

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

September 19, 2019



NC & SC African American Caucuses Sponsor Presidential Town Hall!

History was made on September 10th when the NCDP African American Caucus and the Black Caucus of the South Carolina Democratic Party sponsored a Presidential Town Hall at Clinton College in Rock Hill, South Carolina! Tom Steyer was the guest Presidential Candidate. In the picture above NCDP AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels and SC President Johnnie Cordero are on stage with Tom Steyer.

This is the first time the two caucuses have joined together to sponsor an event. Members of both groups agreed that they will be having more joint projects in the future!



Linda Wilkins-Daniels and Johnnie Cordero with Collette Alston, President of the Mecklenburg County AAC



Presidential candidate Tom Steyer with Linda Wilkins-Daniels

All pictures for this article were made by Chris Stephenson, Region Two AAC Director.



Collette Alston said Tom Steyer gave excellent, heartwarming answers to questions about racial issues.



A large contingent of MOMS DEMAND ACTION ON GUN VIOLENCE members attended the Town Hall and were pleased with the answers Mr. Steyer gave. The second gentleman from the left on top row is Willie Fleming, Past President of the NCDP AAC.



At the end of the Town Hall, Tom Steyer gave a big hug to Linda Wilkins-Daniels.



**PRECINCT 206
HOLDS A
“SEND OFF PARTY”
FOR
DREW KROMER!**

Because Drew Kromer, Chair of Precinct 206 in Mecklenburg County, was leaving to go to Law School in Chapel Hill, the Democrats of his precinct held a big “Send Off Party” for him. It was held at a private home in Davidson and was open to all Democrats.

During Drew’s years of leadership, Precinct 206 formed a strong combination between Democrats in the town of Davidson and the Democrats of Davidson University.

What did this precinct accomplish during the last couple of years?

- **They drew more than 400 people to their Precinct Rally which featured Attorney General Josh Stein, Congresswoman Alma Adams, NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin, and many more Democratic elected officials.**
- **They organized a Precinct Picnic which drew more than 130 people and featured Congresswoman Adams and singing by choirs from several Davidson churches.**
- **They raised more than \$23,000.00 for their Precinct Treasury! They used this money to hire a fulltime Precinct Field Director. They shared their Field Director with several surrounding precincts.**
- **They organized a terrific Get Out The Vote campaign which helped dump an incumbent GOP State Senator and an incumbent GOP State Representative out of office!**

Precinct 206 Democrats were happy to pay tribute to Drew!!!



Davidson Democrats: Steve Justus, Greg Snyder who is the new Precinct Chair, Charlie Raynal, and Steve Justus.



Steve Justus, Kirsten Eshleman, Precinct Vice Chair Cathy Denham, & Scott Denham

**Drew's good friend,
Cutler Renard, is one of the leaders
of the Democrats on the Davidson
University campus.
Cutler spent much of his summer
touring in Europe.**



**Precinct 206 Democrats listened
to several interesting speakers.**

**Precinct 206 Democrats
are already excitedly
planning for a
tremendous 2020
campaign!**



DEMOCRATS IN THE PARK

A Community Gathering with
Congresswoman Alma Adams

Sept. 21st, 2019 from 5-7:30 PM



**Everyone Is Invited To The Big
DEMOCRATS IN THE PARK PICNIC
Hosted By Mecklenburg County Precinct 206 Democrats
Featuring
CONGRESSMAN ALMA ADAMS
5:00PM, This Sunday, September 21st
Roosevelt Wilson Park
420 Griffin Street
Davidson, North Carolina**



**You Are Invited To: EMPTY CHAIR TOWN HALL for THOM TILLIS
6:30PM, Sunday, September 29, 2019
Cary Senior Center, 120 Maury Odell Place, Cary, NC 27513
Thom Tillis has NOT accepted the Invitation Yet.
These US Senate candidates have accepted:
Democrats – Trevor Fuller and Erica Smith
Libertarian – Shannon Bray, Republican – Garland Tucker
Hosted By: Chuck Tryon, Karen Ziegler,
Andrea Biondi, & Faisal R. Khan**



CORRECTION: IT'S ANN WOOD!

The lovely lady in the flowered dress above is Ann Wood who was honored as the 2019 recipient of the Doris Cromartie Award at the "Paint The Town Blue" Banquet of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County. Her name was incorrectly listed in the August 20th edition of this publication.



CORRECTION ABOUT: JUDGE JOHN ARROWOOD!

In the 2018 General Election 1,855,728 North Carolina citizens went to the polls to elect John Arrowood to a full term on the NC Court of Appeals.

