

# GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

January 21, 2020



## TRICIA SHIELDS RECEIVES MAJOR DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD!

**The NC-SC Lawyers Weekly has presented a DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD to Democratic NC Court of Appeal candidate, attorney Tricia Shields. In picture on left above, Tricia's associate, Tatiana Terry, is with her. In the picture on the right above, Judge Lora Cabbage and Judge Chris Brook are with Tricia.**

**In the Democratic Primary Tricia is running unopposed for a vacant seat on the NC Court of Appeals.**



**Tricia was saluted for being an attorney who advanced diversity, inclusion, and the dignity of all people in the legal profession. Her website is: [www.ShieldsForJudge.com](http://www.ShieldsForJudge.com).**

**Clarification About Democrats for Court Of Appeals:  
These Five Outstanding Judges & Attorneys  
Are Unopposed In The Democratic Primary  
But Face GOP Opposition in the November Election:**

***For Court of Appeals:***



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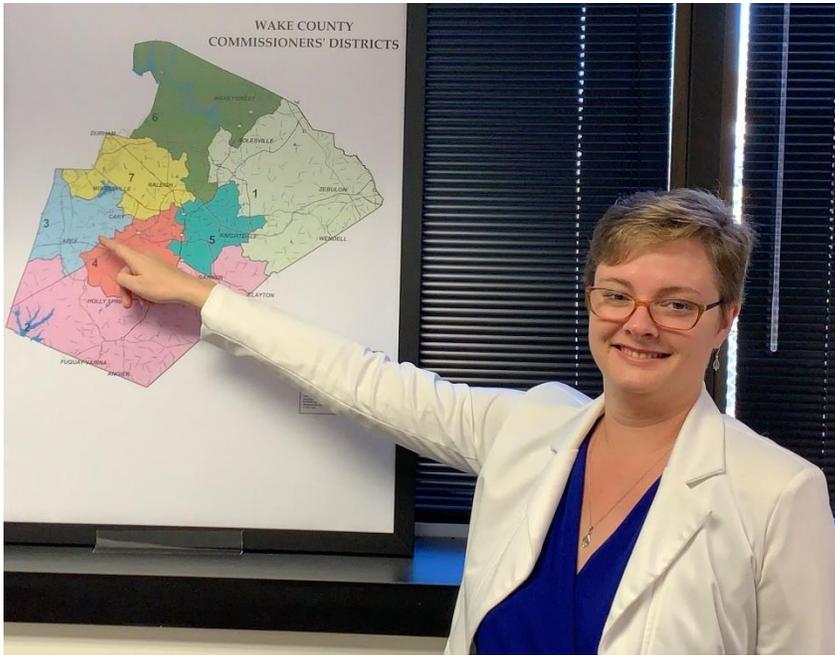
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**None Of These Democrats Are Running Against Each Other!  
All These Jurists Will Be Voted On Separately In November.  
Tell The Democrats In Your County  
To Vote For The Democrat  
In Every Judicial Race In November!**



## **IT'S DISTRICT THREE, FOLKS!**

**The last edition of GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS listed the wrong Wake County Commissioner District number for the district in which Audra Killingsworth is campaigning. She is actually running in County Commissioner DISTRICT THREE!**



## **GUILFORD COUNTY ELECTS TWO NEW OFFICERS!**

**Congratulations to new Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Betsy Fox and new Guilford County Democratic Party Secretary Celeste Cornelius who were elected to their new positions to fill vacancies last week. Democrats across the state wish them the best of success!**



### **WAYNE GOODWIN KEYNOTES YOUNG LEADERS MEETING!**

**On January 18<sup>th</sup>, State Democratic Party Chair and Insurance Commissioner candidate Wayne Goodwin was the Keynote Speaker at a meeting of the top leaders of three Auxiliaries: Teen Dems, College Dems, and Young Dems. He joined them in strategizing for the 2020 campaign at this meeting at North Carolina A & T in Greensboro.**



### **WAYNE GOODWIN – A LEADER ON THE MOVE!**

**During the past 10 days, Wayne Goodwin has traveled to Dare, Buncombe, Durham, Guilford, Haywood, Wake, Jackson, McDowell, Swain, and Transylvania counties – spreading his cheerful Democratic message. Everywhere he speaks, listeners are uplifted, encouraged, and motivated.**

**More pictures from these 10 days of traveling can be found on the next page.**



**Wayne with Jen Alexander and Kathy McCullough-Testa in Dare County**



**11<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Candidate Steve Woodsmall and Transylvania County Democratic Women President Carol Gardner with Wayne in Brevard**

**Wayne at the City Sign of Nashville, North Carolina in Nash County (the real Nashville!)**



**You will find articles about Wayne several more places in this edition.**



### **RUTHERFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATS HOST CANDIDATE FORUM!**

**“A State Senator, a candidate’s mom, and a working man in his muddy boots shared basic values” at a Candidates Forum at the Rutherford County Headquarters in Forest City on Jan. 11.**

