

# GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

January 7, 2021

## YOUTH FEATURE- MAXWELL THOMAS!



### WILKES COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

**County Chair Kathryn Charles and the Democrats of Wilkes County are serious about alleviating poverty and helping their neighbors who need a hand!**

**Their Party held a Holiday Food Drive on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to collect food items for twelve families with food insecurity during these difficult times.**

**In this picture: Circles of Care Coordinator Greta Ferguson, County Party Chair Kathryn Charles, & Circle of Care Board Chair Gretchen Barelski**

**The Party collaborated with the Wilkes Circles of Care (an anti-poverty program) to identify and contact the families. The Party's drive was a success! Many Wilkes County citizens shopped from the list of suggested items and many others sent monetary donations for the volunteers to shop. Boxes and bags were packed with soups, canned meats, vegetables, onions, apples and oranges. Each family was also given a \$25 gift card.**





**Deliveries were made to the very appreciative families on December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Wilkes Democrats also proudly announced that, due to the volume of donations, a check for \$1,000.00 will be written to the Wilkes Circles of Care to help them continue their support of families in need!**



**This beautiful tree that was mounted in the Wilkes County Party Headquarters brightened the spirits of everyone who passed by.**



### **SUSAN & JOHN CELEBRATE 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

**State Representative Susan Fisher and her husband, John, had a special dinner at home to celebrate the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding on January 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a delicious Japanese Misa Sobal/Take Yakin dinner with all the trimmings.**

**In 2020 House District 118 voters in Buncombe County re-elected Susan by a margin of 30,584 to 20,132! May she and John have many more happy anniversaries!**



### **MARY & STEVE CELEBRATE 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

**Mary and Steve Milan are totally dedicated Democrats. Mary has held many different offices in the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County. This year COVID-19 kept them near home on their January 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. However, they are already dreaming and planning a deluxe trip for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**



## **DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF CATAWBA COUNTY!**



**The Democratic Women of Catawba County held their first Winter Community Outreach event of the season on December 19<sup>th</sup>. They entitled it “Cold Weather in Catawba County.”**

**They gave away 300 give-away bags containing hats, gloves, socks, masks, and hot cocoa for men women, and children.**

**Additionally, snacks and toys for girls and boys were available for families to select during the East Newton Holiday Parade on December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**The DW also delivered 150 give-away bags to Brown Penn Recreation Center for distribution in the Ridgeview Community and bags to The Corner Table.**

**DWCC has plans to schedule drives for soup cans and other canned goods in their next community outreach “Cold Weather in Catawba County” events in January and February. Thanks to the generosity of DWCC members and others, they can support their friends and neighbors in need.**

**More information is available at [www.DemWomen.com](http://www.DemWomen.com) and on the DWCC Facebook page.**



### **RENEE PRICE!**

**Popular Renee Price received the Oath of Office for her third four-year term as an Orange County Commissioner in December of 2020. She represents Hillsborough and most of northern and western Orange County.**

**Michael Carmichael held the Bible as Renee took her oath. Deputy Clerk of Superior Court David Hunt administered the Oath.**

**A few minutes after the picture above was taken, Renee was elected CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**



### **SENATOR NATASHA MARCUS!**

**State Senator Natasha Marcus is so highly respected by her fellow Mecklenburg General Assembly members that they have elected her Chair of their 17-member delegation for the 2021-2022 session.**

**Natasha represents a swing district. Yet she is so popular that she defeated her 2020 General Election opponent by a vote of 83,741 to 32,295.**



## **ANN HUGGINS!**

**Ann Huggins was elected Chair of the nine-member Pitt County Board of County Commissioners at their December meeting.**

**In 1999 Ann was appointed to finish out a one-year vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. She was the first African American woman to become a County Commissioner in the 240-year history of Pitt County.**

**In 2017 she was again appointed to finish out a one-year vacancy on the Board. In 2018 the voters of Pitt County elected her to a full four-year term.**

**Ann served six years as SECRETARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY during the years when Barbara Allen and Jerry Meek were State Chairs.**

**Ann has had an amazing professional career which has included:**

- **Supervisor of Patient Relationship Representatives at East Carolina School of Medicine in 2000**
- **Working in Congresswoman Eva Clayton's North Carolina Office, 2000-2003**
- **Working in Congressman Frank Balance's NC Office, 2003-2004**
- **Working in Congressman G. K. Butterfield's NC Office 2004-2009**
- **Working in Governor Beverly Perdue's Office, 2011-2012**
- **Currently First Vice Chair of the Pitt County Democratic Party**
- **Currently Chair of the Board of Trustees of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church**

**Ann is the mother of three outstanding daughters:**

- **Durham attorney Shelia Huggins who represents North Carolina on the DNC.**
- **Starla, who works as a Government Relations Specialist in Charlotte**
- **Sabrina, who works for a non-profit organization in Greenville.**

DURHAM COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

# Swearing In Ceremony

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 · 2 P.M. · ZOOM



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NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE SHAMIEKA RHINEHART  
PRESIDING

**State Representative Zack Hawkins was the leading organizer of an impressive Swearing In Ceremony for all of Durham County's General Assembly delegation on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Each legislator participated from their own home. District Court Judge Shamiaka Rhinehart administered the Oaths of Office.**

**Here are the 2020 winning election results for these six outstanding legislators:**

**Senator Natalie Murdock, 102,732 to 20,143**

**Senator Mike Woodard, 60,402 to 39,792**

**Rep. Vernetta Alston, 44,930 Unopposed**

**Rep. Zack Hawkins, 46,341 to 7,850**

**Rep. Marcia Morey, 41,548 to 9,319**

**Rep. Robert Reives, 37,825 to 23,957**



## **DEDREANA FREEMAN!**

**Durham City Council Member DeDreana Freeman used the year of 2020 as a time of personal enrichment and advancement. The montage above shows some of the major events in her life during 2020.**

**DeDreana enrolled in the UNC School of Government's Advanced Leadership Conference program. Two pictures above celebrate her graduation from that program.**

**She was selected as a Fellow in Higher Heights inaugural program and she graduated from North Carolina Central University with a Master of Public Administration Degree.**

**DeDreana says she is ready to build on the Biden/Harris motto of "Building Back Better" to help people in all of North Carolina's 100 counties!**





## **SENATOR KIRK DEVIERE SWORN IN!**

**On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cumberland County State Senator Kirk DeViere received the Oath of Office for his second Senate term. His wife, Jenny, and his son, Greyson played major roles in the ceremony.**

**The crowd was limited to a small number because of COVID-19. Hundreds of people attended his first installation two years ago.**

**Judge Toni King, a close friend of the DeViere family, administered the Senator's oath in Fayetteville.**

**Senator DeViere had the same GOP opponent in both of his campaigns.**

**In 2018 Kirk ousted GOP incumbent Wesley Meredith by a vote of 29,815 to 29,352.**

**In their 2020 rematch, Senator DeViere won by a vote of 46,740 to 43,966.**



**VIOLA FIGUEROA  
WENT TO  
GEORGIA  
TO CAMPAIGN IN  
PERSON FOR  
WARNOCK & OSSOFF!**

**Viola Ryals Figueroa made a 600-mile round trip from her home in Goldsboro to Fort Gordon near Augusta, Georgia to wholeheartedly campaign to help Democrats win two US Senate races.**

**Even though it was 23 degrees one morning, Viola still campaigned many hours every day.**

**Viola is the Commander of the NCDP Veterans and Military Families Caucus of Wayne County.**



**Viola campaigned in Georgia In memory of her late husband, Sgt. Aaron Figueroa.**

**She spent over \$1,000 on her campaign trip.**

**As Commander of the Wayne County NCDP Veterans and Military Families Caucus, Viola is happy to announce that her Caucus is the first County Caucus in the state to have its own fulltime Caucus Headquarters!**



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# Commander Figueroa





## **YOUTH FEATURE MAXWELL THOMAS!**

**During the 2020 election Maxwell Thomas was self-motivated to organize the Burke County Teen Dems. Burke County Chair Pam Genant says: “He worked hard during the election campaign and he wants to continue to be a very active Democrat.” Maxwell is 16 years old and is a Junior at Burke Middle College High School in Morganton. When he finishes he will have earned an Associate Degree in Arts.**

**He hopes to earn a Law Degree and become a Public Defender. He might also become a Democratic candidate one day.**

**Maxwell’s parents are Susan and John Thomas.**

**His hobbies are swimming and running. He is not on a track team. He just enjoys running.**





**Three different poses of Maxwell, an All-American Democrat**



**Our Party proudly  
welcomes all type of families.**

**On the next pages are  
several of our  
Democratic families  
as photographed during  
the holidays.**

**We are counting on  
President Joe Biden,  
Vice President Kamala Harris,  
and our  
Democratic Congress  
to help all American families!**



### **DURHAM'S ADAMS FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS!**

**Left to right on the front row are: William Adams, Stella Adams, T. C. Adams and Thomas Adams. On the top row are partners: Danielle Adams & Rufat Asadullaev. Stella Adams has served as First Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party. Danielle Adams has served on the Durham Soil & Water Board for many years.**



**Caleb and Morgan Marshall  
are the sons of  
DNC Member Jenny Marshall  
and dynamic Jeff Marshall  
of Forsyth County!**





## **VELERIA LEVY FAMILY!**

**Thirteenth Congressional District Chair Veleria Levy, her son, Joseph Earl Levy, and her mother, Joanne Levy, were photographed at the Charlotte Motor Speedway while wearing Targetstyle Holiday pajamas.**

## **CHARLIE WALLIN FAMILY!**

**Fifth Congressional District Chair  
Charlie Wallin  
with his daughter, Keller,  
and his wife, Shelley,  
at their home in Watauga County.**





### **JUDGE-ELECT TIFFANY POWERS!**

**Superior Court Judge-Elect Tiffany Powers (on far right) and her extended family gathered at her Lumberton home to celebrate Christmas. Her Oath of Office will be administered on January 10<sup>th</sup>.**



### **THESE DEMOCRATS HAVE RECOVERED!**

**Every member of this Randolph County Democratic family contracted COVID-19 a few weeks ago. Thankfully Erick Crespo, Violet Crespo, and Rebekah Todd recovered fully in time for Christmas. Rebekah has been an SEC Member for many years.**



### **The Family of Senator Don Davis!**

**Justin, Senator Don, Kyler, Yuvonka, and Ryan Davis**

**In 2020 Don was elected to his sixth term by a vote of 51,702 to 42,104.**



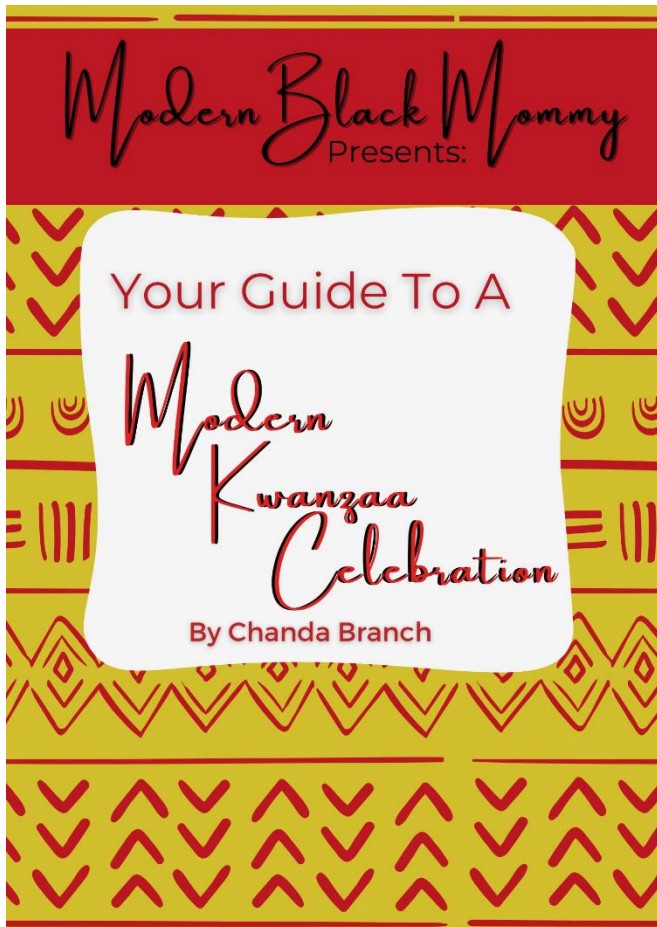
### **SOPHIE, OWEN AND SARAH MILLER!**

**These teenagers are very active Democrats. They go to Democratic meetings with their mother, Crissy Miller, who is Secretary of the Lee County Democratic Party.**

**In 2019 Crissy won a drawing that enabled her and her husband to fly to Los Altos Hills, California for a personal meeting with President Barack Obama! She won a drawing in which she had donated \$3!**



**Raleigh City Councilman Corey Branch, Chanda Branch, and Carleigh Branch**



**What a talented family! Corey has been elected to the Raleigh City Council for several terms.**

**Chanda is the reigning Ms. Black USA.**

**Both of them are proud of Carleigh's quick mind and learning abilities.**

**Chanda has made it one of her goals to help people all over America learn about Kwanzaa and the best ways to celebrate this important holiday.**

**She has authored a new book entitled "Your Guide To A Modern Kwanzaa Celebration."**

**Everyone can order this fascinating book by clicking here:**

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