

*** GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS! ***

APRIL 20, 2018



UNITY DINNER – A SMASHING SUCCESS!

A sellout crowd of 650 enthusiastic Democrats filled Reynolds Coliseum for the 2018 Unity Banquet of the State Democratic Party on April 14th. The event was accurately named because North Carolina Democrats are united against Trump!

The Keynote Speaker, Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, was welcomed by Madison and Wayne Goodwin in the picture on the left above. Madison led the entire crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Wayne was a rousing speaker and Master of Ceremonies.

In the picture on the right above NCDP Vice Chair Nida Allam and Towqir Aziz were enjoying conversing with Senator Klobuchar.



Lorenzo Pedro, Vice President for Communications of the NC Young Dems became a statewide star as he masterfully introduced all the elected officials and candidates at the banquet.



Dylan Rhoney of Burke County posed with Governor Roy Cooper who delivered a highly motivational speech. The Governor emphasized the fact that he organized the BREAK THE MAJORITY drive as part of the State Democratic Party's 2018 campaign - not as a separate organization.



State DW President Joyce gave an emotional tribute to Senator Kay Hagan.



Orange County Commissioner Renee Price, Kim Piracci, & former NCDP Chair Patsy Kever



President Obama was one of many Democrats who gave video tributes to Kay Hagan.



Hispanic Democratic leaders: Johnny Shaver, Adrian Zambrano, Helen Torres, HAD Caucus President Carolina Fonseca Jimenez, Julie Hernandez, Mirthela Villaneuva, HAD Caucus Vice President David Salazar, & Courtney Stallman



Tia Meredith, Connie Green-Johnson, Jim Meredith, Cynthia Wallace, & Ruth Cavin



Lorenzo Pedro, HAD President Carolina Fonseca Jimenez, her husband Jeramee Kerl, and Burke County Democratic leader Jarrett Patrick.



Gwen Wilkins, Elaine Marshall, Tommy Bunn



Wake District Attorney Lorrin Freeman with her daughter, Sophie



Legendary Democrat Charles Johnson



Wayne Goodwin & Meredith Cuomo



Anna & James Whalen, Johnny Shaver, & Adrian Zamora



**Jerry Hodge with congressional candidates
Kathy Manning and Dan McCready**

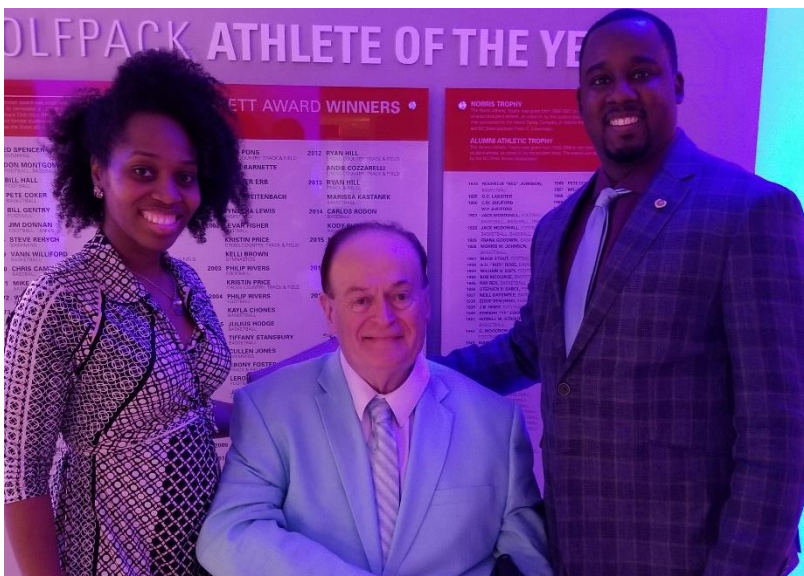


**Judge Robbie Hassell of Greensboro and
former State Party Chair Betty McCain of Wilson**



**Strong New Hanover County
State House Candidate
Marcia Morgan
with Secretary of State
Elaine Marshall
and Tommy Bunn**

**Rutherford County's outstanding
County Chair Jerry Wease
enjoyed talking with
Senator Amy Klobachar
who is often on the list
of potential 2020 presidential candidates
in the national news media.**



**Mrs. Black North Carolina,
Chanda Branch,
and her husband,
Raleigh City Councilman
Corey Branch,
joined me in this picture
in front of the
“Wolfpack Athlete Of The Week”
billboard in Reynolds Coliseum.**