**State Representative Chaz Beasley sent his mom as his surrogate speaker. Phil Price arrived in his work pants with mud on his boots. Bill Toole talked about his career as an environmental attorney.**

**In the picture above shows Sherry Bruner, mother of Chaz Beasley, at the podium. From the left behind her are: Congressional candidate Moe Davis, State Representative candidate Ed Halleyburton, County Commissioner candidate Jerry Wease, Lt. Governor candidate Ron Newton, Congressional candidate Phil Price, State Senator Terry Van Duyn, and Lt. Governor Bill Toole.**

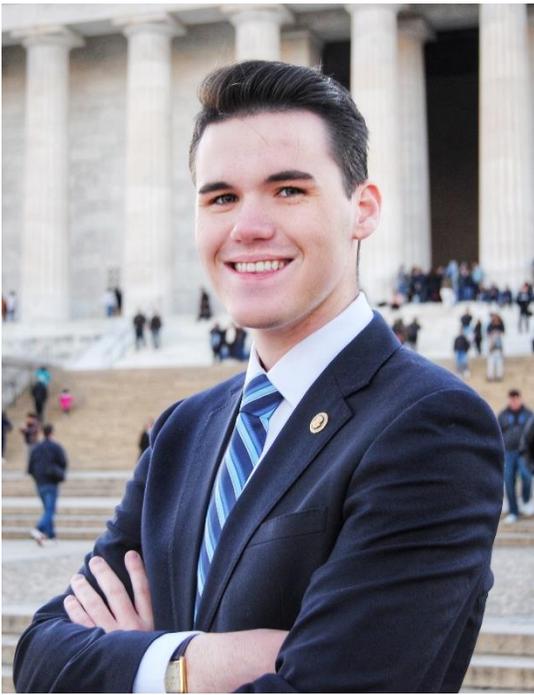


Bonnie Werlinich/Daily Courier

**A young Democrat asked several questions during the forum as a student film crew from Isothermal Community College caught the event on camera.**



**An audience member poses questions to a candidate during the question and answer session of the forum.**



## **JOHN HICKS: A SURRY COUNTY DEMOCRAT SHINES BRIGHTLY IN WASHINGTON!**

**Last year when he was at East Surry High School, John Hicks starred in the YOUTH FEATURE of this publication. In August he moved to Washington DC to pursue a B. A. in Political Science at the George Washington University. Since moving to our nation's capital, he has attended his classes, studied, and totally immersed himself in the Democratic world. In the Fall he was a part of a lobby collective through the Brady campaign and March for Our Lives. He met with various Congressional and Senate offices to discuss providing gun violence prevention legislation.**

**John was elected Freshman Representative of the GW College Democrats, the largest College Dems chapter in the nation. Now he has moved up to the position of the GW College Dems Chief of Staff where he manages the records, books events, handles correspondence, and helps the President manage the Executive Board.**

**More: The President of the Student Body appointed him to the Student Association Cabinet where he assists her in advocating for students at GW.**



**Making his voice heard: This picture shows John in the background on the right when he joined Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Illinois and thousands more people at a MoveOn.org “No War With Iran Rally” at the US Capitol.**



**In this new Spring semester John is an Intern in the Office of Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney who represents the Sixteenth District of New York. Many NC Democrats know Congressman Maloney from his appearances on MSNBC. (Wonder if the John and the Congressman planned their ties for this picture?) John is enjoying being in the center of our government where he researches legislation, handles constituent correspondences, gives tours of the Capitol and attends briefings for issues related to the Congressman's policies.**



#### **JOHN WITH CHASTEN BUTTIGIEG**

**In the presidential election campaign, John is Membership Coordinator of GW Students For Pete, the most organized student group for a candidate on GW's campus. John and a large group of students welcomed Chasten Buttigieg to their campus.**



**GOVERNOR JIM HUNT JOINS OTHER GOVERNORS IN CHAPEL HILL!**

**Governor Jim Hunt joined Governor Jim Martin and Governor Pat McCrory for a program entitled “ESSE QUAM VIDERI, FORTY YEARS OF HISTORY AND POLITICS.” The Governors shared experiences, both happy and not so happy. It was an unforgettable evening.**



**Michael Careccia with Governor Hunt**



**Larry and Brenda Pollard with the Hunts**





## **DR. YA LIU INAUGURATED AFTER HISTORIC CAMPAIGN!**

**Last Fall this publication had a major feature on Dr. Ya Liu's historic campaign to unseat a GOP incumbent on the Cary City Council. The result: The picture on the left above shows Dr. Liu receiving the Oath of Office which was administered by Chief Justice Cheri Beasley. The Bible is being held by her children, Mason and Leia.**

**It was very appropriate for the first woman of color Chief Justice to administer the Oath of Office to the first woman of color to ever sit on the Cary City Council.**

**During the ceremony, Justice Beasley graciously thanked Dr. Liu and called Dr. Liu her professor for helping with her LLM thesis at Duke School of Law.**

**Dr. Liu is the lady who accomplished the impossible: She attended Duke Medical School to become a physician while looking after her children and working a fulltime job at Duke University!**

