

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

August 23, 2018



THREE BIG BRUNSWICK COUNTY EVENTS – IN SAME WEEKEND!

Brunswick County Democrats are among the most energetic Democrats in the entire state! On August 11th and 12th, they staged three highly successful events.

On August 12 they cleared more than \$8,000.00 with the Second Annual SOBAD Golf Tournament at the Sandpiper Country Club in Sunset Beach! SOBAD stands for Southern Brunswick Area Democrats. 96 golfers, 26 hole sponsors, and more than \$8,000 in donated prizes made it a happy day!

In the picture on the left above Matt Carfora brought a stuffed Democratic donkey to the golf event.

On the right above are NC House candidate Tom Simmons, School Board candidate Bill Flythe, State Senate candidate Dr. David Sink, & County Commissioner candidate Marilyn Priddy



Yes, many Democrats enjoy golf!



A large number of people made the event successful including Assistant Event Chair Neil Gilbert and Event Chair Tom Goodwin.



Neil Gilbert and Dwight Willis welcomed NCDP Vice Chair Matt Hughes.



In the clubhouse. Michael Barnhill, Campaign Manager for Dr. Kyle Horton for Congress is in the blue shirt on the right side of this picture.



Happy Brunswick Democrats



BLUE EXTRAVAGANZA – BRUNSWICK COUNTY!

On August 11th a large crowd came to the annual Blue Extravaganza at the Brunswick County Democratic Party Headquarters in Bolivia. The happy event featured a campaign stump for Democratic candidates, a cookout, and music provided by Tidewater, a Brunswick jazz duo.

NCDP Vice Chair Matt Hughes spent the entire weekend at this series of three Brunswick events. In the picture on the right above: County Chair Janis Simmons, School Board candidate Joanne Levitan, and Brunswick DW President Eileen Farrell.



County Commissioner candidate Marilyn Priddy, 7th District Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz, and NC Court of Appeals candidate Toby Hampson inspired the crowd. (A special feature on Toby Hampson is in another section of this edition.)



Brunswick County 1st Vice Chair Cameron Parker & family. Anita Earls for NC Supreme Court



BRUNSWICK DEMOCRATS BLUE WAVE ON THE RIVER!

A Blue Wave of Democrats came up the Cape Fear River on Saturday night, August 12th, and swept aboard the Battleship USS North Carolina. This Blue Wave fundraiser benefited Senate candidate David Sink and State House candidate Tom Simmons.

The featured speaker was State Senator Terry Van Duyn of Asheville who is the Minority Whip. She is in the middle of the picture on the right above. Brunswick Party Secretary Kristen Colleran (left) and Betsy Duarte welcomed her. State Representative Deborah Butler was the MC.



In the left picture are Brunswick 2nd Vice chair Rob Priddy, Eddie Van Viliet, and Brunswick County's fabulous Chair, Janis Simmons. Janis is a remarkably outstanding Democratic leader. A special salute goes to Michelle Kistner who coordinated this fun-filled evening.

In the picture on the right are: Secretary Kristen Colleran with Dale and Debbie Todd.

After coming on board, guests were serenaded with music by Dr. Jim Brooks and were guided around the battleship by the staff.

During dinner in the Ward Room, Rear Admiral Ron Henderson provided an informative and thorough history of the ship.

Special guests included NCDP Vice Chair Matt Hughes, 7th District Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz, NC Democratic Women Secretary Brenda Rivas-Diaz, Bladen County Sheriff candidate Hakeem Brown, Senate candidate Harper Peterson, and State House candidate Leslie Cohen.



WAYNE GOODWIN HEADLINES SUSAN FISHER EVENT!

State Chair Wayne Goodwin is following a dizzying schedule of speaking events all over the state! On August 12th he was the Special Guest Speaker at the annual fundraiser for State Representative Susan Fisher in Buncombe County. Former State Representative Jennifer Weiss came from Wake County to support Susan. Wayne, Susan, and Jennifer served in the NC House of Representatives together in the early 2000s.



