

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

July 20 - 22, 2022



HENDERSON DEMOCRATS REAP LOTS OF APPLAUSE IN 4TH OF JULY PARADE!







A sign of the times: Henderson Democrats received a lot more cheers and applause this year than they have ever received before!





OUR STATE CHAIR RIDES AT CASTALIA!

State Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson creates a wonderful impression wherever she goes on the Party's behalf. On July 2nd she rode in the Fourth of July Parade in the Nash County Town of Castalia. Castalia has a long main street and the parade marched the entire length of the street.



In this picture, Bobbie is with State Senate candidate Mark Speed who also rode in the Castalia parade. This appearance is part of our State Chair's continuing outreach to rural areas throughout the state.

Democratic Women of Craven County

Alice Graham Underhill Scholarship Presented

Emily Kay Anderson, a graduating senior at Havelock High School, has received the 2022 Alice Graham Underhill Scholarship.

Emily (center) won the award with her composition "Why is Education Important in Politics?" where she stated, "I believe that education should be prioritized as a nation and state because it is the foundation of a successful economy. We can achieve quality education by providing adequate pay for teachers, funding higher learning institutions, and informing students of their educational options after high school."



The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually by the Democratic Women of Craven County and honors former state representative and Craven County school board member Alice Graham Underhill. Debbie Hunter chaired this year's Scholarship Committee.

Emily - who will enter North Carolina State University in the fall - is shown above with DWCC Vice President Nell Hudson (left) and DWCC Treasurer Barbara Sampson. The award was presented at the May 31 Havelock High School Academic Awards Ceremony.

Juneteenth Essay Contest and Book Giveaway Sponsored by DWCC



Laila-Rose Crews (left) won the 2022 Juneteenth Essay Contest - sponsored by the Democratic Women of Craven County - by expressing why "We Are Our Ancestors' Wildest Dreams."

Said the 5th grader in her winning composition, "My ancestors probably dreamed of me being able to have the same or better opportunities as them. They all worked hard and stayed focused to help create a better opportunity for me. With their determination, they get to look at me and know I have a bright future ahead of me."



Barbara Sampson and Cheryl Dudasik-Wiggs, DWCC officers, awarded Laila-Rose a check for \$100 from the organization in addition to a certificate and a variety of gifts at the Juneteenth of New Bern celebration, which was held in the Duffyfield community.

During the day-long festivities, DWCC also hosted its annual book giveaway and craft table for all children who visited the Craven County Democratic Party's booth.



DEMOCRATS ARE RISING IN THIS GASTON COUNTY TOWN!

Ranlo is a town of 4,511 where Dems are showing that they can rise and win in smaller towns.

Back in 2019, Gaston County Democrats helped Jamie Fowler and Katie Cordell win two of the three available seats on the town's Board of Commissioners. This flipped the Board to blue for the first time! Robin Conner was already the first African American woman to serve on the Board. Jamie Fowler was the first open member of the LGTB+ community to get on the Board.

Ranlo Democrats have been making lots of progress over the last three years despite the pandemic. In 2021 they elected a progressive young Democrat, Trevoy Hay, who replaced Robin Conner.

In June the Board passed for the first time two proclamations recognizing Juneteenth and Pride month with applause from the audience. Despite all the anti-LGBT actions of other towns in Gaston County such as Gastonia and Gaston County itself, Ranlo has been the Democratic example



throughout the county of what grass roots organizing can accomplish.

Both of the pictures above were made after both proclamations were adopted by the town's Board.



DON MIAL'S RECEPTION AT MAGNIFICANT LUCAS ESTATE!

Don Mial's countywide campaign for Wake County Commissioner received a big boost from a reception hosted by Zell Lucas at Lucas Estate at Knightdale on June 25th. From the left in the picture above are: State Representative James Roberson, Sheriff candidate Willie Rowe, Don Mial and Ellis Hankins.



Don Mial served in the U. S. military for 30 years, served on the Wake County Board of Elections, and the NC Board of Victim Compensation. He currently serves on the City of Raleigh Board of Adjustment, the Wake County Board of Adjustment and is a member of NCSEA and NCAE.