**The impressive numbers: In the Cary City Council election, Ya received 3,523 votes (57.5%) against her incumbent GOP opponent's 2,237 votes (36.5%) and another Republican's 365 votes. The 24% turnout in her 2019 election was one of the highest turnout percentages in the state.**

**Four years ago 2,589 total votes were cast. In 2019 the same race generated 6,128 total votes in Ya's victory, representing a whopping 137% increase!**



**Congratulations to everyone in this Campaign Kickoff picture and to everyone else who helped carry Ya to her astounding victory!**

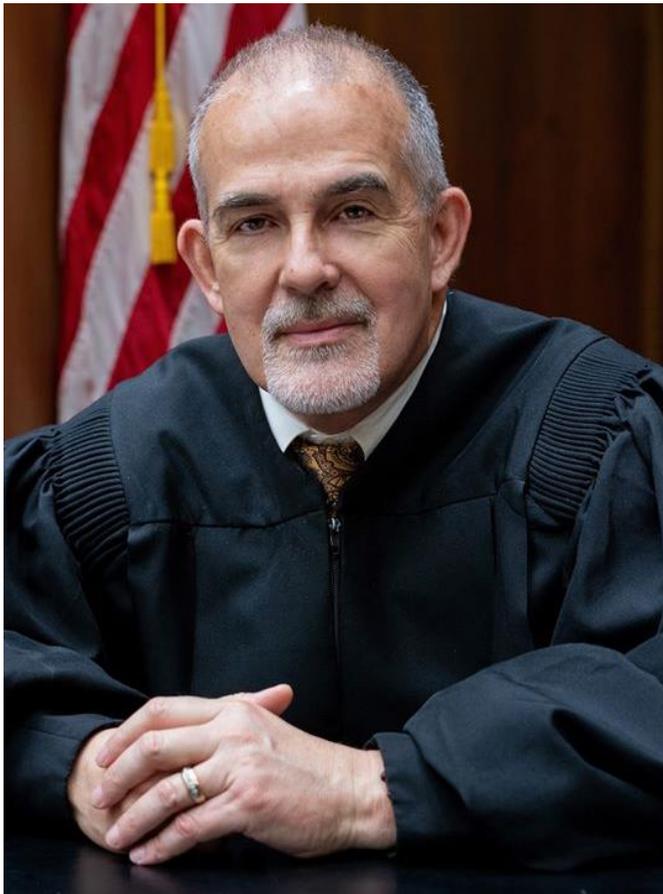


**A bevy of government officials and political candidates attended the swearing-in ceremony to celebrate Dr. Ya Liu's landslide victory including Senator Wiley Nickel (above,) State Representatives Gale Adcock, Cynthia Ball, Julie Olson von Haefen, Allison Dahle; Wake County Commissioners Matt Calabria, Vickie Adamson, Susan Evans; Morrisville Mayor TJ Cawley, Morrisville Councilman Steve Rao, Apex Councilwoman and Wake Commissioner candidate Audra Killingsworth, Chapel Hill Councilwoman Hongbin Gu, District 2 congressional candidate Deborah Ross and Wake Commissioner candidate Maria Cervania.**

**In her installation speech, Dr. Liu gave a special thanks to Senator Wiley Nickel who provided valuable guidance and advice throughout her campaign.**