MEET NEW CLEVELAND COUNTY PARTY CHAIR: KAYLYNN BEAVER!

On August 9th the Executive Committee of the Cleveland County Democratic Party elected Kaylynn Beaver as their new County Chair. Kaylynn had been serving as County Party Secretary. She is filling the position left by Nick Carpenter because he is moving to Raleigh.

When asked for information about herself, Kaylynn wrote: “I began my professional life as a writer and built a small company of copywriters. After acquiring some technical certifications, as well as certificates in project management, I moved on to consulting for IT firms in the SMB space.

“Upon moving to Shelby I became a board member for the Abuse Prevention Council, as well as County Party Secretary. I like to think that my technical aptitude, as well as my leadership and project planning skills, will lend themselves well to the position of Chair.”

Democrats can send messages of congratulations to Kaylynn at: CCDPartySec@gmail.com.



DA'QUAN LOVE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE!

Happy Democrats from Duplin and Onslow counties packed the Bistro of the Duplin Winery in Rose Hill for a rally for Da'Quan Love's State Representative campaign in House District 4 on August 10th. With his dynamic speaking style, Da'Quan electrified the crowd!



Supreme Court candidate Anita Earls, State Rep Larry Bell, State Representative Graig Meyer of Orange County, and State Senate candidate Vernon Moore were the featured speakers at the rally.

What a terrific lineup!



SEC Member Armin Jancis with Anita Earls



Katrina Southerland with attorney Jonah Garson



Anita Earls, Rebecca Judge, Larry Bell Esther Murphy, Melvin Williams, & Francisco Rivas-Diaz

MORE PICTURES FROM DA'QUAN LOVE'S RALLY IN ROSE HILL



Anita Earls & Christa Faison



DW Regional Director Marzella Morrisey with Anita Earls



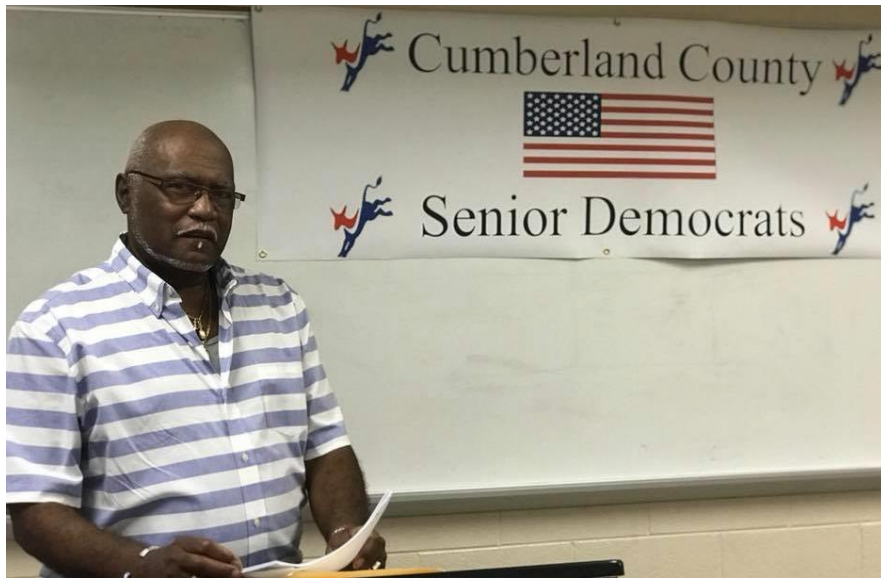
State Representative Graig Meyer of Orange County is a hero of the 2018 campaign. He is going all over the state promoting the election of Democratic legislative candidates.