He has been honored as a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

In these pictures Don is with Congresswoman Deborah Ross on the left. In the picture on the right he is with Shinica and Raymond Thomas.



**Congresswoman Deborah Ross with
Ellis Hankins**



Host Zell Lucas with Don Mial

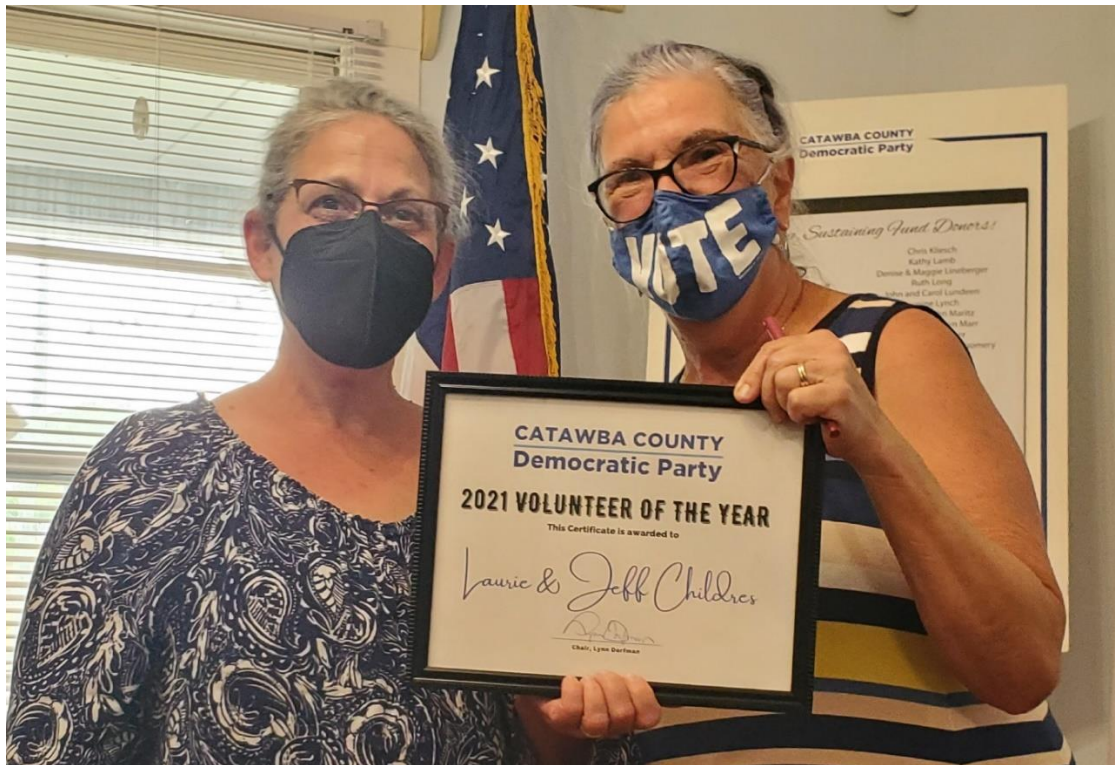


Picture of the Zell Estate

Don Mial's educational achievements:

**MA in Public Administration
MS in Criminal Justice**

**BA in History and Government
AAC in Paralegal Technology**



CATAWBA VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR: LAURIE & JEFF CHILDRES!

At the June live meeting of the Catawba County Democratic Party, County Chair Lynn Dorfman (on right above) presented the 2021 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD to Laurie and Jeff Childres. She cited them for their hard work and enthusiastic spirit. Laurie is on the left above.



FLAVIE DIETRICH ELECTED CATAWBA 1ST VICE CHAIR!

At a recent meeting Catawba Dems elected Lake Norman Precinct Chair Flavia Dietrich to be their new County 1st Vice Chair. County Chair Lynn Dorfman says: "While fairly new to the county (2018 arrival) Flavia has thrown herself into Democratic organizing activities. This Spring she stepped up big time to help with precinct organization meetings. With her smarts, skills, and energy, she is a strong addition to our leadership team."