**Dr. Liu's admirers all across the state will be looking forward to even more achievements in her future!**



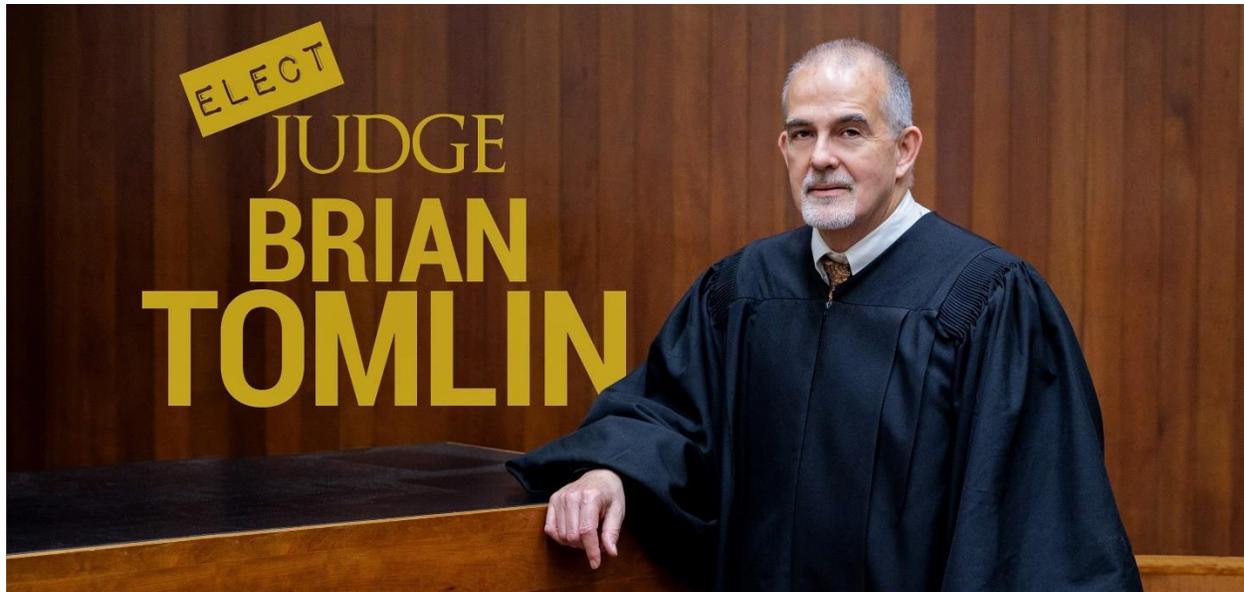


**JUDGE BRIAN TOMLIN  
RUNNING FOR FULL TERM  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
IN GUILFORD COUNTY!**

**Judge Brian Tomlin seeks to retain his position as District Court Judge. Governor Roy Cooper appointed Tomlin after he received more votes than any other Democrat during a vote from the Guilford County Bar Association. Judge Tomlin earned his BA Degree at the University of Virginia, his M.Ed at UNC-Greensboro, and his Law Degree at the North Carolina Central University School of Law. His career experiences include working as an attorney, a professor, and a Judge.**

**Judge Tomlin has received glowing endorsements from many people in Guilford County including the following:**

- **Attorney Brenton Boyce – He has a great knowing base and the perfect temperament. His presence makes any courtroom more approachable.**
- **Child Support Enforcement Agent Pam Devane – I have known Brian Tomlin for over 20 years and have witnessed firsthand his professionalism and effectiveness when he worked as a court appointed attorney in Guilford County. He brought purpose and a sense of urgency that is not often seen in the position. Additionally when he became Deputy County Attorney, I continued to see the same drive. Trust is perhaps the greatest attribute a candidate can have. Brian Tomlin is someone who is “trustworthy.” When it comes down to it, we have to be able to trust that the candidate will do the job they are sworn to do. I wholeheartedly endorse Brian Tomlin for Judge. He has already done a terrific job in the position & I would like to see him continue his excellent work.**
- **Dr. Kim Soban, Guilford County Mental Health – Judge Tomlin is a man of integrity who dispenses justice with a fairness to ALL who come before him. He has compassion and advocates for those with mental illness and substance use issues and utilizes the resources to help those get the help they need. I endorse Judge Tomlin because he exemplifies the kind of judge we need serving our community.**
- **Attorney Charlene Armstrong – Having practiced alongside Judge Tomlin for years, I can attest to his veracity, fairness and that he is highly ethical both as an opposing counsel and as a judge. He is pleasant and easy to work with. He deserves our support.**
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- **Clerk of Court Diana Merckle** – Judge Tomlin addresses every case put before him with intelligence, integrity and compassion. He is always respectful to courtroom personnel and defendants alike. He takes the time to listen and carefully adjudicate each and every case put before him.
- **Former Juvenile Court Counselor Kim White** – Judge Tomlin and I worked together over 20 years ago in juvenile court when I was a court counselor and he was an attorney. He made a remarkable impression on me because he treated his juvenile clients with such respect. He presented as an attorney that genuinely cared for a population that is often disregarded. He will always have my support because he has always presented with integrity, wisdom, and compassion.
- **Attorney Steve Schlosser** – Brian is intelligent, has an excellent knowledge of the law, and a great judicial temperament. He is fair, punctual, and works all day. That is why I endorse him for District Court Judge.
- **Attorney Georgia Nixon** – Over the years Judge Tomlin has served in numerous capacities in the judicial system. As such, he understands the demands on our time. He understands the law and applies it correctly even if it might not be the popular opinion.
- **Attorney Bonnie Rossi** – I have had interaction with Brian for many years in the courtrooms of Guilford County. He knows the law and how to apply it. Brian has always been courteous, kind, and well-spoken.
- **Jason Yow** – Judge Tomlin was one of my professors at NC A&T University . I learned a lot from his class. I look up to Judge Tomlin!
- **Social Worker Marcel Edwards** – Judge Tomlin is honest, trustworthy, and believes in justice for all. He embodies the spirit of all people. Judge Tomlin is fair, honest and loyal. His service to Guilford County’s most vulnerable has been outstanding. He cares for the people!

**NEW HANOVER DEMOCRATS HAVE DEVELOPED  
A PLAN TO GET SPORADIC VOTERS TO THE POLLS!  
WOULD IT WORK IN YOUR COUNTY?**

**New Hanover County Democrats Start 2020 Voter Mobilization Project**

**D.O.I.N.G: Democrats Organizing in Neighborhood Groups**



New Hanover County Democrats have adopted the DOING model to increase Democratic turnout by the 3 – 8% needed to flip many 2020 County and District elections. This is approximately 40 – 150 more voters in each of the 43 precincts. We are canvassing sporadic voters, building a pool of potential voters and maintaining ongoing contact with them to help them overcome every obstacle to voting.