Josh Brown, Kim Piracci, Governor Cooper, Dave Nelson, & Larry Cormier



**7th Congressional District candidate Dr. Kyle Horton
with State Representative Chaz Beasley**



**5th District candidate DD Adams with
8th District candidate Scott Huffman**



Harnett Commissioner Barbara McKoy, Gwen Wilkins & Rutherford County Chair Jerry Wease



**2018 YOUNG DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR:
REBEKAH WHILDEN!**

**At the State Young Democrats Convention in Charlotte on April 7th,
Rebekah Whilden won the Tyre Taylor Award for the
MOST OUTSTANDING YOUNG DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR!**

**Rebekah has served as an officer of the organization for the past five years.
First she was Secretary, then Executive Vice President, and finally National Committeewoman.
Many Young Democrats have said that the North Carolina Young Democrats
would not be where they are today without Bekah.
In the picture above Rebekah is being congratulated by
YDNC National Committeeman Colby Moore.**





NIDA ALLAM RECEIVES MAJOR APPOINTMENT!

Nida Allam, Third Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party, has been appointed to the Durham Mayor's Women's Advisory Council.

This is the first council of its kind for not only the city of Durham, but in the state of North Carolina. Nida will use her background in grassroots organizing to represent the Civil Rights and Social Justice Sector.

As Nida was being sworn in, her father was standing beside her.



JANE WHITLEY & TAELOE LOGAN!

Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Chair Jane Whitley (right) and Taelor Logan proudly represented the Democratic Party at the annual Myers Park High School Career Fair. The school invites both the local Democratic and Republican parties to participate each year. The GOP did not show up this year.

Jane said: "We had a great time talking with the students about the importance of young people voting, registering, and pre-registering students to vote."

Taelor and Jane handed out sample ballots and signed up students who are interested in summer internships.



HYDE COUNTY ORGANIZES!

Following several years of inactivity, Democrats in Hyde County met on April 19th to reorganize! 60% of the precincts met recently and organized formally. All those precincts were present at the April 19th County Convention.

This included Ocracoke Precinct delegates who had to travel by ferry to attend the Convention. More than 20 Democrats attended Ocracoke's precinct meeting!



The new Hyde County Democratic Party Executive Committee is shown in this picture. The County Convention elected a slate of Officers, Delegates to the District and State Conventions, and selected Legislative Executive Committee members. Three Resolutions were proposed from the floor and all three were passed by the Convention.



HYDE COUNTY OFFICERS!

**From the left the new Officers of the Hyde County Democratic Party are:
Treasurer Romonia Bryant, First Vice Chair Elsa Schmitt, County Chair Wallace Gibbs,
Third Vice Chair Cheryl Weston, Second Vice Chair Mike Adams, & Secretary Roger Garrish.**



Third Congressional District Chair Chris Hardee presided at the Hyde County Democratic Convention. He encouraged the assembled Democrats to focus on helping BREAK THE MAJORITY in Raleigh by electing Cole Phelps to the State Senate and Tess Judge to the State House. Several candidates were present.

Chris Hardee saluted the strong organizing push from several Hyde Democrats and the coordinating that was done by Third Congressional District Vice Chair Jen Alexander.



180 ATTEND WAKE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S UNITY BREAKFAST!

What a great crowd for breakfast! 180 Democrats gathered at the Women's Club Building in Raleigh for the 49TH Annual Unity Breakfast of the Democratic Women of Wake County on April 14th. (It is impossible to see all the people in the back section of this picture.)



Cindy Sinkez, the terrific President of the Democratic Women of Wake County, welcomed Keynote Speaker Justice Cheri Beasley and State Democratic Women President Joyce Mitchell. Joyce spoke about all the good things NC Democratic Women are doing.



Salutations go to Unity Breakfast Chair Saleisha Averhart (left) for her excellent work in organizing the breakfast. President Cindy Sinkez says that Saleisha “is a relatively new member and a fantastic organizer!”



The 2018 Jeanette Hyde Leadership Award was presented to one of North Carolina’s all time greatest citizens: Juanita Bryant!

State Democratic Party Chair Wayne Goodwin (left side) and Wake County Democratic Party Chair Rebecca Llewellyn (on far right) delivered inspirational messages.



TOBY HAMPSON FOR NC COURT OF APPEALS!

Toby Hampson kicked off his campaign for the NC Court of Appeals with an April 9th reception at the PoshNosh Restaurant in Raleigh.

The picture above shows Toby (second from left) with some of his supporters: Judge Linda Stephens, former Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson, and Judge Eddie Greene.



State Representative Joe John who was a Judge for many years was happy to endorse Toby.

Everyone is invited to learn more about Toby's campaign at:
www.TobyHampsonForJudge.com

Please remember that his last name contains an "S."