His website is: www.GraigMeyer.com

Anita Earl's campaign can be found at: <https://Earls4Justice.com>

Da'Quan Love's website is: <https://www.Love4NC.com>

**Here is Da'Quan Love's excellent *Duplin Times* statement about the most dramatic issue in Duplin County!
<http://issuu.com/cookecommunicationsnc/docs/dt-081618?e=26752084/63827996>**



**CUMBERLAND
SENIOR DEMOCRATS
CELEBRATE
85TH BIRTHDAY OF
SOCIAL SECURITY!**

At their August meeting the strong Senior Democrats of Cumberland County saluted Social Security and its manifold benefits to millions of Americans. Lester Bussey led the celebration.



Tarrence Thomas presented an interesting and detailed history of Social Security and the challenges it has faced.

The picture on the right shows the heartwarming collection of Social Security items which the Senior Democrats brought to their meeting in Fayetteville.



**RENEE PRICE PROVIDED
LEADERSHIP AT
NATIONAL CONVENTION!**

Many NC Democrats attended the 2018 Convention of the National Association of County Officials in Nashville. Orange County Commissioner Renee Price chaired the Community, Economic & Workforce Development Steering Committee of the organization.

Speaking to the general assembly of one thousand county officials meeting in Nashville, Commissioner Price delivered her committee's report. She was re-appointed to two leadership positions by new NACO President Greg Cox of San Diego: Vice Chair of the Arts & Culture Commission and Vice Chair of the Community, Economic, & Workforce Development Steering Committee. She said: "I am honored to continue serving the nation's counties in these positions of leadership."



Renee said: "Orange County needs to amplify its voice on issues of national importance, particularly in the areas of community development which includes affordable housing, as well as economic and workforce development. Counties must continue to work with our state and federal partners on these critical issues. Being involved with NACO will help ensure that Orange County continues to be in the vanguard of progressive change in the United States."



**Picture on left:
Serving as President of the North Carolina Association of Black County Officials (NCABCO,) Commissioner Renee Price invited Commissioner Ronnie Smith of Martin County to address the NCABCO meeting in Nashville during the NACO conference.**



AL GORE COMES TO NORTH CAROLINA!

When Vice President Al Gore brought his campaign for environmental justice to North Carolina, he happily reunited with some of his most treasured friends – and he met some brand new friends.

Longtime treasured friend: In picture on the left above, Ambassador Jeanette Hyde of Raleigh welcomed Mr. Gore. Ambassador Hyde served as the United State Ambassador to the Eastern Caribbean during the Clinton-Gore administration.

She is one of North Carolina's most admired citizens.

Right above: Al Gore with our Seventh Congressional District candidate, Dr. Kyle Horton.



Former State Party Chair Tom Hendrickson and his daughter, Katie, have been close friends and supporters of Al Gore for decades.



Mr. Gore joined in a group environmental discussion at Shiloh Baptist Church in Greensboro.

Let us always remember that in 2000 more people voted for Al Gore to be President of the United States than for George W. Bush.



TOBY HAMPSON: CAMPAIGNING FROM BRUNSWICK TO BUNCOMBE IN THE SAME WEEKEND!

Our NC Court of Appeals candidate Toby Hampson is one of the most determined candidates of all time. He is going everywhere! On Saturday, August 11th he fellowshipped with Brunswick County Democrats at their big events in Bolivia, NC. (Look it up.) He posed with their donkey. The very next day Toby was at the Lake Julian Picnic near Asheville. Those famous Democrats, Leila Tvedt and Luke Hyde, joined him for the picture on the right above.



Toby with Senator Jeff Jackson and Ryan Watts in Asheboro

Toby enjoyed talking with voters at Lake Julian



OUR FOUR DISTINGUISHED STATEWIDE JUDICIAL CANDIDATES!

All four of our judicial candidates are crisscrossing the state. At the “Paint The Town Blue” event of the Mecklenburg Democrats Women are: Anita Earls, John Arrowood, Toby Hampson, and Allegra Collins.



GASTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

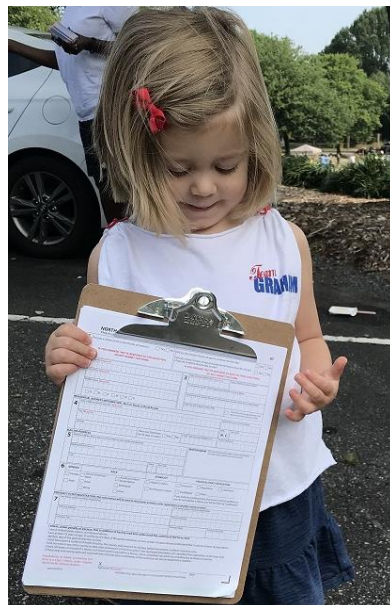
Gaston County Democrats opened their new Headquarters on August 1st. State Representative candidate Robert Kellogg happily welcomes guests in the left picture. In the picture on right County Commissioner candidate Jennifer Graham (center.)



**Standing at the Grand Opening:
10th District 2nd Vice Chair
Ray Raynor,
NC House candidate
Susan Maxon and
Gaston County 3rd Vice Chair
Courtney Phillips.**

**Registering voters:
Three year old Gaston
County Volunteer
Amelia Phillips!**

**Roy Cooper would not be
Governor of North Carolina
today if Gaston County
had not given him 33,708
votes in 2016!**



GRAND OPENING – BLADEN COUNTY HEADQUARTERS!

David Clark cut the ribbon at the new Bladen County Party Headquarters at 300-A Poplar Street in Elizabethtown on 8/9. Mr. Clark gave the Party a real good rental price on his building. County Chair Ben Snyder is behind David.



Legendary Democrats Dr. Delilah Blanks and longtime State Rep. Ed Nye led the Grand Opening. The lady in the center is Party Vice Chair Patsy Sheppard. More Dems attended the Grand Opening than attended the last two County Conventions combined!



Strong 7th District Congressional candidate Dr. Kyle Horton was the Keynote Speaker. She talked about the importance of good health care for veterans – and for everyone.



NCDP'S FIRST "WOMEN OF COLOR FORUM!"

The State Democratic Party held its first annual "WOMEN OF COLOR FORUM" at Rolesville High School in northern Wake County on August 11th. Women from all over the state gathered to discuss ways to get more women of color involved in the Party and how to effectively get action on issues that are in their hearts.

Tanyetta Sutton, Stephanie Woolley, and Nervahna Crew are in the picture at the top left. The audience gave a tremendous round of applause for NC Supreme Court candidate Anita Earls.



NCDP Deputy ED Doug Wilson, Minority Affairs Stephanie Woolley, & Deputy Digital Director Troy Thomas



State Democratic Women President Joyce Mitchell, Governor's Chief of Staff Kristi Jones with Brenda Pollard of Durham



This happy picture includes State Rep Yvonne Holley, State House candidate Sydney Batch and Stephanie Woolley.



Durham Soil and Water candidate Natalie Murdock (right) with Stephanie Woolley and another Democratic lady



EAST WAKE DEMOCRATS!

On August 7th the East Wake Democrats hosted a Meet Up Social at Oak City Brewing which is adjacent to Knightdale Station Park in Knightdale. It was sponsored by Precincts 17-08 & 10-04.

Wake School Board candidate Don Mial, Second Congressional District candidate Linda Coleman, and Knightdale Town Council Member Jessica Day were headliners at the happy event.



Precinct 10-04 Vice Chair Lamar Davis, East Wake County District Coordinator Gloria Whitehurst, Brian Brown and Precinct 17-08 Treasurer Brandi Brown



Rita Rakestraw, Chair of the East Wake Democrats, with Linda Coleman. Rita is also Chair of Precinct 17-08.