NEW CATAWBA SECRETARY!

At their June CEC meeting, the Catawba County Democratic Party elected Rebecca Alt as Secretary to complete the term of Toni Abernathy who is moving.

Rebecca is originally from rural Pennsylvania. After graduating with a BA in Communications Arts & Sciences from Penn State, she completed her MA and PHD in Communications from the University of Maryland.



In 2019 she moved to Hickory to begin her career as an Assistant Professor of Communications at Lenoir-Rhyne.

She is excited to more involved with the local party and said, "The open position of secretary was the perfect opportunity to become more active." She recalls growing up with an amazing role model in her late grandmother "who was a remarkable woman in every respect as well as a lifetime Democrat Committeewoman for more than 60 years and a former Vice Chair of the Somerset County (PA) Democrats."

SAVE THE DATE

**LGBTQ+
DEMSNC**

2022 State Convention

VOTE WITH PRIDE

100 DAYS OF ACTION WITH GUEST
SPEAKER: BRANDON WOLF

**JULY 30, 2022
Greensboro NC**

The poster features a dark blue background with a rainbow flag on the right side. The text is white and yellow. The logo for LGBTQ+ DEMSNC is prominently displayed in the center.

President Tyler Beall, president@lgbtqdemocrats.org, 336-618-7841



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LGBTQ+ STATE CONVENTION!

**Kicking off 100 DAYS OF ACTION, the annual
statewide LGBTQ+ Convention
will be held as a hybrid event this year!
The in-person Convention will be held in Greensboro.**

**CONVENTION SPEAKERS WILL BE
JUDGE LUCY INMAN
STATE SENATOR JEFF JACKSON
PULSE NIGHTCLUB SURVIVOR BRANDON WOLF**

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MOORE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN MARCH IN 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

The streets of Pinehurst were brightened by a large contingent of Democrats as the Democratic Women of Moore County marched in the 4th of July Parade. The DW members wore colorful outfits and carried meaningful signs.

The Moore County DW is a very active organization. State Party Secretary Melvin Williams says: "The Moore County DW sends to me one of the best-written sets of minutes in the state. Not only are their minutes well-written but their minutes are filled with activities."



NASH DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH!



Nash County Democrats hosted Democrats from several surrounding counties at a happy Juneteenth celebration in Rocky Mount. Nash County Party Chair Cassandra Connover is sitting on the horse on the right in the picture above. Democratic candidates who attended included: Don Davis for Congress, Mark Speed for NC Senate, Rep. James Gaillard for NC House, Commissioner Gwen Wilkins, David Brake for Sheriff, DA Robert Evans & Linda Thomas for Clerk of Court

GOTV Canvass Day with Team [James David Gailliard](#) and [Nash County Democratic Party](#). Also represented are candidates [Mark Speed](#) for NC Senate District 11 and [Carolyn Thompson](#) for NC Court of Appeals. Let's go Dems! 💙
[#VoteBlue](#)



