening ribbon as State Senator Mujtaba Mohammed watched.

Celebrating! Jane, Mary Milan, Lisa Ellsworth, and Stephanie Collins at the joyful event.



The pictures and information in this article were provided by Lisa Ellsworth, First Vice President of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County



County Commissioner Susan McDowell, Precinct Chair Barbara Proffitt with Mecklenburg Democratic Women President Connie Green-Johnson



Lots of Mecklenburg Dems enjoyed the Grand Opening.



Senator Mohammed gave a detailed presentation on how the new redistricting will affect Mecklenburg County.



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY!

The October Membership Meeting of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County featured a legislative update from several State Senators and State Representatives from Mecklenburg County. Topics included healthcare, education, climate change, and gun control.

On the front row in the picture above are Senator Mujtaba Mohammed, Senator Joyce Waddell, Senator Natasha Marcus, Representative Carla Cunningham, Representative Wesley Harris, and Representative Brandon Lofton. On the back row are: Representatives Mary Belk, John Autry, and Carolyn Logan.



State Senator Jeff Jackson is speaking to the MCDW in this picture. Representative Nasif Majeed had joined the representatives on the back row by the time this picture was made.



Mecklenburg County Commissioners Susan Harden (left) and Pat Cotham discussed the upcoming ballot initiative to increase the sales tax to provide more funds for arts, parks, and education. Commissioner Harden supports the ballot initiative. Commissioner Cotham opposes it.



Mecklenburg County Party Secretary Peggy Dickerson, Charlotte City Council candidate Dr. Gina Navarette, Commissioner Susan Harden, Maytee Sanz, and Commissioner Susan McDowell

Sarah Ellis, Dr. Gina Navarette, CMS School Board candidate Lenora Shipp, and DWMC President Connie Green-Johnson



Lisa Ellsworth, First Vice President of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County provided the pictures and information in this article.



JEN MANGRUM CAMPAIGNING STATEWIDE!

Jen Mangrum is continuing to carry her campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction all across the state.

Dr. Allen and Martha Dobson held a meet and greet for Jen at their unique restaurant in Mount Pleasant in Cabarrus County. The name of their restaurant is 73RD and Main. It was formerly a hosiery factory. They renovated it to maintain its historic architecture.

Martha Dobson is on the far right in the picture with Jen above. The other two ladies are the mother and grandmother of a child in the local school district.



Jen recently visited with Betty Mangrum, creator of *THE MINI PAGE*. Since 1970 Betty has educated children – and their parents – by generating *THE MINI PAGE* which is featured in more than 500 newspapers nationwide.



CAL CUNNINGHAM IS MEETING LOTS OF VOTERS!

Cal Cunningham's campaign supplied pictures which were made at some of Cal's October campaign events. Above he is speaking to a group of voters in northern Orange County.



Cal visiting with UAW Strikers



Listening to voters at Forsyth Seafood



With Salisbury Mayor Al Heggins and others at Davidson County Shrimperoo



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PLUS T-MINUS-TWELVE-MONTHS(!)-TO-EDAY-2020 RALLY
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WORK OF THE COUNTY-TO-COUNTY CAMPAIGN TO FLIP THE
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BUILD STRONG
DEMOCRATIC INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS NC FOR DECADES
TO COME.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019
12:30PM REGISTRATION; 1PM PROGRAM
CARRBORO CENTURY CENTER

FEATURING: Justice Anita Earls; Congressman David Price;
State Senator Valerie Foushee; State Representatives Verla
Insko and Graig Meyer, candidates for legislative office and
other special guests.

Sponsor: \$1,000 | Host: \$500 | Patron: \$250
Ticket, subsidizing a Young Democrat: \$100 | Ticket: \$60
Young Democrats/Veterans/K-12 Teachers: \$30

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