Linda's campaign for Congress is gaining strength every day! Her website is:

LindaColemanForCongress.com/



**At the East Wake event: Left - Frank Terry and Precinct Vice Chair Freda Terry
Right - Chris Baltazar and Precinct Chair Alexa Colasurdo**



A MIGHTY SIGN!

This sign on Highway 64 in Nash County is drawing plenty of attention. Linda Coleman is probably thinking: "I am going to give George plenty of time to sleep after the November election!" Thanks to Andrea Biondi for sending this picture.



**BLUE WAVE GALA –
RANDOLPH COUNTY!**

Senator Jeff Jackson was the Keynote Speaker at the Blue Wave Gala of the Randolph County Democratic Party at the Headquarters in Asheboro on August 10th.

Left: Senator Jackson, NC Court of Appeals candidate Toby Hampson with Congressional candidate Ryan Watts.



The courageous Democrats of Randolph County have one of the largest County Headquarters in the state. A great place for a banquet!



State Senate candidate Bill McCaskill with Randolph County Party Vice Chair Diane Hubbard



Randolph County Party Chair Susie Scott with Toby Hampson for NC Court of Appeals



A great American: Jim Meredith is Chair of the 6th District Party and our candidate for State Rep in District 78.



Richard Johnson and former County Party Chair Ed Bunch entertained the Randolph Democrats



**Progressive Democrats of Forsyth County
& Eastern Forsyth County Democrats
invite you to our**



**MEET THE CANDIDATES
ICE CREAM SOCIAL***



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 4:00 TO 6:00 PM

Senior Center in the Basement of the Kernersville Library

*** Please feel free to bring ice cream or toppings or other snacks to share! Thanks!**





NC DEMOCRATS IN NEW ORLEANS!

Several members of the NCDP staff and Aisha Dew attended the Southern Regional meeting of the DNC in New Orleans.

From the left at 1st VC Aisha Dew, ED Kimberly Reynolds, NCDP Digital staff members Carla Marin and Lillian Badgett, with NCDP Communications Director Robert Howard.

Carla Marin (center) is the wonderful young lady to whom I send GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS each week. She puts it into the NCDP server and sends it out across the state.

Carla Marin is an amazingly helpful and cheerfully cooperative person!

(For two years Carla has been reluctant to let her picture appear in the GOOD NEWS.

I am glad to be able to honor her in this group picture.)



Deputy ED Doug Wilson joined Aisha and Kimberly in this New Orleans taxi picture.



ALAMANCE COUNTY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CAUCUS!

A re-organizational meeting of the African American Caucus of Alamance County was held at the County Party Headquarters in Burlington with State AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels in attendance (middle of front row.)

President Wilkins-Daniels said “Special congratulations to First Vice President Dorothy Yarborough for spearheading this effort and President Lawrence Slade for recognizing the importance of re-organizing at a crucial time in our state’s history.”



THE COOPERS CAMPAIGN FOR JULIE VAN HAEFEN!

Governor and Mrs. Cooper were the star attractions at a August 11th fundraiser for Julie Van Haefen’s campaign for State Representative in Wake County. Governor Cooper is working day and night to help Democratic legislative candidates!



SOUTH BUNCOMBE DEMS – LAKE JULIAN PICNIC!

The South Buncombe Democrats hosted their annual Lake Julian Picnic on August 12th. Nearly 200 Democrats, candidates, and friends traveled to the Lake to enjoy music, food, and inspiration. Candidates who addressed the group included:

**Toby Hampson for NC Court of Appeals
Quentin Miller for Sheriff
Donna Ensley for County Commissioner
Al Whitesides for County Commissioner**

**David Wilson Brown for Congress
Norm Bossert for NC Senate
Brian Turner for State Representative
Amanda Edwards**

**Special congratulations to Suzy Morrissey and all of the volunteers who made this event possible!
This happy information was provided by the Buncombe County Democratic Party.**

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**YOUR DEMOCRATIC FRIEND,
MELVIN WILLIAMS, SECRETARY
NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY**