

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

October 7, 2019



CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE RENOVATED HEADQUARTERS!

A large crowd of NC Democrats turned out for the September 19th Porch Party which celebrated the opening of the newly renovated State Democratic Party Headquarters at 220 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh.

The new plaque on the front wall of the Headquarters above salutes the three Democratic stars in the picture on the right: State Democratic Party Chair Wayne Goodwin, Renovation Manager Julia Lee, and former NCDP Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds. Their leadership made this project a big success!



The text of the new plaque is easily readable in this picture.

NCDP Executive Director Meredith Cuomo and her husband, Byron Cuomo





These fabulous performers joyfully entertained the large crowd who celebrated the re-opening of our Headquarters.

Elizabeth Coviello and Joel Wilson enjoyed the Porch Party. They recently moved to Chapel Hill when Elizabeth accepted a position as a High Risk OB Physician at UNC. They were married on October 6th of last year. They celebrated their First Anniversary yesterday, October 6th, 2019.



Deborah Ross, Julia Buckner Terrance Piguese, and Matty Laza-Chadderton



**Matty Lazo-Chadderton,
Julia Lee,
and Renovation Committee
Member Stephanie Goslen.**

**Kimberly Reynolds,
Superior Court Judge Bryan Collins,
and NCDP Second Vice Chair
Matt Hughes**



**Doug Auer, Ebonee
Dawson, Shannon Auer
and Logan Rains**



Michael Careccia with NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams



NCDP Communications Director Robert Howard with Brian Clark



A lot of the Porch Party's success was due to the enthusiastic work of this group of NCDP Headquarters Staff and volunteers.

From the left they are:

Stephanie Woolley, Lorenzo Pedro, NCDP Operations Director Harrison Peele, NCDP Intern Noor Abualhawa, NCDP Data Director Vicky Szufliita (in denim jacket) Amiee Murphey from the Cooper campaign.

This group of happy Democrats at the Porch Party includes Shannon Auer, Lorenzo Pedro, Logan Rains, Michael McShane, Senator Terry Van Duyn, and Julia Buckner.





**2019 DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR:
THE REMARKABLE BARBARA FAISON!**

Cheers and applause broke out at the State Democratic Women Convention when Brenda Pollard announced that Barbara Faison of Sampson County was the recipient of the “2019 DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.”

Barbara is currently the outstanding Southern Regional Director of the National Federation of Democratic Women. She was President of the Democratic Women of North Carolina from 2006 to 2008.

Barbara was President of her Sampson County Democratic Women for six years. She has served the State DW as Historian and then as First Vice President before becoming State President.

Before being elected Southern Regional Director of the National DW, Barbara served as Chair of the National Federation’s Bylaws Committee and as Chair of the national organization’s Awards and Scholarship Committee.

Interesting timing: The lady on the left in this picture is Susan Smith who just recently moved to Kernersville from South Carolina where she was President of the DW of South Carolina. She had enjoyed working with Barbara since Barbara became Regional Director for eight southern state including South Carolina.

Susan drove over to the State DW Convention in the Research Triangle to visit with Barbara. When she learned the big banquet was going to be that night, she bought a ticket and stayed for the banquet.

Susan was surprised and happy when Barbara was named “DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF THE YEAR!”

Democrats may send congratulations to wonderful Barbara Faison at:

Faison_2@hotmail.com



**A DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR
WAS ALSO PRESENTED TO HONOR
THE LATE JOYCE MITCHELL!**

A very emotional part of the Democratic Women of North Carolina Convention was the presentation of a “DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD” to the organization’s immediate Past President, Joyce Mitchell of Greenville.

Joyce passed away on June 8, 2019.

**She served as State DW President for two years and held several other Positions in the Democratic Women over the yearsp
She had served her beloved Democratic Party in many different roles over the years including as an outstanding NCDP Regional Field Director.**



These outstanding Democratic Women were honored as STARS at the State DW's STARS BANQUET. Everyone of them is a long time dedicated Democrat!



