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January 2, 2020



A HAPPY DEMOCRATIC EVENT IN DURHAM!

An action-packed fun event: The Durham County Democratic Party staged its first Ugly Sweater Party in December. The County Party's Fundraising Chair, Carl Newman, took the lead in organizing this happy gathering.

In the picture above, Carl is featured with Commissioner of Agriculture candidate Jenna Wadsworth and his wife, Sarah Grusin. Carl starred in the YOUTH FEATURE of this publication in 2019.



NCDP Second Vice Chair and current candidate for County Commissioner, Nida Allam, with the First Vice Chair of the Durham Democratic Party Ebony West.



Durham County Party Second Vice Chair Jackie Turnwald and State Senate candidate Natalie Murdock with Melissa Perez.



**BRUNSWICK DEMOCRATS MAKE BRUNSWICK COUNTY
A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT AND CAMPAIGN!**

Statewide candidates are finding that Brunswick County Democrats are some of the most friendly and most welcoming Democrats in the entire state. Our candidates are enjoying campaigning there!

In December the Brunswick County Democratic Party organized an Education Summit which drew many of our statewide candidates to their large Party Headquarters in Bolivia, NC. The Headquarters was packed. So many Democrats came that the Party had to get two Deputy Sheriffs to direct parking.

From the left above, the Democratic stars & the offices for which they are running are:

Ronnie Chatterji for State Treasurer	James Barrett for State Superintendent
Marcia Morgan for House District 19	Matt Leatherman for State Treasurer
Jen Mangrum for State Superintendent	County Democratic Party Chair Tom Sapp
Tom Simmons for House District 17	Keith Sutton for State Superintendent
NCAE State President Mark Jewell	Dr. David Sink for State Senate Dist # 8
Michael Maher for State Superintendent	



**Left:
Brunswick
Party First
Vice
Chair Lisa
Mosca
Right: Mac
Jones with
Treasurer
Candidate
Ronnie
Chatterji**





NCAE President Mark Jewell with Tom Gilbert, co-founder of the famous SOBAD Democratic Golf Tournament



Mark Jewell with State Treasurer candidates Ronnie Chatterji and Matt Leatherman

**Proof that it is important to campaign in Brunswick County:
Roy Cooper would not be Governor today if
Brunswick Democrats had not produced 25,285 votes for him!**



The picture at bottom right shows only one of the tables of donations that the goodhearted Brunswick Democrats brought.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO RENEE PRICE:
SHE IS RUNNING
FOR RE-ELECTION
UNOPPOSED!**

2020 is certain to be a happy year for Orange County Commissioner Renee Price: She is unopposed for re-election in both the Primary and the General Election! In this picture Renee is radiant in a red outfit as she rides in the 2019 Hillsborough Christmas Parade.

Dedicated to building community, Renee has spent her entire adult life in public service. Her career began in Rochester, New York where she worked to revitalize the inner city, preserve historic neighborhoods and improve urban and suburban planning. She helped organize the very first trust fund for low-income and affordable housing in New York state!

In New York City, Renee worked in the Office of Environmental Impact and became the Director of the Joint Legislative Commission on rural Resources.

In 1990 Renee moved to Orange County and worked in sustainable agriculture, promoted small family farms, encouraged rural economic development, the conservation of natural resources and sustainable forestry.

A graduate of Tufts University where she studied Urban Affairs, Renee received her Masters in Regional Planning from Cornell and studied Theology at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity Program.



A real Democrat: Renee serves as the President of the Democratic Women of Orange County and she is a member of a growing list of boards, associations and commissions.

When NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams visited a meeting of the Orange County Democratic Party Executive Committee in 2011, Renee invited him to stand beside her at the entrance where she introduced him to the people as they came in. Amazing: Renee knew every one of the 64 attendees by first and last names!

She was elected to the Board of Orange County Commissioners in 2012 and re-elected in 2016.

When she filed for re-election in December, 2019, she didn't know she would have no opposition. She says:

"It's more fun to run unopposed!"

When Renee filed at the Board of Elections Office in December, State Representative Verla Insko posed with her.



TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN ARE STRONG & ACTIVE!

North Carolina's three most western counties are some of our most beautiful counties. They are also counties where it is challenging to be a Democrat. Several years ago the Democratic Women of Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties joined together to form the Tri-Counties Democratic Women.