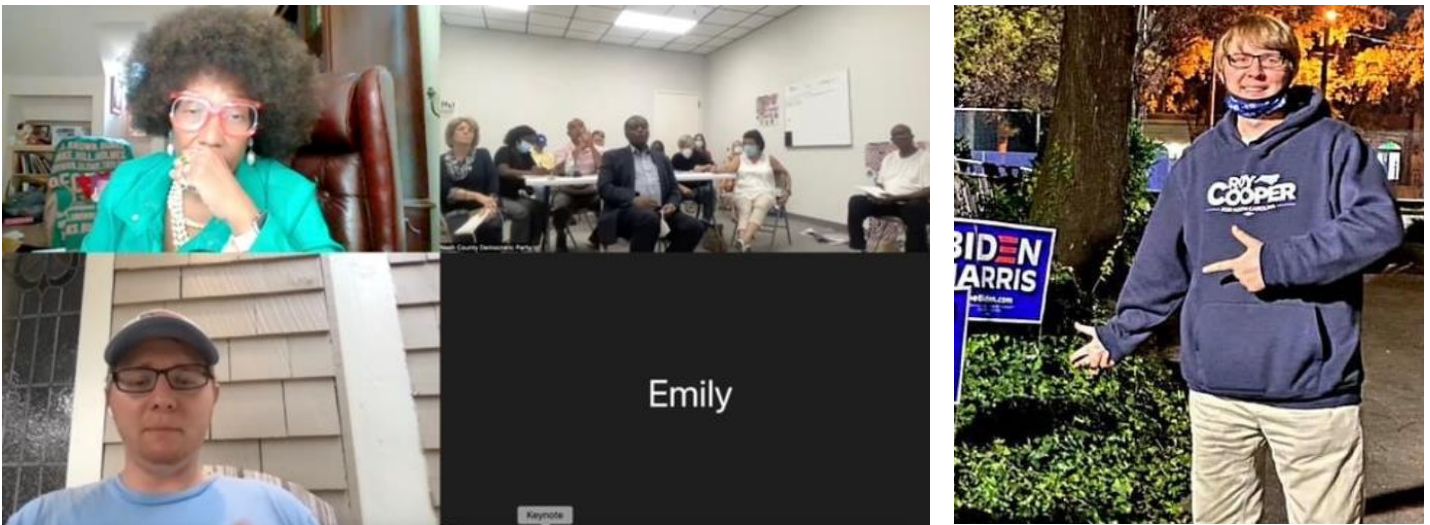
[JUNE 16, 2022!](#)



NASH COUNTY CELEBRATES PRIDE!

Nash County Democrats had an enjoyable Pride event at Florence's Bistro in Rocky Mount on June 25th. They had a good turnout, a happy spirit, and they registered a new voter.





NASH COUNTY DEMS HELD A GOTV RESOURCE MEETING!

On June 29th the Nash County Democratic Party held a special GOTV Resource meeting for all Democratic candidates and their campaign managers in preparation for the November election.

Daniel Frank (in picture on right above) who is the Regional Organizing Director for NCDP and Martin Feinstein with County to County (C2C) gave voter data, minivan, canvassing and phone banking resources to the Democratic candidates.

The hybrid meeting/training was moderated by 3rd Vice chair Sydney Meeks, with Chair Dr. Cassandra Conover, Second Vice Chair Morris Roberson and Secretary Amelia Sutton helping facilitate discussion.

The candidates who attended were Mark Speed for State Senate, State Rep. Linda Cooper-Suggs, DA Robert Evans, County Commissioner Gwen Wilkins, Clerk of Superior Court Linda Thorne, and David Brake for Sheriff.

The candidates had a lively interactive workshop while sharing perspectives and getting nuggets of wisdom from each other.

Next month at the Nash CEC meeting, Daniel and Martin will provide similar training to the precinct chairs. The ultimate goal is increasing Democratic voter turnout to elect Democratic candidates!

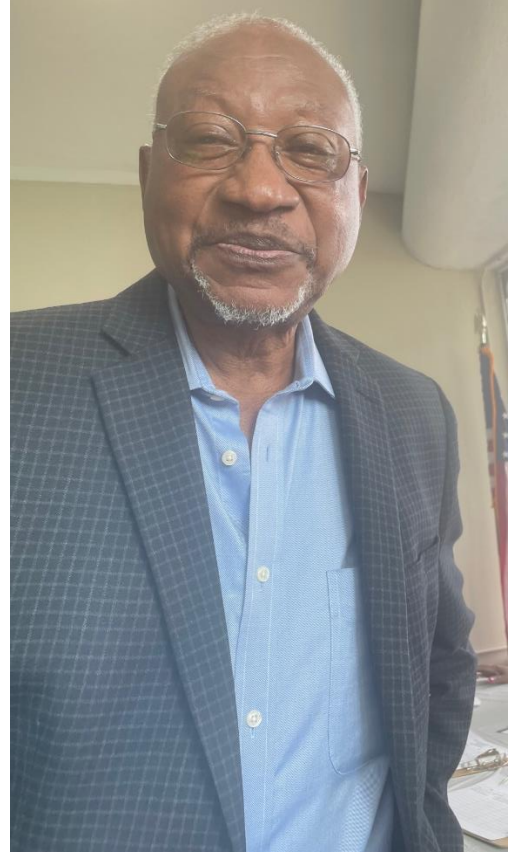


LENOIR COUNTY OPENS NEWS HEADQUARTERS!

State Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson and County Chair Jimmy Cochran headlined the Democratic stars who gathered in Kinston on July 17th to officially open the new Headquarters of the Lenoir County Democratic Party. The Headquarters is located at 126 East Gordon Street in Kinston.



Strong supporters of the Lenoir County Democratic Party include State Rep. Raymond Smith of Wayne County, County Commissioner Roland Best, candidate for House District 12 Lillie Williams, Sheriff Ronnie Ingram, candidate for Clerk of Superior Court Brooketa Banks, Kinston City Councilman Robbie Swinson, School Board member W.D. Anderson, and School Board Member Merwyn Smith



Linda Rouse Sutton (on left) is Chair of the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners, State House candidate Lillie Williams, and State Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson who is traveling all over the state to boost Democrats.

Jimmy Cochran has been Chair of the Lenoir County Party since 2011. He is an excellent leader and organizer.



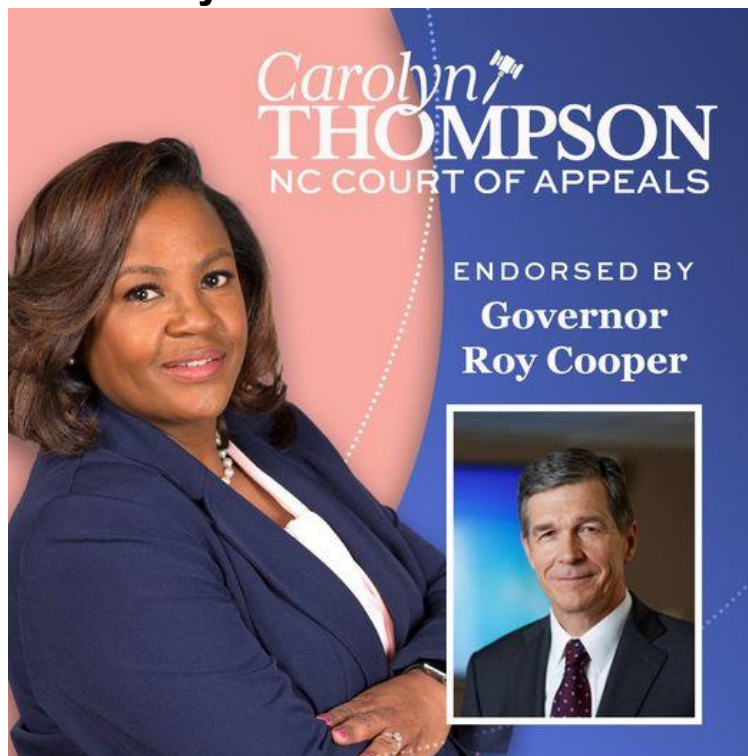
Dr. Bobbie Richardson speaking to the Lenoir County Democrats



THREE WINNERS!

NC Court of Appeals candidate Judge Carolyn Thompson was glad to join two other strong candidates for this happy picture.

On the left is State Senate candidate Mark Speed and on the right is State Representative James Gailliard. Democrats are working hard to carry all three of these fine Democrats to victory.





You are cordially invited to a

Fundraising Reception

~ Host Committee ~

Sandy & Bob Blaber | Sam & Carol Brown
William & Susan Edwards | Donna & Art Falk
Donna & Bob Kanich | Tom & Austin Sapp
Rex & Nancy Simmons | Eric & Eva Terashima
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RAINSTORM COULDN'T STOP MECKLENBURG DEMOCRATS!

When a large group of Mecklenburg County Democrats gathered for a cookout and rally at Park Road Park a heavy rainstorm poured down on them.

However, the determined Dems spoke louder and cheered harder to make their event a big success!



Incumbent City Council Member Dimple Ajmera and Council candidate Stephanie Hand. Stephanie was the Keynote Speaker of the rally.



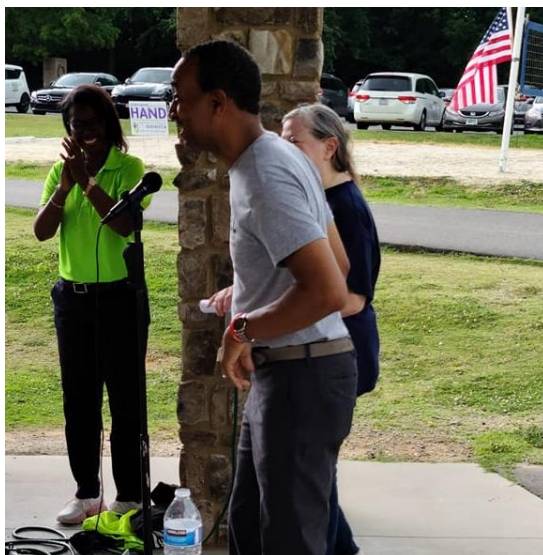
Everyone cheered loudly for former State Representative Chrissy Clark who is campaigning to reclaim her legislative seat.



Mayor Vi Lyles (Left Picture) & judicial candidate Alyssa Levine (right picture) speak as County Chair Jane Whitley is with them. Jane is an excellent organizer!



City Council Member Braxton Winston fires up the crowd.



Left: City Council candidate James Mitchell Right: Senator Joyce Waddell



ELECT MALCOLM HALL & FRANK McNEILL!

Malcolm Hall and Frank McNeill are working together smoothly to win two seats in the General Assembly. Malcolm (on right above) is running in House District 51 and Frank (center above) is running in Senate District 21.

Lowell Simon (left above) is Frank's Campaign Manager

Malcolm Hall wrote this message to voters in his district and throughout the state:

"The day our Nation watched a mob march on the PEOPLE'S House was one that I will never forget. Unless you have amnesia, you should not forget JANUARY 6, 2021.

"Our DEMOCRACY was put to a major test. The electoral count was completed. We won the battle, but now it's time to continue our fight like never before. Our children demand it! Our grandchildren expect us to protect them from the evils they should never have to experience because their future is supposed to be bright and full of hope.

"This is the United States of America. If you're not willing to fight for your Freedom to have Free and Fair Elections, Healthcare, and Inclusion regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation, then what?

"That's why I am pounding the pavement, knocking on doors, and talking to anybody and everybody about the America I know and love."

Malcolm Hall

Candidate For NC House District 51

Lee and Moore counties

Website: www.electmalcolmhallforncdistrict51.org

SPECIAL SECTION!

**THE NEXT SECTION
WILL BRING YOU
THE
GOOD NEWS
ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS
WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED
OFFICERS OF THE
CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT PARTIES!**



Chair Kim Mack
Halifax County



First Vice Chair – D. Cole Phelps
Washington County

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

Second Vice Chair – Oliver Holley – Pasquotank County

Third Vice Chair – Joyah Bullucks – Wilson County

Secretary – Mercedes Fornay – Martin County

Council of Review Member – Bronson Williams – Edgecombe County

Plan of Organization Committee Member – Jesse Goslen – Franklin County

Platform & Resolutions Committee – Kim Mack – Halifax County

Credentials & Appeals Committee – Ann Huggins – Pitt County



Second District Chair – Clayton Brooks – This entire district is within Wake County

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

First Vice Chair – Nick Long

Second Vice Chair – Henry Jarrett

Third Vice Chair – Eva Lee

Secretary – Angela Bridgman

Council of Review – Brian Layh

Platform & Resolutions – Paula Wolf

Plan Of Organization – Rich Elkins



Chair – Chris Hardee – Dare County



First Vice Chair – Gloria Goodwin - Onslow

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second Vice Chair – Nick Blount – Beaufort County