At the DW Convention: Strong Wilson County Democrats Nancy Hawley, Beth Punte, Deb Baro & Phil Valera



Left: Secretary of State Elaine Marshall with Barbara Harrison of Craven County. Right: Former State DW President Joan Dressler and Felita Donnell. Both ladies are Guilford Democrats



AMERICA'S HEROINE!

Voters in North Carolina and all over the country are cheering State Representative Deborah Butler of New Hanover County for her strong stand against GOP corruption in the General Assembly.

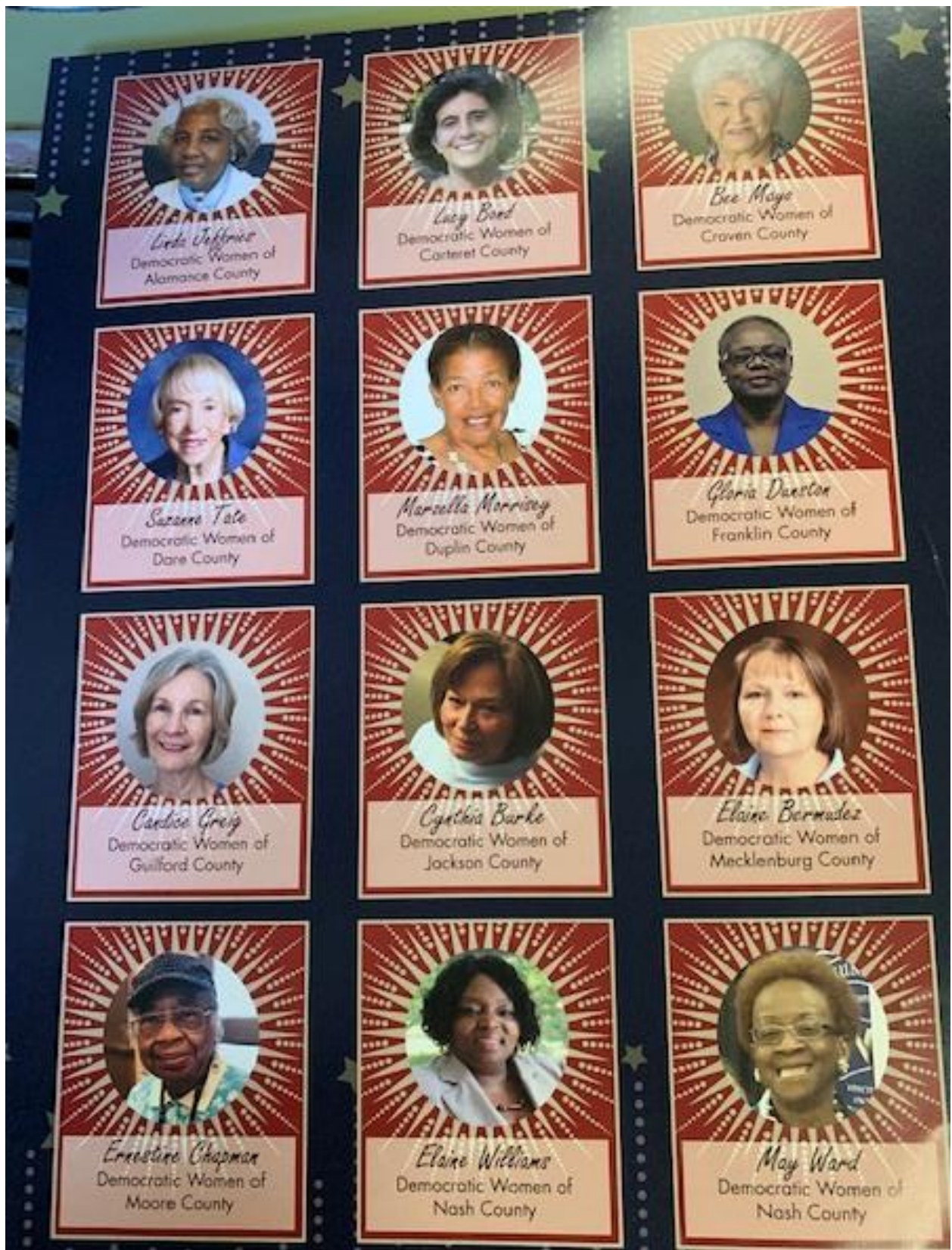
Democrats have admired Deborah for many years as she has developed and honed her leadership skills. When she was instantly and surprisingly thrown into the spotlight, she was ready to stand up for righteousness and proclaim:

"I WILL NOT YIELD!"

Former Democratic Woman of the Year recipients Voncile Moser, Betty Anderson, and Brenda Pollard with 2019 DW Woman of the Year Barbara Faison and State DW President Julia Buckner.



**State Democratic Women President
Julia Buckner
presenting a STAR AWARD to
Deborah Baro of Wilson County**



Linda Jefferson
Democratic Women of
Alamance County

Lucy Bond
Democratic Women of
Carteret County

Bee Mayo
Democratic Women of
Craven County

Suzanne Tate
Democratic Women of
Dare County

Marcella Morrissey
Democratic Women of
Duplin County

Gloria Daeston
Democratic Women of
Franklin County

Carole Greig
Democratic Women of
Guilford County

Cynthia Burke
Democratic Women of
Jackson County

Elaine Bermudez
Democratic Women of
Mecklenburg County

Ernestine Chapman
Democratic Women of
Moore County

Elaine Williams
Democratic Women of
Nash County

May Ward
Democratic Women of
Nash County

**THIS PAGE FROM THE DW CONVENTION PROGRAM
HONORS TWELVE STARS!**



**THIS PAGE FROM THE DW CONVENTION PROGRAM
HONORS SEVEN STARS!**



**DEVONTE WILSON ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT,
YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF NORTH CAROLINA!**

Joining new YD President Devonte Wilson in this picture are: Kaitlyn Grimes of the Governor's Office, Wake County Commissioner Jessica Holmes, and Brenda Pollard.

This publication has invited the new President to send information about himself and his plans for the Young Democrats. It will be printed as soon as it arrives.



DR. BOBBIE RICHARDSON & CONSTANCE LAV JOHNSON!

NCDP First Vice President Dr. Bobbie Richardson and Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Constance Lav Johnson posed for this picture when they attended a meeting of the North Carolina Caucus of Black School Board Members.



ROBERT REIVES BIG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Governor Jim Hunt and Secretary of State Elaine Marshall were the star speakers at State Representative Robert Reives 54th Birthday Party in Pittsboro. Rep. Reives is highly respected in his district - and in the General Assembly.

The outstanding Democrats in the picture above are: Chatham School Board Member Del Turner, videographer Terry McMillian, the Chair of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Mike Dasher, Governor Jim Hunt, Rep. Robert Reives, County Commissioner Karen Howard, and Secretary of State Elaine Marshall

SPECIAL REQUEST:

Please send all future pictures for the GOOD NEWS within the body of an email or as attachments to an email.

Please do not send any pictures by DropBox nor by any other album method.

Democrats in all 100 counties enjoy the beautiful pictures you send!



**MICHAEL SCHLINK BUILDS TREMENDOUS SUPPORT
AS HE RUNS FOR RE-ELECTION TO MORRISVILLE TOWN COUNCIL!**

In his years of serving on the Morrisville Town Council Mike Schlink has brought together the Town Council and the public on bold visions and innovative ideas working with his fellow Democrats at the Wake County Board of Commissioners level.

Morrisville Council Members Steve Rao and Satish Garimella have commended his collaborative skills and leadership.