## NEW HANOVER PROJECT – PAGE TWO



We set up a county-wide Steering Committee to help precincts carry out the canvasses. Twenty people came together and set up four committees to do Precinct Outreach, Activist Recruitment, Data, and Materials. We started DOING these tasks and we developed a questionnaire that is now in Vote Builder for anyone to use on MiniVAN. We have developed materials to both explain and carry out the Voter Mobilization Project. We are available to help all North Carolina counties set up the project.



The County Party leadership added the DOING canvass to the February Organizational Meeting Agenda and invited precinct leaders to a training on the model. Several of the precinct leaders said they were interested in having a canvass but did not have enough people or Vote Builder expertise. So the Steering Committee went into action.

## NEW HANOVER PROJECT – FINAL PAGE



The County Party leadership added the canvass to the Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting Agenda invited interested precincts to a training on the model. Approximately 12 of the precinct leadership said they were interested in having a canvass. Most of them did not have enough people to canvass. They also did not have a Votebuilder person who could create canvassing areas.



This is one of our first canvasses. The precinct had 3 people. We brought 7 people to help them canvass.



The above picture is from a precinct that brought 2 people to the canvass. DOING brought 18, many of them new.

**Current elections are very close and have been decided by hundreds and thousands of votes. We can get every North Carolina county to increase the Democratic vote and hopefully win in 2020 and beyond.**

See our upcoming events at <https://secure.ngpvan.com/p/LgOpFxL5b0GEYm9cfYi1-A2>

Contact us at <mailto:doingkb@gmail.com>, (910)-458-1872]

Learn more at <http://www.doingnhc.org>

**Your Questions Can Be Answered When You Write To:  
[doingkb@gmail.com](mailto:doingkb@gmail.com)**



**Brandon  
Gray**  
FOR NC HOUSE DISTRICT 62

**A new generation of leadership.**



## **BRANDON GRAY FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 62!**

**Voters in Guilford County's House District 62 are getting excited about Brandon Gray's campaign. Brandon is a 24 year old Political Science Major. He was born and raised in Guilford County. In fact he has lived in District 62 for his entire life.**

**He says: "I am running because I want to help make our district better, along with our state. I want to help the people in our district and serve them.**

**"We have a chance to make this possible in 2020. I do not come from money and I do not have wealthy donors. Regardless, this is a grassroots people-powered campaign by and for the people of District 62.**

**"We need a representative in Raleigh who is not a career politician and cannot be bought by special interest groups. Duke Energy and other special interest groups might own the Republicans, but they do not own me!**

**"It is time we put the people in District 62 first, over party and money. It is time we start doing what is best to help our community. I am running because I believe it is time for a new generation of leadership. It's time to pass the torch. Please join our campaign today. Let's do this!"**



**Brandon Gray and Commissioner of Agriculture candidate Jenna Wadsworth were recently photographed together at a Guilford County Democratic Party event.**

**Brandon can be contacted at**

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## **LOTS OF CANDIDATES ADDRESS THE LARGE BANQUET OF THE DW OF MOORE COUNTY!**

**On January 11<sup>th</sup> the Democratic Women of Moore County gathered in large numbers to hear an outstanding lineup of Democratic candidates. From the left above are James Barrett for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Moore County School Board candidate Helena Wallin-Miller, 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidate Cynthia Wallace, 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidate and former Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson, US Senate candidate Trevor Fuller, and Judge Christopher Brook who is running for a full eight-year term on the NC Court of Appeals.**



**Some people who think of Moore County as a GOP county don't look below the surface to see that Moore County has one of the stronger Democratic Women's Clubs in the entire state with 159 active members! Moore DW President Paula Shelton is with Cynthia Wallace in picture on left. Ed Auman is talking with Patricia Timmons-Goodson in the picture on the right.**

**Let us always remember that Roy Cooper would not be Governor today if he had not received the 17,794 votes that Moore County Democrats produced for him**



## **ORANGE COUNTY DEMOCRATS!**

**County Chair  
Marilyn Carter  
welcomed a full  
house of ardent  
Democrats to the  
January meeting of  
the County  
Executive  
Committee in the  
Chapel Hill Library.**

**In addition to developing exciting plans for the 2020 elections, they are also developing an  
Alternate Plan of Organization.**



**Newly-elected Chapel Hill Town Councilman  
Tai Huynh, County Commissioner Renee Price,  
and Diane Ong, who is an OCPD Fellow.**



**SEC Member Diane Robertson with Phyllis  
Portie-Ascott who is County 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chair  
in charge of Voter Experience**



**Melissa McCullough, Interim Co-Chair of the brand new  
East Franklin Precinct with Kathy Kaufman, Chair of  
Hogan Farms Precinct.**

**Their website is:  
[www.ORANGEDEMS.com](http://www.ORANGEDEMS.com)**



## **MECKLENBURG SEC MEMBER RECOGNIZED FOR HIS POSITIVE IMPACT IN NORTH CAROLINA!**

Mecklenburg Democrat Arun Nair has been saluted by **NEW AMERICAN ECONOMY** as one of the immigrants who has made a positive impact in North Carolina! **NEW AMERICAN ECONOMY** is “a bipartisan research and advocacy organization which is fighting for immigrant policies that help grow our economy and create jobs for all Americans.”

In the picture Arun and his wife, Remya, are with their daughters, Nikita and Navami, at Bank of America Stadium.

NC Democrats will be inspired to read about this outstanding American family by clicking: <https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/feature/indian-american-engineer-calls-charlotte-one-big-family>



**Arun joined Judge Aretha Blake, 12<sup>th</sup> District Democratic Chair Cozzie Watkins, Kimberly Edwards, Congresswoman Alma Adams, and Liz Millsaps Haigler in this picture at Vine United Methodist Church.**



### **DURHAM RECEPTION FOR JUDGE CHRIS BROOK!**

**On January 12<sup>th</sup>, Julie Edmunds opened her Durham home and welcomed supporters of Judge Chris Brook's campaign for NC Court of Appeals. Judge Brook is on the left above as he makes a presentation about why he is so committed to have fair courts.**



**Judge Brook is making new friends everywhere he goes and also renewing many friendships across the state.**



**He is deeply dedicated to using the courts to protect children.**

**His website is:  
[www.KeepJudgeChrisBrook.com](http://www.KeepJudgeChrisBrook.com)**



### **WILKES COUNTY CENTURY CLUB!**

**Under the leadership of County Chair Kathryn Charles, the Democrats of Wilkes County are going strong in 2020. State Democratic Party Chair Wayne Goodwin was the Keynote Speaker at their Century Club Banquet on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Express Banquet Room in North Wilkesboro.**

**From the left in the picture above are: Agriculture Commissioner Candidate Walter Smith, State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin, County Commissioner Candidate Jerome Watkins, 5<sup>th</sup> District Party Chair Charlie Wallin, 45<sup>th</sup> District House Candidate Jeanne Supin, and County Commissioner Candidate Chalma Hunt.**



**Wilkes County Democratic Party Chair Kathryn Charles with Wayne**



**One of Wilkes' Democratic Candidates for Board of Education, Brandon Whitaker, with his wife, Kimberly.**



### **GRACIE CELEBRATES VN TET OBSERVANCE WITH HER FAMILY!**

**Dr. Grace Galloway, President of the Asia American Pacific Islander Caucus of the State Democratic Party and her family participated in the Charlotte observance of the 1968 TET Offensive in Vietnam. The observation will last for ten days. Grace was actually in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive which was one of the worse North Vietnamese attacks on South Vietnam and the Americans who were there.**

**Grace worked at a Vietnamese orphanage, trying to shield children from some of the worse complications of the war.**

**The picture above shows the contestants in the celebration's beauty pageant.**



**Have you ever met Dr. Gracie's daughter and two grandchildren?  
Li Mei is Grace's daughter and her two grandchildren are Connor and Tae Li.  
Grace and Joe enjoyed sharing the TET observance with her family.**



**JEN MANGRUM IS CAMPAIGNING EVERYWHERE!**

**Jen Mangrum is taking her campaign all over the state. Here are some recent pictures. Above left: Jen with Congressional candidate Kathy Manning. Above right: With Chip Hagan, husband of Senator Kay Hagan.**



**Jen with Democratic star Ed Jones**



**Representative Pracey Harrison and Jen**



**Jen with new Fletcher Town Council Member Preston Blakeley & with "Super Woman"**



UPGRADING THE SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA



**CONSTANCE LAV JOHNSON WILL RELEASE HER NEW BOOK!**

Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Constance Lav Johnson of Charlotte has written a book which promises to be fascinating. *From The Bottom Up* is a book that highlights her walk through the schools of major cities, conferences with elected and education officials, and community programs designed to supplement public education.

Johnson analyzes why students in some states are successful, while youth in other states lack the scores needed.

Her email address is: [ConstanceLavJohnson@gmail.com](mailto:ConstanceLavJohnson@gmail.com)



### **JENNA WADSWORTH INVITES EVERYBODY!**

**Because of her belief that 2020 is going to require collaboration among all Democrats, Agriculture Commissioner candidate Jenna Wadsworth is inviting many candidates up and down the ballot to her campaign events.**

**She recently held two “Ag and Ales” events in Mills River and Asheville to which she invited lots of candidates. In the top left picture Jenna is joined by Congressional candidate Steve Woodsmall and State Representative candidate Danae Aicher. In the top right picture she is with Representative Brian Turner and Buncombe County Commissioner candidate Kristin Goldsmith.**



**After receiving the endorsement of the Peoples Alliance in Durham, Jenna happily posed with State Representative Marcia Morey and Court of Appeals candidate Tricia Shields.**



**Jenna with State Senate candidate Natalie Murdock in Durham**



## **TERRI WELLS IS RUNNING FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY COMMISSIONER!**

**Longtime Democratic volunteer Terri Wells is campaigning for Buncombe County Commissioner in District One. She lives in the beautiful Sandy Mush area which is shown in the picture on the left above.**

**Terri is a 9<sup>th</sup> generation Buncombe County farmer and community leader. She says she understands and values Buncombe's rich heritage. That is one reason she serves on the Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board working with landowners on farm conservation and why she also helped create the Farm Heritage Trail.**

**On her website Democrats can find this information: "Terri also understands that change is inevitable – so we must plan to make the best of it. We need a broad vision for the future so that we can ensure that all of our people thrive, now and for generations to come.**

**"Terri has a track record of listening and working with people to accomplish shared goals. That's how she helped bring about the improvement to Sandy Mush Community Center, including a new playground and broadband internet access.**

**"These qualities also served her well as past Program Director of Asheville City Schools Foundation where she worked with educators, volunteers, families and community organizations to improve the quality of education for all students.**

**Terri graduated from Erwin High school, and then earned a Bachelor's Degree in English from UNC-Chapel Hill and a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Colorado Boulder. She recently completed the Homegrown Leaders leadership and economic development training with the NC Rural Center.**

**When asked, Terri replied that her values "include integrity, collaboration, respectful communication, critical thinking and common sense."**

**She is a long time Democratic Party volunteer having served as Sandy Mush Precinct Chair and Leicester Cluster Leader.**

**Her website is: [www.TerriWellsForCommissioner.com](http://www.TerriWellsForCommissioner.com)**



### **DIMPLE AJMERA CAMPAIGNS FOR STATE TREASURER!**

**Charlotte City Council Member Dimple Ajmera is running for State Treasurer to help North Carolina citizens “protect their hard-earned money.” She says: “I’m a fighter from the mountains to the coast”**

**Dimple was appointed to the Charlotte City Council in 2017 to fill a vacancy. She was elected on her own right in the 2018 election. She had recently received several awards including a NAACP Excellence Award.**

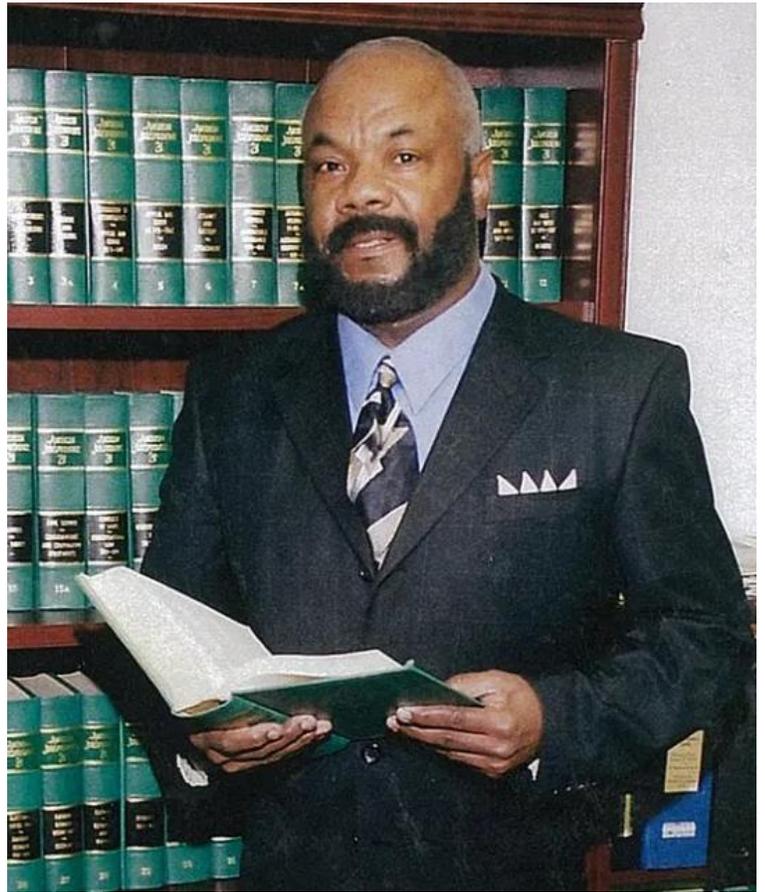
**This entertaining video will give voters a chance to get to know Dimple. Watch it, okay?**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32JXZG62xSY>**



**Recently Dimple and Jessica Holmes were photographed as they campaigned at the same place at the same time.**

**MARCUS WILLIAMS  
KICKS OFF  
CAMPAIGN TO REPRESENT  
NINTH DISTRICT  
IN CONGRESS!**



**Marcus Williams has issued the following PRESS RELEASE about his campaign for the seat in the newly-redrawn Ninth Congressional District:**

**“Born and raised in Lumberton, Robeson County, Marcus W. Williams has accumulated a true understanding of the agricultural area and the many challenges that most rural counties face and must overcome.**

**“He has been an excellent student of social interaction and academics. In fact, when based only on the issues, he is undefeated. To wit, he was elected (in non-minority majority public schools or institutions) as Student Body President at Lumberton High School, as Student Body President at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and as the first minority Student Body President at the University of Minnesota School of Law.**

