

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

May 16, 2020

YOUTH FEATURE: TIA CHEEK - LEE COUNTY!



KENNIS & BRENDA WILKINS HOST EVENT FOR KANDIE SMITH!

First Lady Kristin Cooper and Secretary of State Elaine Marshall headlined a happy event for State Representative Kandie Smith at the elegant Greenville home of Kennis and Brenda Wilkins. Kennis and Brenda know how to welcome people with genuine hospitality!

From the left, the outstanding Democrats above are Kennis Wilkins, First Lady Kristin Cooper, Ernest Lee, Carla Lee, Rev. Laticia Godette, Rep. Kandie Smith, Dr. Johnny Smith, Brenda Wilkins, and Elizabeth Jenkins.



Four great Democratic ladies: Representative Kandie Smith, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, Hostess Brenda Wilkins, and First Lady Kristin Cooper

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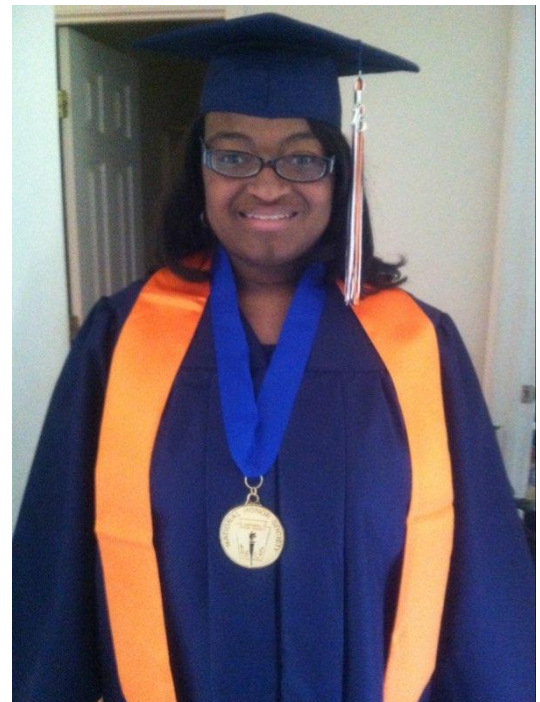
TIA CHEEK

LEE COUNTY!

Tia Cheek is a 23 year old Democratic activist in the Lee County Democratic Party.

She enjoys attending Democratic meetings, knocking on doors and passing out the Democratic ticket at the polls.

Tia is also active in the NAACP.



Tia was a star student at South Lee High School from which she graduated in 2015. Attention Please: The two awards she is holding were presented to her for being named STUDENT OF THE YEAR and STUDENT OF THE MONTH!



Ryan Watts, Sixth Congressional District candidate for Congress in 2018, says:
“Tia Cheek is one of the best Democrats I’ve ever come across in my time within the Party. She enthusiastically followed my campaign, appeared at almost every event we had in Lee County, and also made her debut as a canvasser for our campaign. Even though she admitted that canvassing was a bit outside her comfort zone, she demonstrated tremendous dedication to the cause and also went on to work the polls to hand out voter information and blue ballots, all the while sporting every campaign button we could get her!
I was so proud to have Tia as one of our top Watts for Congress supporters.
She deserves strong recognition as one of the most passionate Democrats I’ve ever seen!”

Lee County Democratic Party Chair John Kirkman writes:
“Tia Cheek is one of our most enthusiastic volunteers. We love working with Tia as a poll greeter, especially during early voting. Tia has such an engaging smile and demeanor that most voters are happy to accept her blue sample ballot,
even Republicans.”

Lee County Democratic First Vice Chair Gladys McAuley says:
“Tia has a ‘can do’ attitude and applies herself to every task she takes on. She is no stranger to her community and works hard to support our Democratic candidates.”



**Tia and her mother, Brenda Cheek,
with Governor Roy Cooper**

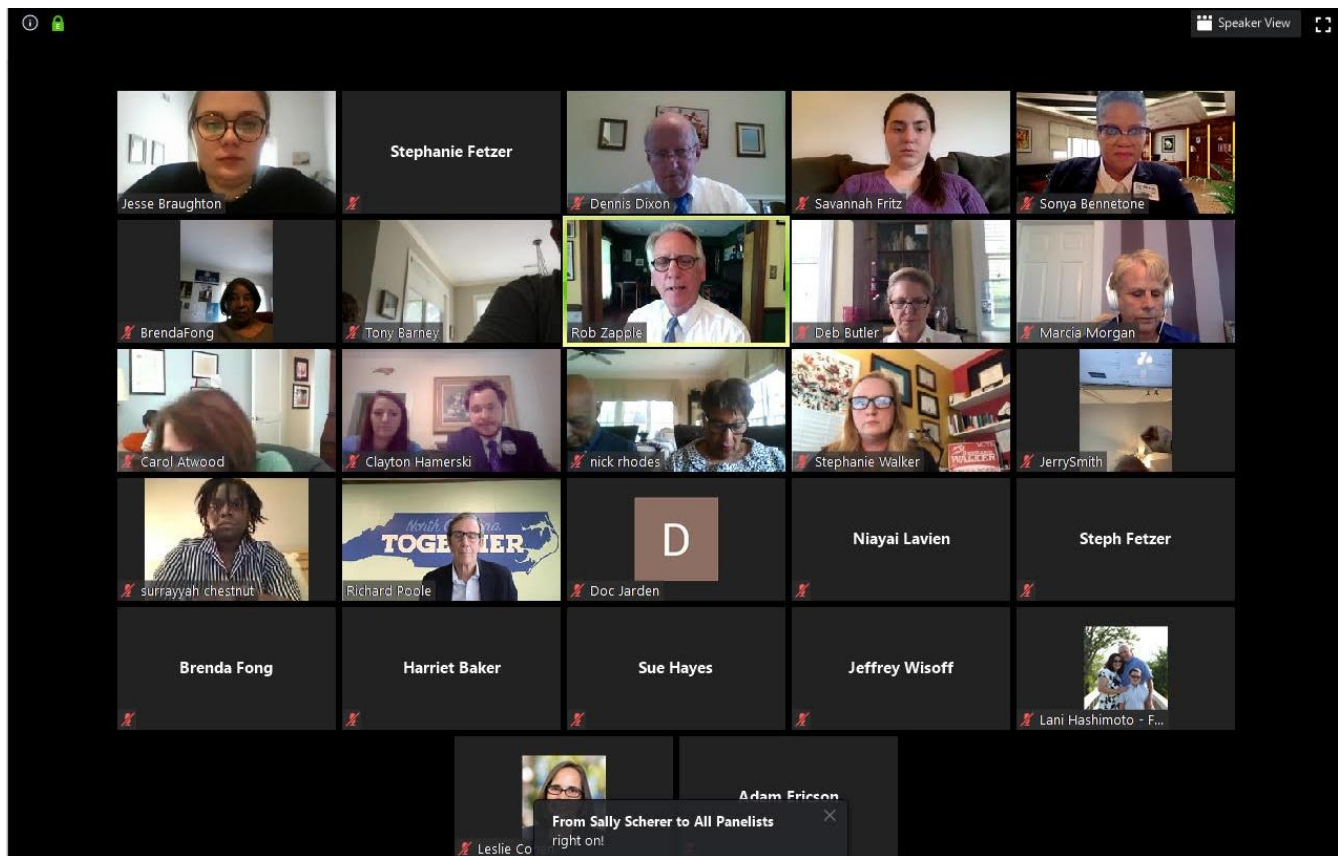
**Tia with First Lady Kristin
Cooper and another
Democratic friend**



**Tia was a star
musician in the South
Lee High School Band.**

**This publication is
happy to have a
chance to spotlight
this highly talented
Democrat!**

**Her email is:
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2020 NEW HANOVER CONVENTION!

Under the leadership of County Chair Richard Poole, New Hanover Democrats held a successful virtual Democratic County Convention. They had 158 attendees and 230 registered.

In the green-framed box above is the Convention's Keynote Speaker, County Commissioner Rob Zapple.

In other frames are County Chair Richard Poole, Seventh Congressional District Chair Sonya Bennetone, State Representative Deb Butler, State Rep candidate Marcia Morgan, Carter and Clayton Hamerski (he is running for Register of Deeds), Nick Rhodes and County First Vice Chair Deloris Rhodes, Co. Commissioner candidate Leslie Cohen, and other outstanding Democrats.



**House District 20 candidate
Adam Ericson**



**School Board candidate
Stephanie Walker**



MEET CATAWBA COUNTY'S NEW COUNTY CHAIR: LYNN DORFMAN!

When Dr. Rick Vandett retired at his doctor's recommendation, the Democratic Executive Committee of Catawba County unanimously elected Lynn Dorfman as their new County Chair.

Lynn McCloud Dorfman and her husband, Mark Dorfman, moved to Hickory from Northern Virginia after Lynn retired from the Federal government in 2013. She was a speechwriter for senior appointed Democrats at the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

She is a member of the Catawba County Branch NAACP and served as Branch Secretary until stepping down after she was elected County Democratic Chair.

Lynn currently teaches speechwriting at Appalachian State University as an adjunct instructor.

A longtime Democratic activist in Arlington, Virginia, one of Lynn's first stops after arriving in Hickory was the Catawba County Democratic Party.

She was the founding President of the Democratic Women of Catawba County. She served in that role from 2014-2018 and oversaw that group's growth from nine founding members to some 70 members now.

Lynn was Secretary of the 10th District Democratic Party until the lines were redrawn in late 2019. She is an SEC Member and Precinct Officer.

She and Mark have two grown daughters: Eleanor lives in Brooklyn, New York and Jocelyn lives in Washington, DC.



**Lynn with US Senator
Kay Hagan**



Former State Democratic Party Chair Patsy Keever with Lynn

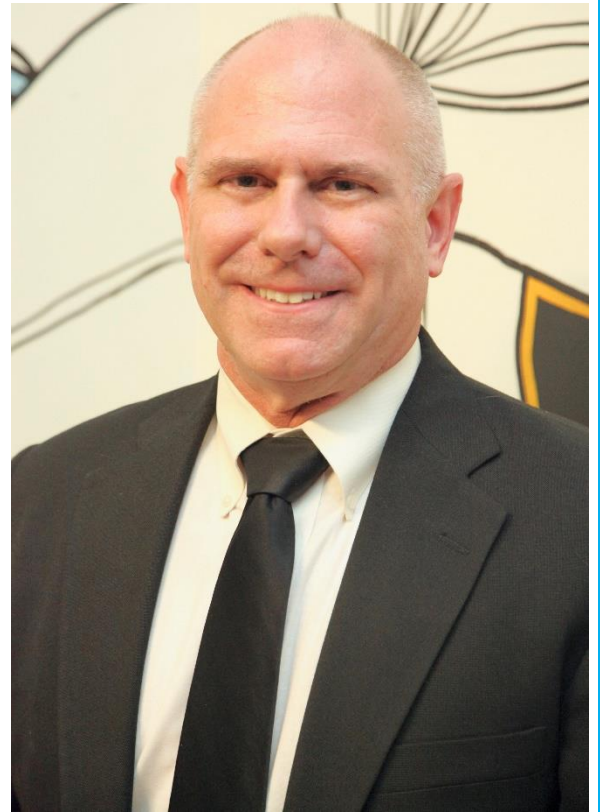


Lynn loves outdoor activities. She enjoys the way they refresh her body and soul.

**It would be meaningful if a few thoughtful Democrats would send their
congratulations to Lynn at
LynnDorfman@gmail.com**

**GREG CRANFORD
IS RUNNING FOR STATE HOUSE
SEAT 89!**

After making lots of new friends and renewing old friendships during his 2018 race, dynamic progressive Democrat Greg Cranford is running again in State House District 89. Greg is the legislator Catawba County needs! He knows that voters deserve a choice for who represents them in the NC General Assembly. Greg is a 1977 graduate of Newton-Conover High School and a 1981 UNC-Chapel Hill graduate.



Greg returned home to Newton in 2016 to care for his elderly father after retiring as a social studies teacher in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

He is a proud Democrat who will be a legislative ally of Governor Roy Cooper who needs more Democratic legislators to help him.

Greg's campaign card says:

**"Catch the Big Blue Democratic Wave as It Hits the Hot Red Conservative Republican
Catawba County! Change Is Going To Come!
Let's Make Our Community A Beacon Of Hope For Everyone
Not Just The Wealthy and powerful few!"**



Since the Primary Greg enjoyed speaking to the Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers sorority in Newton. He was joined by HD 96 candidate Kim Bost and HD 92 Rep. Chaz Beasley. Greg and Chaz were taught by some of the retired teachers who were in attendance.



**Greg and his strong supporter:
His pet, Roscoe**

**Greg invites all Democrats to click the link below to see his
interesting Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/gregcranfordfornhouse89/photos/pcb.741068836423846/741068493090547/?type=3&theater>



CHRIS SCHULTE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 4

ONSLOW AND DUPLIN COUNTIES!



**JESSICA HOLMES
FOR
NC COMMISSIONER OF LABOR!**



\$13,075.44 RAISED AT WATUAGA COUNTY'S 2020 VIRTUAL COUNTY CONVENTION!

Watauga County Democrats are known statewide for having one of the most active bigtime county parties in the state.

However, they surprised themselves when they donated \$13,075.44 at their 2020 virtual county convention! These folks give – and give big!

Humorous: Pam Williamson, the Watauga County Party's Political Director, says she wants to talk with the person who donated 44 cents.

Pam pointed out that the money will be used for staff salaries, voter outreach, advertising, social media, red county trainings, supplies, and keeping the lights on at their year round headquarters.

Watauga County Chair Diane Tilson expressed congratulations to everyone who pitched in to make this event so successful.

More ahead: Every June the Watauga Party has a Plant Sale which always brings in \$30,000.00 or more for the Party!

Wisely, they had practiced using the Zoom system several times before the Convention, so it ran smoothly. More that 100 Watauga Democrats attended virtually.

Congratulations, Watauga Democrats!



**JULIE VON HAEFEN"
BIRTHDAY PARTY/ FUNDRAISER!**

First Lady Kristin Cooper headlined a Birthday Party/Fundraiser for Wake County State Representative Julie Von Haefen at Trophy Brewing in Raleigh. Julie was elected for the first time in 2018, defeating Republican Nelson Dollar who had held the position for many terms.

Before running for the General Assembly, Julie had been the head of all the PTAs at all the schools in Wake County.



Everyone is invited to go to this donation portal:

<https://secure.ngpvan.com/SpoDJZoyh0W5NWkqTMhDyw2>



JUDGE LORA CUBBAGE CELEBRATES THREE BIRTHDAYS ON MAY 8TH!

May 8th is a triple-happy day for one of our great Democratic candidates for the NC Court of Appeals, Judge Lora Cubbage.

Not only is it Judge Cubbage's birthday, it is the birthday of her identical twin, Lisa, and her granddaughter, Rhythm!

All three ladies enjoyed celebrating their 2020 birthday.

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VOTE FOR
JUDGE LORA C. *****
CUBBAGE
NC COURT OF APPEALS

CAREER:
 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

EDUCATION:
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AUGUST 16, 2020
CAROLINA NATIONAL
GOLF CLUB

\$85/person
Registration begins 8 AM
Start Time 9 AM

Proceeds support
Brunswick County
Democratic Party



REGISTRATION DEADLINE
August 8, 2020



The format will be a
scramble / captain's
choice. Entry Fee includes
golf, cart, range balls,
lunch, tons of awesome
prizes, and an opportunity
to hear from our
candidates!

Registration forms available at brunswickdem.org/golf
For questions, contact Neil Gilbert at 267.987.2447

SOBAD GOLF TOURNAMENT STILL ON!!
BRUNSWICK COUNTY!



**THESE TWO SISTERS WANTED TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY
DURING THE PANDEMIC: LABOR STEPPED UP TO SUPPORT THEM!**

Reprinted With The Blessings Of The North Carolina AFL-CIO

The Covid#19 pandemic inspired two young sisters, Meleah and Chesnea Lambert of Littleton, NC, with the support of their parents, Darren and Annette, to volunteer to make PPE masks for people who need them – including people who work at their local post office and local hospitals, as well as the public at-large.

Kuyzendra Cobb, a member of United Steelworkers Local 9-425 in Roanoke Rapids, learned of the Lambert sisters' special project, called "PASS ON LOVE," and supported them by donating cases of brown paper bags from the local Westrock Paper Mill where she works.

The bags will be used to package the masks to be sent to the hospital workers, first responders, and others across the United States.

Cobb, who is also president of the Eastern Piedmont Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, called in support from elsewhere in the labor movement. Sheet Metal Workers Local 5 in Knoxville, TN, responded, donating metal nose pieces made by their members to place in the Lambert sisters' masks.

Local 5 is part of the Sheet Metal Air Rail & Transportation Workers International Union (SMART) which has 203,000 members, including thousands across North Carolina.

"Meleah and Chesnea Lambert are an inspiration." Said NC State AFL-CIO President MaryBe McMillan. "And Kuyzendra reminds us that we are #UnionStrong and that standing together is how we will get through this."

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**All Democratic Candidates Are Invited To Send Pictures
and articles to: melvin535@gmail.com**

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