Michael started a dialogue with Wake County officials and the Research Triangle Park leaders to build Parkside Elementary School.

Another of his initiatives, Ending Gerrymandering in Morrisville, was completed by taking the politicians out of drawing the district boundaries, the first town in North Carolina to accomplish that.



In this picture, Michael is celebrating Cultural Diversity in Morrisville with Wake County Commissioners Jessica Holmes, Sig Hutchinson and colleague Satish Garimella at the Hindu Society of North Carolina Temple.



In this picture Michael is with Wake County Commissioner Jessica Holmes (center) and elected colleagues at the ribbon cutting of the newest Wake County School, Parkside Elementary in Morrisville. As stated on the previous page, Michael started a dialogue with Wake County officials and RTP leaders to get this school constructed.

Picture on right: Councilor Schlink getting sworn in by State Representative Gale Adcock for his second term on the Council in 2015. As a husband, father, veteran (from Ft. Bragg) and former business owner, Michael's life experiences have reinforced his strong democratic values and principles.

Michael understands how important it is for citizens to feel part of the process, not outside the system.



These and other successful Michael Schlink initiatives highlight what many people in Morrisville believe has helped Morrisville receive national recognition in 2019 as "A BEST PLACE TO LIVE" in the United States and in North Carolina.

\$2000 Grand Prize
\$50 per ticket



October 24, 2019
5 - 8 p.m.
Montford Point Association

Onslow County Democratic Party
The 1st Annual
Reverse Drawing Fundraiser
With dinner for two

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Can Buy Reverse Drawing Tickets**

Here:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/onslowdemsfundraiser>



JOEL HARBINSON RECEIVES THE ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE!

On September 26th one of Alexander County's leading citizens, Attorney Joel Harbinson, received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Joel is a former elected Alexander County Commissioner, a fearsome Democrat, and a longtime supporter of Governor Roy Cooper.

The presentation ceremony took place outside Joel's law office in Taylorsville, NC before a crowd of 30-plus citizens including virtually every member of the Alexander County legal community.

In the picture above former Clerk of Superior Court Seth Chapman, one of the great orators of North Carolina, introduced Joel.



Ray Warren, former Alexander County Sheriff and State Representative, made the presentation of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine on behalf of Governor Cooper.



RANDOLPH COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Randolph County Democratic Party Chair Susie Scott happily welcomed a big crowd to the annual Blue Jean Gala in Asheboro. On the far right above are colorful items for the silent auction.



Randolph Democrats heard talks by several candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction. From the left above are SPI candidates Amy Jablonski, Jen Mangrum, & Constance Johnson.



SPI candidates Michael Maher and James Barrett spoke about their visions for North Carolina's schools.

Thanks to Megan Crotty for sending these pictures.