Judge Arrowood wants everyone to know that his goal is to serve his full eight-year term. He will not be running for the NC Supreme Court as was incorrectly stated in the August 20th Edition of this publication.

In the picture above Judge Arrowood is joined by two Law Clerks who will be working with him: Coker Holmes and Tammy Burroughs.

The Wilson County Democratic Party

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Fall Fling

Wednesday, October 9

6:00 p.m.

Something Different, 3342 Airport Blvd, Wilson

- *Keynote Speaker* -



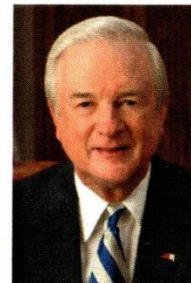
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Supreme Court**

Introduced by Wilson's own

Jim Hunt

Former Governor
of North Carolina



Music by **Bill Myers**

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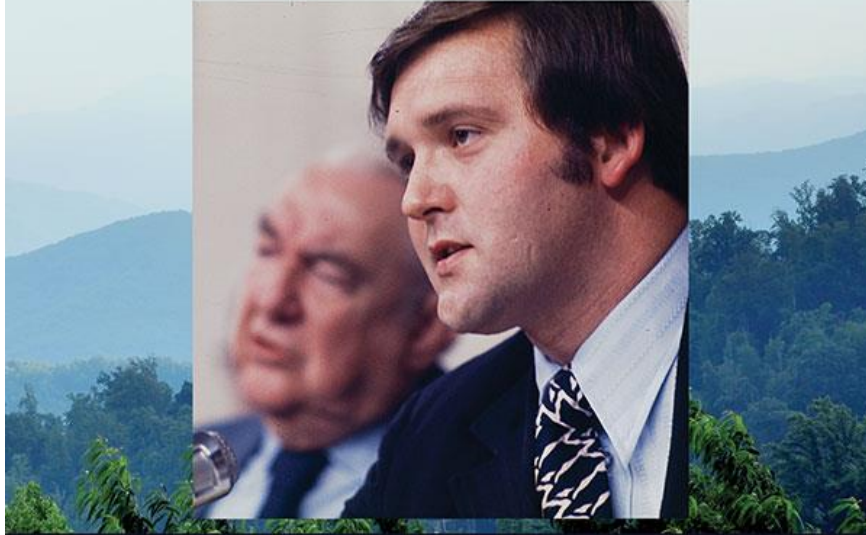
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**FORMER TEACHER, SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATOR. PUBLISHER of CITYPOLITICAL MAGAZINE,
POLITICIAN**

AWARDS: 1980, Most Valuable Player and Best Musician, Cellist, Salisbury High School Orchestra; 1981 Full Scholarship, Cellist, Livingstone College; 1983 Psychology, Awarded Internship to Represent Livingstone College at the State Mental Hospital to study with Psychiatrists. 1985 Elected President of the Senior Class, Livingstone College; 1985 Leader of Events with the Highest Funds Raised for United College Fund, Class of 1985; 1985 First Place Livingstone College Oratorical Competition; 1985 One of Three Selected to Receive Full Scholarship and Assistantship to University of Maryland Eastern Shore Education/Guidance and Counseling Department; 1985 Awarded Summer Internship to Yellowstone National Park, Lake Area as Employee Counselor; 1988 Highest Placements of Claimants to Gainful Employment; General Rehabilitation Services, Calverton, MD; 1994 Citizen of the Year, Companions Coordinator/Writer/Events Coordinator for Creative Loafing Newspaper Awarded by Hillsborough Community College, ranked top 10 in the nation. Hosted banquets throughout the city. 2003 Black Political Caucus – Charlotte Mecklenburg's Member of the Year and Appreciation Award for Coordination of Fundraising Banquet (2 awards). 2012 School Counselor/Consultant Approved and provided resources to initiate self designed academic program. Rated excellent. 2014 Received State Senatorial Campaign endorsements from the NC Association of Educators, African American Caucus, Clean Water of NC, Sierra Club, Keep Iredell Clean, Democratic Party of Iredell and Rowan, Victor and Esther Crosby, and Teachers of Iredell and Rowan Counties. 19,500 district votes.



**Constance Lav
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FOR NC STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

THIS OFFICE NEEDS A PASSIONATE EDUCATOR/SUPERVISOR/AWARDED CONFERENCE PLANNER.

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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION CAMPAIGN**



CONSTANCE JOHNSON STARS IN MOORE COUNTY PARADE!