SECOND DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES FORUM!

Gwen Wilkins was organizer of a Second Congressional District forum at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount on April 12th. Candidates Ken Romley, Linda Coleman, and Wendy May answered a wide variety of questions from Democratic voters in the audience.



Left: NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes was MC of the forum. Gwen Wilkins and Perry Evans joined Matt for this picture. Right: Johnston County Democratic Party Chair Sharon Castleberry



Part of the crowd who attended the forum in Rocky Mount



ON THE NEXT NIGHT:

ANOTHER SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CANDIDATES FORUM!

Gary Evans, the Franklin County Democratic Party, and the Franklin Area Clergical Ecumenical Society sponsored a 2nd Congressional District Forum in Louisburg on April 13th.

From the left the candidates in the picture above are Ken Romley(D), Allen Chessser(R), Linda Coleman(D), and Wendy May(D).

KEN ROMLEY
DEMOCRAT FOR U.S. CONGRESS NC-2

A portrait of Ken Romley, a man with light brown hair, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and red tie.

A portrait of Linda Coleman, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a red blazer over a white shirt.

From a teacher to Wake County Commissioner to State Legislator, **Linda Coleman** knows how to solve a problem.

It's time to take on the Washington establishment!

Join me today as I continue the fight against corruption and ineffective leadership in Congress. I am seeking the Republican nomination for the North Carolina 2nd Congressional district, the primary will be held on **May, 8 2018**.

Allen

**IDEAS.
INNOVATION.
INTEGRITY.**

A portrait of Wendy May, a woman with reddish-brown hair, wearing a dark top. A circular seal for the North Carolina 2nd Congressional District is overlaid on the image.

A portrait of Allen Chessser, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie.

BOB PAGE & DALE FREDERIKSEN

HON. KAY & CHIP HAGAN

MIKE & SYLVIA BERKELHAMMER

LINDA & JIM CARLISLE • CANDACE & ROGER CUMMINGS • SHERRY DICKSTEIN & KURT LAUENSTEIN

DONNA & BOB HODGMAN • HON. NANCY HOFFMANN • MARY & GUS MAGRINAT • RON MCKINNEY

ELLEN SHERIDAN • ANDREW SPAINHOUR • MARGARET WINSLOW

We invite you to a Fundraising Reception in honor of

RYAN WATTS

Candidate for Congress - 6th District

With Special Guest

ANITA EARLS

Candidate for NC Supreme Court

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 • 5:30pm to 7:00pm

at Preyer Brewing

600 Battleground Ave, Greensboro, NC 27401

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS: \$1,000 • \$500 • \$250

GUEST LEVELS: \$100 • \$50

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TOM STEYER WILL SPEND ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN 9TH & 13TH DISTRICTS!

NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin recommends this exciting article to every Democrat:

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article209097664.html>



WANDA DAVIS INSTALLED AS NEW MEMBER OF WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS!

That remarkable Democrat, Wanda Davis, was recently installed as a member of the Wilson County Board of Elections. She has already served as:

- First Vice Chair of the Wilson County Party
- President of the Democratic Women of the county
- First Vice President of the Democratic Women

In her new role on the Board of Elections, Wanda will serve as Secretary. Spokeswoman Beth Punte said: "We are pleased to have Wanda represent us!"

Wilson Democrat Chip Futrell will serve as Chair of the Board of Elections until June 30th.



NERVAHNA CREW TALKS WITH CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS!

Wake County Soil & Water Supervisor candidate Nervahna Crew had a memorable experience last week: She met and talked with famous civil rights leader and Congressman John Lewis. She met him at a fundraiser for St. Augustine's University at the Lucas Estate in Knightdale.

Nervahna has served as Secretary of the Wake County Democratic Party and she has been a SEC Member for several years.



TWO GOVERNORS ENDORSE BRANDON LOFTON!

Governor Jim Hunt and Governor Roy Cooper went to Charlotte to strongly support Brandon Lofton in his campaign for State House in District 104 in South Charlotte! More than 100 people attended the Campaign Kickoff event at the home of Liz and Brad Weiner.

Additionally Brandon received four major endorsements: MeckPAC, EqualityNC, Now or Never NC, and The Arena!

The Arena endorsement said Brandon is a “dedicated leader” who “serves the community.” Now or Never NC hailed Brandon as an “award-winning citizen lawyer.”



Governor Jim Hunt can be seen applauding on the right side of this picture at the Weiner home. At age 80, Governor Hunt is going all over the state to help elect Democrats!



MEET THE CAMPAIGN TEAM FOR ANITA EARLS FOR NC SUPREME COURT!

Voters all over the state are getting more and more excited about Anita Earls and her campaign for Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Governor Roy Cooper gave Anita a strong, heartfelt endorsement at the Unity Dinner in Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh on April 14th.

Anita is happy to introduce her campaign team: Campaign Manager Caroline Spencer, Finance Director Jackie Gonzalez, and Deputy Campaign Manager Quinton Harper. These fine folks are working day and night to promote Anita's campaign.

Every citizen who is interested in having fair courts is invited to make a donation to this extremely important campaign at: www.Earls4Justice.com.



EARLY VOTING HAS STARTED!

Seventh Congressional District candidate Dr. Kyle Horton can be seen in the center of this picture as she joins New Hanover County voters on the first day of Early Voting!



THIRD LEG OF WAYNE GOODWIN'S RURAL LISTENING TOUR!

Last week State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin, Deputy ED Doug Wilson, and Third Congressional District Chair Chris Hardee took their Rural Tour to Wayne, Craven, and Carteret counties.

The day began with a breakfast meeting in Goldsboro. Included in the picture above are NCDP AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels and Wayne County Chair Barbara Dantonio.



**Wayne speaking
to enthusiastic
Democrats in
New Bern**

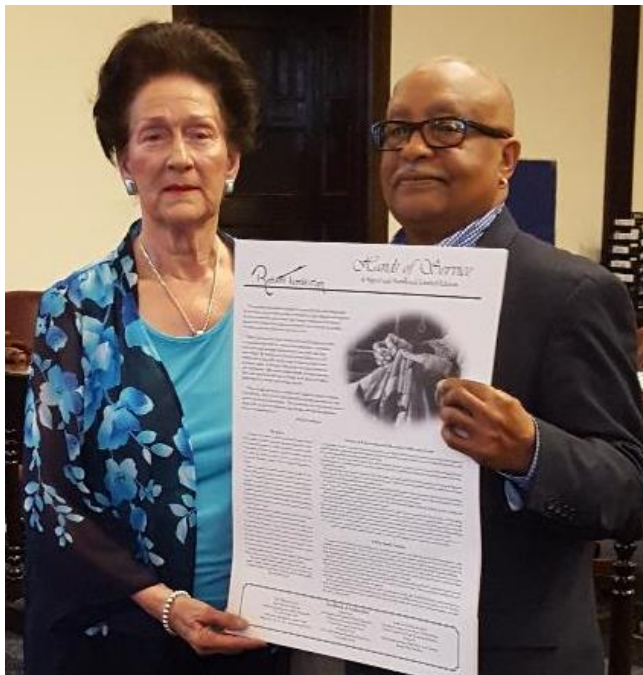


The day ended with Wayne speaking to this group at the famous Sanitary Seafood Restaurant in Morehead City. At every stop eastern Democrats expressed their strong support for this year's campaign to defeat the Republicans!



**ANITA EARLS KEYNOTES
NASH COUNTY CONVENTION!**

Highly respected voting rights attorney Anita Earls was the Keynote Speaker at the 2018 Nash County Convention at the Courthouse in Nashville. Her speech drew loud applause from Convention Delegates.



**Heartwarming moments at the Convention:
Nash County Democratic Party Chair Dwight Jordan presented
HANDS OF SERVICE AWARDS
to two outstanding Democrats.**

**Rachel Joyner was honored for her 56 YEARS of service as Clerk of Superior Court.
Even though she has been there 56 years, Rachel sees something new every day!
Angela Bryant was honored for her years of service as State Senator.
Angela resigned her Senate post to accept a position in the Cooper administration.**



2018 ROBESON COUNTY CONVENTION!

The 2018 Robeson County Convention was held in the Courthouse in Lumberton.

Left: County Chair Chub Henderson and SEC Member Brooke Clarke were happily wearing their blue Democratic tee shirts. Right: Two of North Carolina's best: Larry Townsend and Tiffany Powers. Larry served as Secretary of the 7th Congressional District Democratic Party for eight years and has been a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention five times. Tiffany is a Member of the Robeson County Board of Elections and she has been a Delegate to the National Convention twice.



Left: Matt Scott is campaigning to become the first Native American District Attorney in North Carolina history.

Right: Barbara Yates-Lockamy is vigorously campaigning for State Representative in District 46.



This picture shows many of the candidates who spoke at the Robeson Convention. In 2016 Democratic candidates were severely hurt because the hurricane greatly diminished the turnout of minority voters.

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MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:**

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Your Democratic Friend,

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