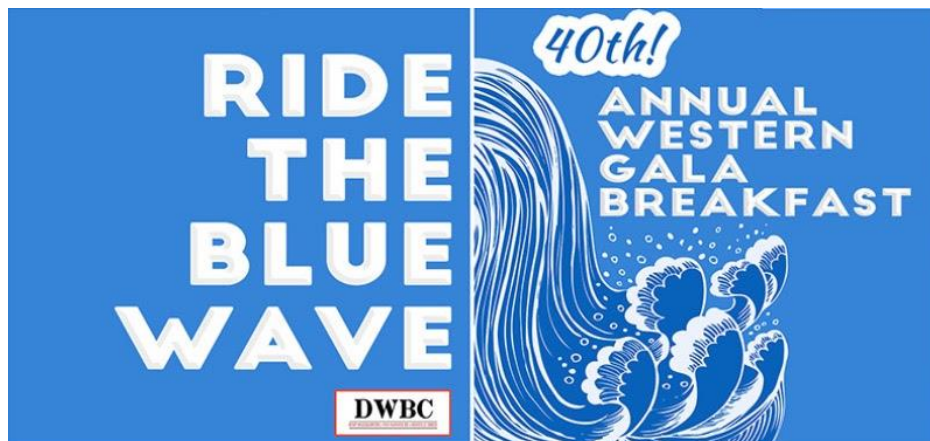


**Randolph Democrat Bonnie Burns enjoyed talking with
US Senate candidate Trevor Fuller.**



**RACHEL HUNT WILL HEADLINE WESTERN
GALA BREAKFAST!**

**State Representative Rachel Hunt of Mecklenburg
County will be the Keynote Speaker
at the 40th Annual Western Gala Breakfast at
9:00AM, Saturday, October 12, 2019,
The Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville, 1 Resort Drive,
Asheville, NC 28806
Advance Tickets are \$45! After October 7th, ticket
price will be \$50.**



CAL CUNNINGHAM!

Every week Cal Cunningham is meeting more and more voters as he carries his campaign all over our state.

In the picture on the left Cal is with two great New Hanover County Democrats: Deborah Maxwell and Jennifer MacNeish.



Cal with State Senator Mujtaba Mohammed of Charlotte and another happy Democrat.



Cal addressing members of the Teamsters Brotherhood



Cal at Guilford Unity Banquet



**Everywhere he goes,
Cal makes new friends!**



WALTER SMITH & YADKIN COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Ten Yadkin County Democrats operated a tent at the 43rd Yadkin Valley Harvest Festival on September 21st. From the left the Democrats shown above are: Recent County Party Chair Walter Smith, Janice Shields, Andrew Mackie, Cynthia Cowan, Tanis Propst, and Emma Shields.

Andrew says: "Walter is holding a bumper sticker that is a preview of things to come. It says: **WALTER SMITH, NC AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER!**"



Debra McClain reports: "We provided exposure to the Party and its ideals to more than 2,000 Festival attendees. We registered three new voters, sold tickets to our Fall Fundraiser on October 12th, and invited concerned Democrats to work at the polls in 2020."



JEN MANGRUM – GOING STRONG!

As she campaigns from one end of our state to the other, Jen Mangrum is picking up support for her campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Frank and Julia Daniels hosted a reception for her at their Raleigh estate. In the picture above, Jen is surrounded by her fellow professional educators on the veranda of the Daniels' home.



Senator Kay Hagan and Chip Hagan were happy to publicly endorse Jen and have their picture taken with her during the recent Guilford County Unity Dinner.



HISPANIC DEMOCRATS OF CHATHAM COUNTY!

All North Carolina Democrats are proud to have these Officers of the Chatham County Hispanic American Democrats in our family.

From the left they are:

Chair – Alirio Estevez

Secretary – Ereneida Duarte

First Vice Chair – Janet Pulido-Ramirez

Second Vice Chair – Samuel Sotillo

Treasurer – Maria Pulido



**The Honorable Anita Earls
Associate Justice North
Carolina Supreme Court**

Save the Date!
**MCDP 2019 Unity
Luncheon
October 26, 2019
12 Noon
Outlook Room
Pinehurst Country Club**



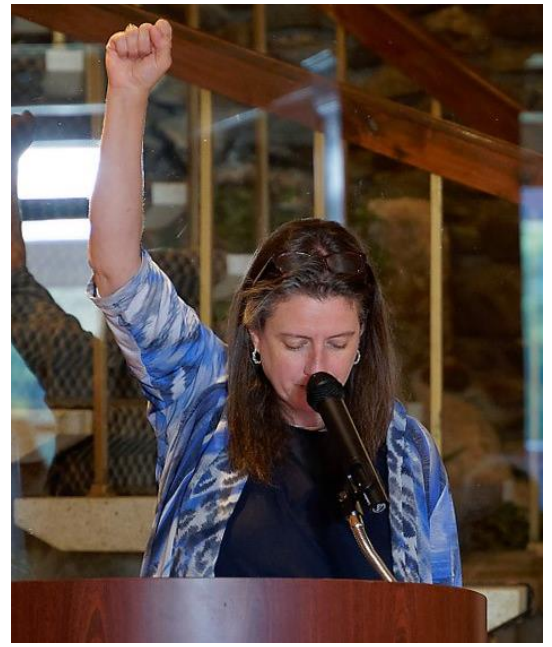
Special Honored Guests



**The Honorable Mark Davis,
Associate Justice of the
North Carolina Supreme
Court (left)**

**The Honorable Lucy Inman, Can-
didate for Associate Justice
North Carolina Supreme Court
(right)**





DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF HENDERSON COUNTY!

The Democratic Women of Henderson County held their Annual Banquet at the Hendersonville Country Club on October 4th. Their Guest Speaker was Julia Buckner who is State Democratic Women President.

The pictures above show Julia calling on the attendees from each precinct to stand and shout: I WILL NOT YIELD! – the dramatic slogan that State Representative Deb Butler sent out to all Americans.



Our always gracious Democrat, Patsy Keever, greets Jullia.



Lt. Governor candidate Terry Van Duyn with Preston Blakeley who is running for a seat on the Fletcher Town Council

Congratulations to Isabel Cutler for making these pictures, adding thoughtful captions, and sending them to the GOOD NEWS!



Linda Wilson and BJ Winchester sold tickets.



Mary MacGregor performed a good luck dance before the raffle tickets were drawn.



Jessica Step Edney, President of the Democratic Women of Henderson County



Luke Hyde and Susie Hartsell



Sam and Deda Edney. Sam is running for State Representative in District 113.



Steve Woodsmall is running for Congress in the Eleventh Congressional District.

AN EMOTIONAL POEM!

**Every person at the Henderson County
DW Dinner was touched as Madeline
Royes delivered this poem
by author Patricia Neely-Dorsey
which is both heartbreaking
and also heartwarming.**



Right to Vote

I love to hear the stories,
That my mama and daddy tell;
Sometimes, we'll just sit a while,
And they'll talk for a spell.
They've told me of how hard it was,
For them to get to vote;
They'd go down to the courthouse door,
And there would be a note;
"Out To Lunch" or "No One's In,"
"Come Back Another Day,"
In all kinds of ways you wouldn't believe,
They were turned away.
Even when they did get in,
There were more hurdles they had to cross;
They'd be asked to answer questions
That would put anyone at a loss,
"How many bubbles in a bar of soap?"
"How many pennies in that jar?"
"How many raindrops to fill a barrel?"
"How many miles to a star?"
It seems almost incredulous
That this was how it was;
But, believe you me, no matter what,
I vote, now, just because.

RECEPTION IN SUPPORT OF THE

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

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DURHAM DEMOCRATS AT CENTERFEST!

On September 21st the Democrats of Durham County had a lot of fun promoting the Democratic Party at the big CenterFest event.

These numbers show their effectiveness: 20 Democratic volunteers gave 43 people-hours of their time, registered 16 new voters, signed up 58 interested Democrats for DCDP volunteering, and met countless other neighbors and represented Democrats beautifully!

Congrats!

JD MAZUERA
CDNC Chief of Staff



CollegeDemsNC

On their September 22nd Conference Call, the Officers of the NC College Democrats elected Juan Diego Mazuera of Queens College to be President Trent Turk's new Chief of Staff.



DR. STEVE WOODSMALL & YANCEY COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Dr. Steve Woodsmall recently traveled to Yancey County to support Democrats of South Toe precinct as they get ready for 2020.



Steve Woodsmall and a Democratic friend framed an attractive campaign poster which has a motto that is easy to remember: "Join the revolution – be part of the solution!"



Dr. Steve Woodsmall was one of the Democratic candidates who spoke at the Laurel Park Candidates Forum in Henderson County

US Senate candidate Erica Smith and Steve Woodsmall enjoyed visiting with each other when they met on the campaign trail in Buncombe County.