On August 31st Constance Johnson took her campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Community Day Parade & Picnic in the Taylortown Community of Moore County. Every year classic cars and trucks are a big feature of this event. In the parade Constance rode in the 1972 Cadillac shown above



Constance spoke at the picnic and drew strong rounds of applause. A team of Charlotte educators helped organize her presentation and distributed her campaign contact information.

Everybody ate fish, burgers, and hot dogs as they admired all the classic cars and trucks. Constance said she has already put Taylortown's 2020 parade on her schedule!



JAMES BARRETT CAMPAIGNING STATEWIDE FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION!

The pictures above were made as James Barrett recently carried his campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction to voters in Union, Caldwell, Durham, Burke, Surry and Randolph counties.

JAMES

BARRETT

FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT



Everywhere he speaks, James emphasizes:

- Providing safety for school students
- Restoring respect for teachers
- Relieving the stress of high-stakes testing

To invite James to events in your county, call 919-590-5754

or write to him at

Campaign@BarrettForSchools.com



**CATAWBA DEMOCRATS
HOLD ANNUAL
CENTURY CLUB DINNER!**

At the Catawba County Democratic Party's annual Century Club Dinner on August 25th, North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls spoke and reminded the audience of more than 100 people that "change happens when ordinary people get involved." Catawba County Democratic Party Chair Dr. Ric Vandett is welcoming Justice Earls in this picture.

Catawba County's prestigious SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS were presented to Ann Gaither and the late Tom Warlick by Chair Vandett. In this picture Ann is expressing her appreciation and talking about the joy that working through the Democratic Party has brought to her life.



Teacher Delene Huggins with artist Joanie Gardner.



Three happy Democrats: Toni Abernathy, Michelle Morgan, and County Party Secretary Sarah Sakatos

2019 Unity Breakfast



GUEST SPEAKER: Chief Justice Cheri Beasley

CHATHAM COUNTY UNITY BREAKFAST!



Chatham County Chair Jan Nichols and the Democrats of Chatham County are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Chief Justice Cheri Beasley of the Supreme Court of North Carolina to Keynote their September 21st Unity Breakfast!

9:00AM, Saturday, September 21, 2019

**Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center
Pittsboro, North Carolina**

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August 18-24

AT&T Strike



Brunswick Dem Golf Tournament



HBCU Living Legends Scholarship Gala





RONNIE CHATTERJI VISITS NCAE!

Ronnie Chatterji, candidate for State Treasurer, visited NCAE Headquarters in Raleigh last week. He met with NCAE President Mark Jewell and talked about the impact that the State Treasurer has on the lives of educators across the state.



NCDP CHAIR IS ON NATIONAL NEWS – FREQUENTLY!

With North Carolina consistently making news in recent months, NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin has been featured in many interviews on many national news shows. With his brilliant analytical mind, his vast political knowledge, and his cheerful personality, Wayne makes North Carolina Democrats proud - every time!

MESSAGE TO READERS:

A vast amount of GOOD NEWS has occurred in the Tar Heel State in the last few days. This edition is filled with 25 pages of GOOD NEWS. It is impossible to include more articles in this Edition.

Therefore, please be looking for the articles listed below in the next edition of GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

State Democratic Women Convention

SHE THE PEOPLE!

Randolph County Blue Denim Gala

Rowan County Breakfast

Hillsboro March Against Hate

Galivant's Ferry Stump

Governor Cooper, Suz Wilson, & Don Myers

Mayor Al Heggins

Many more articles!

Thank you for your courtesy and your understanding.

Your Democratic Friend,

Melvin Williams



JUDGE CHRISTOPHER BROOK!

Judge Christopher Brook is enjoying campaigning for a full term on the NC Court of Appeals. On August 28th he fellowshipped with supporters at a campaign event in Raleigh. Among his supporters at that event were Judge Lucy Inman (left) and Barbara Steele.



This picture shows Judge Brook speaking to part of his supporters. He is making new friends everywhere he goes!



**Two excellent candidates:
Renowned Raleigh attorney Tricia Shields is running for Chief Judge of the
NC Court of Appeals. She is the only announced candidate for the Chief Judge position
because Judge Linda McGee will not be running for re-election in 2020.**



**Judge Chris Brook is picking up support from North Carolinians
of all ages.**



**HENDERSON COUNTY TOWN HALL
WITH JOE SAM QUEEN & JOHN ADGER!**

When was the last time you laughed at a political Town Hall? There was lots of laughter and lots of cheer at the September 6th Town Hall which featured State Representatives Joe Sam Queen, State Representative John Adger, and many more Democratic candidates.



The Henderson County Party's Second Vice Chair John Neall introduced the speakers.



Preston Blakeley is running for the Town Council in Fletcher.



Right: Henderson County Party Chair Kathleen Gould reminded everyone about the upcoming Climate Crisis Forum.

Left: Josh Remillard is campaigning for State Representative in District 117



NEW HANOVER DEMOCRATS HONOR ELAINE MARSHALL!

On August 18th lots of New Hanover County Democrats turned out for a fundraising reception for Secretary of State Elaine Marshall at the home of Carol and Todd Atwood who live at the Landfall Country Club in Wilmington.

From the left the Democrats above are County Commissioner Rob Zapple, Elaine Marshall, State Senator Harper Peterson, famous State Representative Deb Butler, New Hanover County Democratic Party official Deloris Rhodes, State Representative candidate Marcia Morgan, State Representative candidate Leslie Cohen, and Wilmington City Councilman Paul Lawler.

**More GOOD NEWS
On The Next Page!**



CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Cumberland County Democratic Party Chair Sharon Johnson and her team gave 100% per cent effort during the recent Ninth Congressional District re-election campaign. All the folks in these pictures have been promoting the cause of good government for many years. Each of them is a Democratic star!

Above left: Precinct Chairs Cynthia Mixon and Joyce Tucker gave lots of hours fixing postcards urging people to vote. Right above: Longtime activist and Precinct Chair Judy Lowe stayed busy making calls to voters.

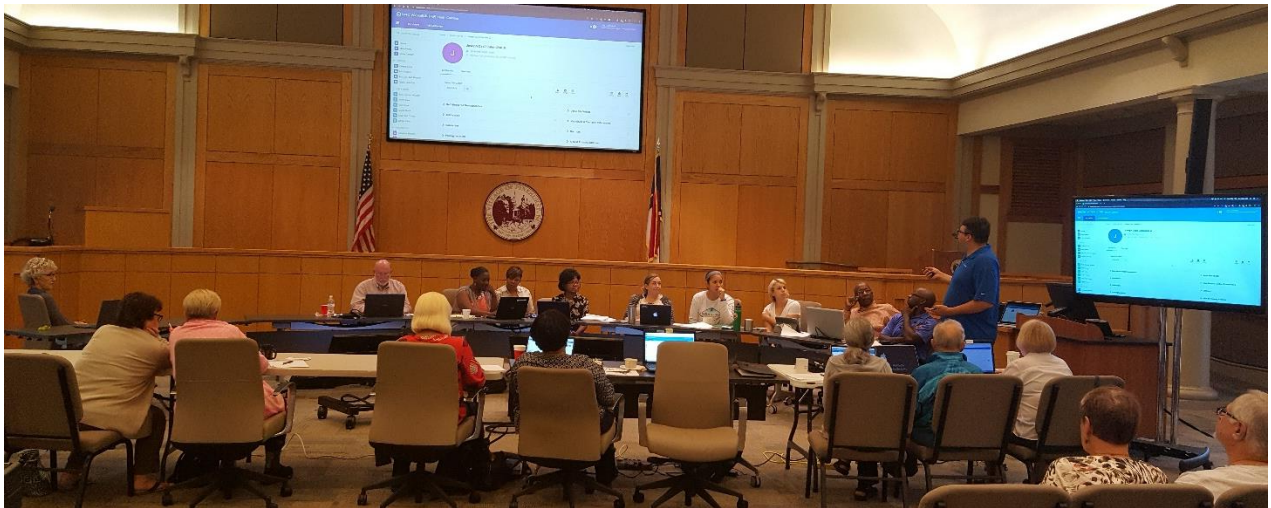


Left: Roberta Waddle has served as Cumberland County Democratic Chair for many years

and she still enjoys giving her time and talents to the Party. Right: Precinct Chair Pam Wade



Joyce Tucker and State Senator Ben Clark in action as they promoted a big Democratic turnout.



EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTE BUILDER TRAINING!

Eighth Congressional District Chair Jim Davis joined Cumberland County Chair Sharon Johnson and Moore County Chair Maurice Holland, Jr. sponsored a “VOTE BUILDER 101.” Lee County Democratic Party’s Data Administrator Jay Calendine conducted the highly informative Session. Jay is standing on the right in the picture above.





This September 7th session was held at the Pinehurst Village Hall in Pinehurst.



Jay Calendine presented an excellent and detailed training session.

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**Your Democratic Friend,
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North Carolina Democratic Party**