In December they met at The Crown Restaurant in Brasstown to elect new officers.

From the left the new team of Officers are: President Susan Landis, Treasurer Evelyn Nestos, Secretary Patricia Sherrill, First Vice Chair Joan Cole, Second Vice Chair Nancy Woodard. New Treasurer Cathy Keepers is not pictured.



**Left: Nancy Helms has been Treasurer of the club since its inception.
Right: 11th Congressional District Candidate Gina Collias spoke at the meeting.**

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Tri-County Democratic Women participated in two Christmas Parades! They were stars of the Murphy Parade in Cherokee County and the Hayesville Parade in Clay County.



For fun and for education: If you have never traveled to Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties, look them up on the internet and find out where they are. They are beautiful places to visit!

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MECKLENBURG DW HOLIDAY PARTY ROCKS!

The rocking Holiday Party thrown by the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County is an annual favorite and their 2019 party was no exception – a jolly good time was had by many state and local Democrats!

The picture above shows the DW's First Vice Chair Lisa Ellsworth, President Connie Green-Johnson, Judge Elizabeth Trosch, and Susan Zach.



Part of the holiday crowd



**Left: Susan Harden with Camille Davidson.
Right: Pat Cotham & Vilma Leake with DW President Connie Green-Johnson**



Many elected officials and candidates fired up the crowd including Rep. Becky Carney and Rep. Rachel Hunt.



Representatives Mary Belk & Wesley Harris



Lisa Ellsworth with Rick Curti, an Associate Member who was honored for his outstanding support of the DWMC!



**Lee Ann Brown, State Treasurer candidate
Dimple Ajmera, & Rep. Carolyn Logan**



**Senator Jeff Jackson with County
Commissioner Elaine Powell**



Congratulations to the Hospitality Committee including Stephanie Collins, Sandra Dickerson, Alan and Marilou Mabe who worked hard to make the party a success!

Charlotte City Councilwoman Renee Perkins Johnson and President Connie Green-Johnson enjoyed the musical talents of Democratic saxophonist Will Lee



DW Second VP Elaine Bermudez and Lisa Conner



Judge John Arrowood, Rep. Becky Carney, Judge Carla Archie with Judge Reuben Young

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CAMPAIGNING WITH TREVOR FULLER FOR US SENATE!

These pictures show US Senate candidate and Mecklenburg County Commissioner Trevor Fuller as he makes friends across the state.

Upper left – At the Black Political Caucus Christmas Party with City Councilman Thurman Ross, Trevor Fuller, Trevor’s Campaign Manager Dee Jones, and Dr. Rembert.

Upper right – Dee Jones, BPC President Kalif Rhodes, and Arpyl McCoy of Team Fuller



Trevor with Michael Evans



In Wilson, NC, a Bishop welcomes Trevor

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JUDGE LORA C. CUBBAGE

Court of Appeals

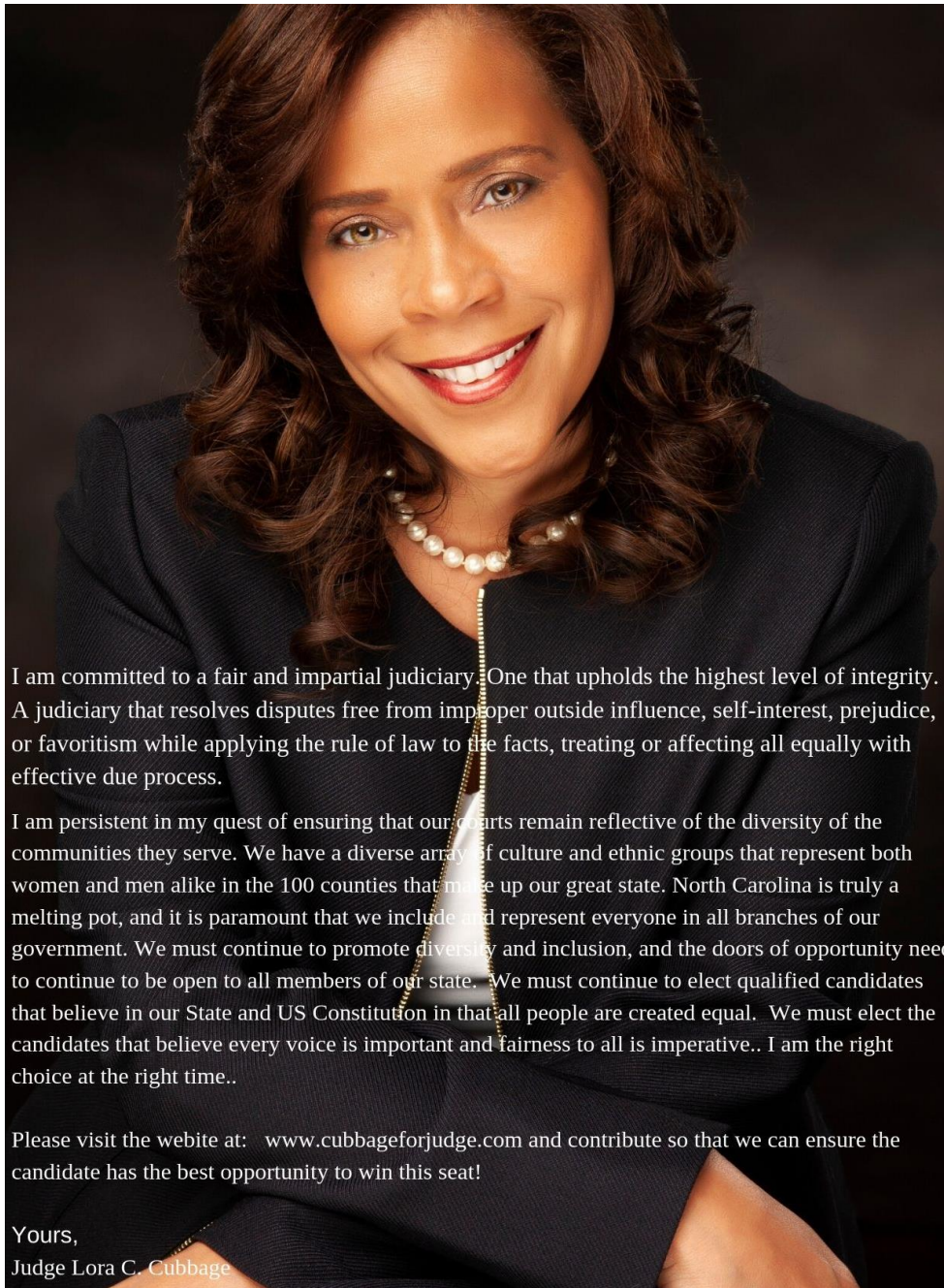
I am Judge Lora C. Cabbage and I am your Democratic candidate for NC Court of Appeals. (Seat 5). As you know, Judges and courts have a significant impact on the daily lives of each citizen as they are entrusted to make some of the more important decisions that affect us all, so It is with great honor that I request your support and share with you just why I am the right choice at the right time.

I grew up in Shenandoah, Va located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. I am one of five children (I am also a twin). I am the mother of Tiara and the grandmother of 2 year old Rhythm! I relocated to Greensboro, NC in 1994 and began my journey by going to barber school. I practiced as a Master Barber for 17 years, and in 1999 I decided I wanted to get my education so that my daughter would understand the importance of an education and those that fought so that we could had the opportunity to become educated. I graduated in 2003 from North Carolina A & T State University.

From there I went on to UNC Chapel Hill School of Law and graduated in 2006. I was licensed as an attorney in September 2006. I began my legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Guilford County for five years and then on to Assistant Attorney General under the Honorable Roy Cooper for six years. I ran and successfully defeated a Republican appointee/incumbent for District Court Judge in 2016. I was appointed to the Superior Court bench in 2018 and successfully won the November 2018 election to keep the seat. It is my distinct honor to serve our citizens in North Carolina and I will continue to take on the challenge of fighting for the rights given to all by the NC and US Constitutions.

I am experienced and knowledgeable, spending the last 13 years as a public servant in the NC Judicial System. As a litigator I have both prosecuted and defended clients in criminal court; as well as argued cases in civil courts. As a District Court Judge and now a presiding Superior Court judge in Guilford County, I have the trial experience that ensures knowledge of the law and courtroom procedures. Additionally, I have extensive experience in arguing by brief to the Court of Appeals and prosecuting cases for North Carolina.

I am committed to a fair and impartial judiciary. One that upholds the highest level of integrity. A judiciary that resolves disputes free from improper outside influence, self-interest, prejudice, or favoritism while applying the rule of law to the facts, treating or affecting all equally with effective due process.



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I am persistent in my quest of ensuring that our courts remain reflective of the diversity of the communities they serve. We have a diverse array of culture and ethnic groups that represent both women and men alike in the 100 counties that make up our great state. North Carolina is truly a melting pot, and it is paramount that we include and represent everyone in all branches of our government. We must continue to promote diversity and inclusion, and the doors of opportunity need to continue to be open to all members of our state. We must continue to elect qualified candidates that believe in our State and US Constitution in that all people are created equal. We must elect the candidates that believe every voice is important and fairness to all is imperative.. I am the right choice at the right time..

Please visit the website at: www.cabbageforjudge.com and contribute so that we can ensure the candidate has the best opportunity to win this seat!

Yours,
Judge Lora C. Cabbage

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Atul Goel Launches Bid for US Senate

www.atulgoelforsenate.com  @AtulGoel4Senate  facebook.com/AtulGoel4Senate

Talk directly with Atul at his live teleconferences. Follow him on Twitter and Facebook for notifications.

Affordable health care access for everyone is Atul's top priority.

Atul is a Board Certified Family Physician with experience as a Medical Director in the Medicare system and as a Medical Consultant with Disability and Vocational Rehabilitation.



Atul will do everything possible to make sure our Veteran's get the healthcare they deserve.

After 9/11, Atul volunteered to go on Active Duty with the US Air Force and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan

Atul earned his MBA from East Carolina University in 2016.

Atul decided to earn his MBA at age 55 to improve his skills in managing complex policies and large businesses.



Atul believes in responsible policies to reduce gun violence.

Atul owns guns and belongs to a gun club. He believes in policies that increase funding for access to mental health services, support law enforcement, and in responsible legislation to control access to guns that can cause mass killings.

Atul visited all 100 NC counties AFTER filing his candidacy.

Atul traveled to ALL 100 counties (not just the counties with the most votes or money) and talked with people one-to-one on their porches and in their living rooms to understand first hand the issues facing people.



TJ is only 13 years old concerned about racial bias.



Nancy mentioned that home insurance rates in the rural western NC are too high.



Aliya and Danial are concerned about immigration policy.

North Carolinians Want Their US Senator to UNIFY Everyone



Nona and Ray are die-hard Republicans. Yet we had a great conversation at their restaurant.

In his visit to all 100 counties, Atul talked to Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. EVERYONE was eager to discuss their issues. Republicans talked about reducing gun violence! Independents don't want political campaigns of "attack the opponent" messaging to get elected!

Atul learned that North Carolinians, regardless of party affiliation, want to elect a US Senator that LISTENS to everyone and hasn't attacked individuals (or other political parties) who have different viewpoints.



CAL CUNNINGHAM REMINDS VOTERS OF HIS MILITARY EXPERIENCE!

**As he campaigns all over the state,
Cal Cunningham reminds voters of his experience in
acting wisely and quickly when under stress.**

**After the attacks of September 11, 2001,
Cal volunteered for the US Army.
He was deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.
The Army awarded Cal the Bronze Star and the
General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award
in part for groundbreaking work prosecuting
contractors for criminal misconduct.**

**Cal frequently
enjoys
sharing a good
laugh with
voters
as he
campaigns.**



**Longtime Democratic leader George El-Khouri
recently had a chance to visit with Cal.**

**Cal's website is:
www.CalForNC.com**

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PENDER DEMOCRATS ARE STANDING UP AND FIGHTING!

Pender County Democrats gathered in Burgaw recently to kickoff their fight for good government in 2020. Former County Democratic Party Chair Dibbi Fintak is shown signing papers registering as a candidate for State Representative in District 16.

Backing her up from the left are: Pender School Board candidate Carol Ann Johnson, County Commissioner candidate William Smith, County Commissioner candidate Demetrice Keith, and 2018 State Representative candidate John Johnson.

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2020**

2020 KICKOFF FUNDRAISER

BUNCOMBE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

A-B TECH / MISSION HEALTH
CONFERENCE CENTER

Everyone is invited to the Buncombe Democrats biggest event of the year!

6:00PM, Saturday, January 11, 2020

AB Tech/Mission Health Conference Center, 16 Fernihurst Drive, Asheville, NC

Buffet Dinner from 67 Biltmore

A large slate of Democratic candidates will speak!

Comedy Entertainment! A Scavenger Hunt!

Wine Pull! A Gift-Card tree!

Get Your Tickets Here:

<http://buncombedems.org/>



RONALD L. NEWTON MOUNTS 2020 RACE FOR LT. GOVERNOR!

Ronald Newton of Durham made a lot of friends across North Carolina when he ran for Lt. Governor in 2016. He now is inviting lots more NC Democrats to join his 2016 voters to mount a strong race for Lt. Governor this year. He encourages voters to go to his website and learn more about him. It is:

[WWW. ElectRonaldLNewton.com](http://WWW.ElectRonaldLNewton.com)



Ronald is campaigning day and night. This picture was made the night Ronald marched in the Smithfield Christmas Parade. Beside him is Johnston County Democratic leader Doris Wallace.

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SENATOR JOYCE WADDELL KICKSOFF HER RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN!

Many friends and supporters joined together to begin State Senator Joyce Waddell's re-election campaign in a Senate district that was changed in the recent redistricting.

From the left are: Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Chair Jane Whitley, Senator Waddell, District Court Judge Aretha Blake, and State Superintendent candidate Constance Lav Johnson.



A happy group of Senator Waddell's supporters



Winston Lloyd Sharpe, Jr., President of Lloyd's Air Conditioning and Heating, LLC, joined Senator Waddell and Constance Lav Johnson at the kickoff.





\$125,000.00 JOBS COMING TO MORRISVILLE!

On December 17th Governor Roy Cooper, Mayor TJ Cawley, and the Morrisville Town Council announced that Microsoft is bringing 500 new jobs to Morrisville. The average salary for these jobs will be \$125,000 per person! All of these positions will be filled by 2023.

From the left in the picture above are: Scott Sample of Microsoft, Morrisville Council Members Steve Rao, Vicki Scroggins-Johnson, Satish Garimella, Liz Johnson, Governor Cooper, Reggie Isaac of Microsoft, Morrisville Mayor TJ Cawley, Michelle Thomas of Microsoft, and Morrisville Council Member Donna Fender.

Governor said: "Companies like Microsoft continue to expand in North Carolina because they see us as the right fit for technology success. Skilled, diverse workers and strong infrastructure mean businesses are confident that expanding in our state is a good business decision."

BRIAN FARKAS
NC HOUSE 9

PITT STREET BREWING
SUNDAY 3:30-5:00
JANUARY 5TH

CAMPAIGN KICKOFF EVENT
WITH SPECIAL GUEST **REP. ZACK HAWKINS**



**AUDRA KILLINGSWORTH
IS RUNNING FOR
WAKE COUNTY
COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT FIVE!**

Apex Town Council Member Audra Killingsworth recently held a happy kickoff event for her race for Wake County Commissioner in District Five.

In the first picture on the right are two of Audra fellow Apex Town Council Members: Cheryl Stallings and Terry Mahaffey.





MORE PICTURES FROM AUDRA'S CAMPAIGN KICKOFF





JUSTICE MARK DAVIS ADDRESSES BUNCOMBE DEMOCRATIC MEN!

Justice Mark Davis was the featured speaker at the December meeting of the Democratic Men of Buncombe County at the County Party Headquarters in Asheville. One Democrat wrote: "Justice Davis gave a succinct and insightful speech about the state of the judiciary in North Carolina. There were many judges in the audience. Justice Davis answered questions after he spoke. The large room was packed, the energy palpable!"

Many candidates attended the breakfast including Gina Collias for Congress, Travis Smith for State Senate in District 49, and Keith Sutton for Superintendent of Public Instruction.



**WAKE COUNTY
40TH ANNUAL
VALENTINE'S
FUNDRAISER!**

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ANITA SAVAGE – UNOPPOSED IN FIRST RUN FOR OFFICE!

It is rare that a candidate has no opposition in her first run for office. However, that is the achievement of Anita Savage of Warsaw in her first campaign for Register of Deeds of Duplin County. Anita is shown on the right in the picture above with her daughter, Jasmine.

Anita has worked in the Register of Deeds office for 17 years. She will take her Oath of Office in Kenansville in December, 2020.

A promotional poster for the Durham County Democratic Party Century Club Kickoff Event. The background is dark blue with white stars and a faint image of a building. The text is as follows:

Durham County Democratic Party
CENTURY CLUB
Kickoff Event
Saturday, Jan. 25
3-5 p.m.
secure.actblue.com/donate/dcdpcentury Home of Zack and Tracey Hawkins



STATE TEEN DEMOCRATS HOLD WINTER SUMMIT!

The NC Association of Teen Democrats held their Winter Summit in Raleigh on December 14th. The leaders of the State Teen Dems show in the picture above are: President Allie Akers, Vice President Daniel Vargas, Vice President of Fundraising Timothy Reid, Vice President of Communications Clair Tandoh, and Teen Dems Advisor Vinod Thomas. The Vice President of Membership Kendyl Brown is not pictured.



At the Summit:
Candidate for Agriculture Commissioner Jenna Wadsworth, President Allie Akers, and John Easterling who has served as President of both the State Teen Dems and the State College Dems.

A featured speaker at the Summit was Dianna Wynn, President of the League of Women Voters of Wake County.





ATTORNEY TAIMOOR AZIZ ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM!

This family is a great American success story! In this picture attorney Taimoor Aziz is receiving his Oath of Office as Mayor Pro Tem of the town of Spring Lake in Cumberland County. He earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University and his law degree from the University of Chicago.

His proud parents joined him for this ceremony. His mother is that outstanding Democrat, Dr. Naveed Aziz, and his father is Dr. Khalid Aziz. His sister is Dr. Mehak Aziz who is an ophthalmologist. After earning her medical degree she is currently doing her Fellowship at the University of California in San Francisco. She is going to specialize in glaucoma treatment.

**The Most Dramatic Democratic Video
Of 2019!**

<https://precinct206dems.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bbc1fdb00c67f20dcc5a1ba0&id=23700c9712&e=5742714d69>



GOVERNOR & FIRST LADY WELCOME DEMOCRATS!

On several December evenings, Governor and Mrs. Cooper hosted various civic groups and individuals at receptions at the Executive Mansion. What a wonderful FIRST COUPLE they are!
Left above: Shelly & Charlie Wallin. Right above: Secretary Elaine Marshall & 8th District's Jim Davis



Edward Keohohou with Crystal Cavalier



Congressman Mike McIntyre



NCDP Officers: Melvin Williams, Nida Allam, Matt Hughes, Bobbie Richardson and Wayne Goodwin



Tommy Whitley, Melvin Williams, & Stephanie Whitley



State Teen Democrats President Allie Akers with Brenda Pollard



DNC Member Shelia Huggins, Senator Floyd McKissick & Shelia' daughter, Emerson Kirby



Christina Davis-McKoy, Jim Davis and Peggy Davis



**From Franklin County:
Lucy Allen, Bobbie Richardson
Penny McGhee, and
Jennie Edwards**

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Morrisville City leaders: Mayor Pro-Tem Liz Johnson, Mayor TJ Cawley, City Council Members Satish Garimella, Steve Rao, and Anne Robotti



New Hanover County Democratic Party Chair Richard Poole and Stephanie Fetzer

Seventh Congressional District Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz and Brenda Rivas-Diaz who is a Vice President of the Democratic Women of North Carolina





**State LGBTQ Caucus
Ginger Walker**



Sixth Congressional District Chair Randy Voller



Virginia Tally



**Left: 12th District
Chair Cozzie
Watkins**

**Right: Strong
Wake County
Democrats
Peggy and
Don Davis**





Linda Gunter and Betsy Wells



Melvin Williams with Mary Ann Turlington



Viola Figueroa of Wayne County



**NCDP First Vice Chair
Dr. Bobbie Richardson**



**Tommy and Stephanie Whitley with their good friends
Nida Allam and Towqir Aziz**



**Ninth District Congressional Candidate Connie Wallace
with her mother, Mary Wallace**

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