Steve Woodsmall recently joined Buncombe County Democratic Sheriff Quentin Miller for a cup of coffee, and they discussed the Sheriff's concerns.



BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS HAVE FUN AT GALIVANTS' FERRY STUMP!!!

A real ole time fun political rally! The Galivants' Ferry Stump has been a big time South Carolina event for many years. A large group of Brunswick County (NC) Democrats enjoyed attending this happy event.

Left above: Brunswick County Democratic Party Treasurer Dwight Willis posed in front of the popular Trump Chicken balloon. Right above: The actual stump at which many presidential and local candidates spoke.



Presidential candidate Senator Amy Klobuchar talked with Dwight Willis.



Brunswick County Democratic Party Chair Tom Sapp



**The Brunswick County
Delegation**

**Barb and Neil Gilbert
with the famous Stump.**



**Dwight Willis with
John and Lynn Yencik**



**SPEAKING UP
FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING!**

Elizabeth Crudup and Aylett Colston were among the many Democrats who went to Raleigh to speak at the General Assembly's hearing on drawing new legislative districts.

NEW VOTERS!

Celia and Thomas are among the thousands of new voters who are being registered in Democratic registration drives all over the state.

We welcome them!





ORANGE COUNTY DEMOCRATS ELECT TWO NEW OFFICERS!

Third Vice Chair - Brian Crawford

Brian Crawford is an attorney who lives in St. Mary's Precinct in the Hillsborough area. He has served as Chair of the Orange County Planning Board and he was the founding Chair of the Orange County Affordable Housing Advisory board.



Fourth Vice Chair – Phyllis Portie-Ascott

Phyllis Portie-Ascott is a wife, mother, business owner and ordained minister. She currently is Chair of the Northern Orange Black Voters Alliance and she is Secretary for the Northern Orange NAACP. She was recently elected to the NCDP State Executive Committee.



SALISBURY MAYOR AL HEGGINS KICKS OFF RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN!

Salisbury Mayor Al Heggins launched her re-election campaign with a large community block party. Two of her cheerful supporters posed with the Mayor above.



Mayor Heggins provided plenty of good food for her supporters.



This group of Heggins supporters staged a line dance which went on for a long time.



Mayor Heggins with her strongest supporter, her husband Isaac Heggins

**Mayor Al Heggins 2017 mayoral victory stunned the political establishment
in Salisbury and throughout Rowan County.**

**It was such a huge event that the *SALISBURY POST* newspaper
named her the
NEWSMAKER OF THE YEAR!**

**Everyone Is Invited To Learn About Her Dramatic 2019 Campaign By Clicking This Link:
<https://www.facebook.com/ElectAlHeggins/>**



ROWAN COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Rowan County Democrats look forward to their Monthly Democratic Breakfasts! They invited State Representative Chaz Beasley to bring his campaign for Lt. Governor to their September Breakfast. Democrats filled their County Party Headquarters in Salisbury to hear him.



Rowan County Party Chair Geoffrey Hoy with Spencer Mayoral Candidate Jonathan Williams



Eighth Congressional District Candidate Scott Huffman with East Spencer Alderman Candidate Shawn Rush



Chaz Beasley with a great heroine – retired Union Organizer Juanita Ijames



Salisbury Mayor Al Heggins with Lt. Governor Candidate Chaz Beasley



This picture shows many of the Democrats who turned out for the September Breakfast.

**North Carolina Democrats
can learn more about the exciting Rowan County Democrats
at this link:**

<http://facebook.com/RowanDemocrats>



LOVE PARADE IN HILLSBOROUGH!

All major religions of the world teach their followers to love.

Jesus said "Love One Another."

Recently more than 1,000 people turned out in Hillsborough

to spread love and protest the hate that had been

promoted by the KKK in Hillsborough a few days earlier.

These signs reflect the thoughts of all North Carolina Democrats!

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