**“His student government administrations were wildly successful. Little did Williams suspect that subsequently, they would constitute such an excellent foundation for his serving as Executive Director of Regional or Statewide Legal Services Programs for 17 years. In Chapel Hill, for example, he initiated and negotiated the first mass transit transportation system throughout campus and – with his chosen staff – implemented a streamlined, unicameral legislative body, and sponsored an unprecedented, diverse “Colloquium On Individual Rights & Liberties,” among other initiatives.**

**Williams possesses the acquired set of skills to maximize the economic development interests of the people in each of the counties of the 9<sup>th</sup> District, and will represent all residents with alacrity and vision, regardless of whether a citizen is unaffiliated, Independent, Republican or Democrat. He has worked successfully with people of all races since his first job on the tobacco farm at the age of 10.”**

**His website is: [www.marcuswilliamsforcongress.com](http://www.marcuswilliamsforcongress.com)**



**A MIRACLE: FOUR STRONG COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES  
IN JOHNSTON COUNTY!**

**Four years ago Johnston County Democrats couldn't find people to run for the four County Commissioner seats that were up for election.**

**This year they have strong candidates running in all four districts! Here is their lineup:**

**Top left – Justin David King of Clayton – District 1**

**Top right – Dr. Gettys Cohen of Smithfield – District 6**

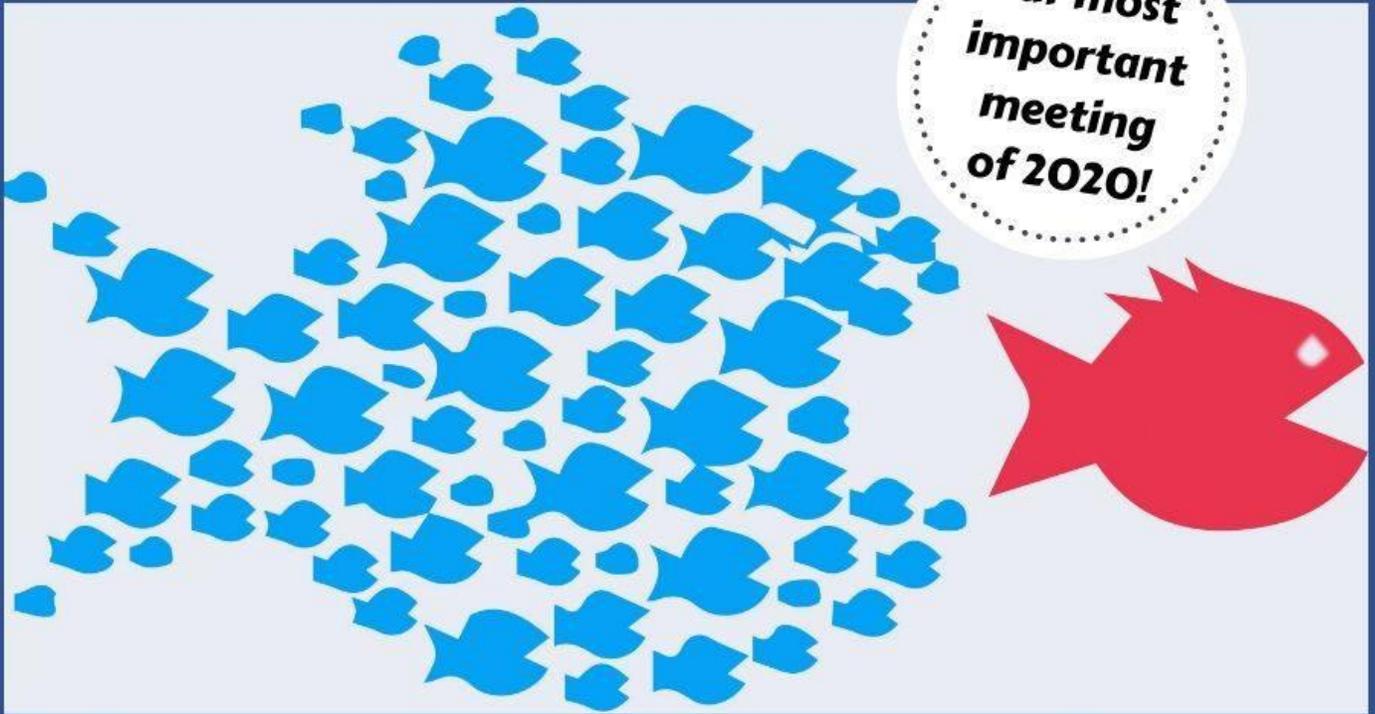
**Bottom left –Dr. Wendy Ella May of Micro – District 2**

**Bottom right – Alan Lamont of Angier – District 4**



Cabarrus County Democratic Party  
**ORGANIZING TO WIN MEETING**

*our most  
important  
meeting  
of 2020!*



**SAT. FEB. 15TH, 9.30 AM @ KANNAPOLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL (NEW BUILDING)  
1000 VIRGINIA DARE STREET, KANNAPOLIS, NC**

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