Third Vice Chair – Becky Howard – Currituck

Secretary – Diane Tyndall – Craven County

Treasurer – Farrah Farrior – Duplin County



**District Chair – Dr. Sharon
Brown – Orange County**



**First Vice Chair – Elijah King
Durham County**

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

Second Vice Chair - Holly Ann Rogers – Person County

Third Vice Chair – Anna Rios – Alamance County

Treasurer – Mal Watlington – Durham County

Minority Affairs Director – David Harris – Durham County

Platform & Resolutions Committee – Beth Kennett – Alamance County

Credentials Committee – Michael Fath – Orange County



Fifth District Chair Charlie Wallin with daughter, Keller, and wife, Shelley



First Vice Chair Darlene Sekerak with her husband, Ben Massey, who is running in State House Dist 93

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

District Chair – Charlie Wallin – Watauga County

First Vice Chair – Darlene Sekerak – Ashe County

Second Vice Chair – David Wils – Forsyth County

Third Vice Chair – Mandy Marxen – Wilkes County

Credentials & Appeals Committee – Ben Massey – Ashe County

Council of Review – Jenny Marshall – Forsyth County

Platform & Resolutions Committee – Ben Spencer – Forsyth County

Plan of Organization Committee – T.H.M. Gellar-Goad – Forsyth County



**SIXTH
CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT**

**CHAIR:
SALEETA
URENA!**

GUILFORD COUNTY

Congratulations

New 6th District Officers

1st Vice Chair - Dylan Moore

2nd Vice Chair - Blanche McCants

3rd Vice Chair - Ebony Henderson

Appeals / Credentials Committee:

Pat Warren

Resolutions/ Platform Committee:

Carol Donn

Treasurer: Michelle Mackel

Forsyth County Representatives:

Fleming Atif El-Amin

Chenita Barber Johnson



Chair – Sonya Bennetone
New Hanover County



First Vice Chair
Tom Simmons – Brunswick County

SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

Second Vice Chair – Lori Stephens

Third Vice Chair – Valencia Handy

Secretary – Martha Harris

Treasurer – Pam Graham

Council of Review – Carolyn Sumpter

Platform & Resolutions - deAndre Corniffe

Plan of Organization – Theresa Rossi



District Chair – Alvena Heggins – Rowan County

EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

First Vice Chair – Nigel Bristow – Davidson County

Second Vice Chair – Tangela Morgan – Rowan County

Third Vice Chair – Pam McAfee – Davidson County

Treasurer – John Kibler – Union County

NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

**District Chair
Michael Colvin
Cumberland County**





**DISTRICT CHAIR – DOUG AUER
CATAWBA COUNTY**

**FIRST VICE CHAIR – DONNA LUCKEY
LINCOLN COUNTY**

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second Vice Chair – Betsy Wells – Cleveland County

Third Vice Chair – Harriett Johnson – Iredell County

Secretary – Jill Miller – Iredell County

Treasurer – Daniel Griffith – Burke County

Council of Review – Betsy Wells – Cleveland County

Platform & Resolutions – Clay Pittman – Iredell County

Plan of Organization – Cliff Moone – Catawba County

Credentials & Appeals – Deborah Hollingsworth – Catawba County



**District Chair - Rhonda Bond
Wake County**



**First Vice Chair - Justin David King
Johnston County**

13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

Second Vice Chair – Rep. Raymond Smith – Wayne County

Third Vice Chair – Kiani Gardner – Harnett County

Secretary - Elizabeth Crudup – Harnett County

Credential & Appeals Committee – Grace Watts – Harnett County

Council of Review – Sarah Anderson – Johnston County

Platform & Resolutions – Marie Dodson – Johnson County

Plan of Organization Review – Sarah Vrla – Wake County



District Chair – Lisa Ellsworth – Mecklenburg County

14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT!

First Vice President – Corey Johnson – Gaston County
Second Vice President – Cameron Pruette – Mecklenburg County
Third Vice President – Jamie Fowler - Gaston County
Secretary – Marsha Zaidman – Mecklenburg County
Treasurer – Mary Milan – Mecklenburg County
Minority Affairs – Robbin Connor – Gaston County
Mecklenburg County Representative – Jane Whitley
Mecklenburg County Representative – Nick Clift
Gaston County Representative – Melissa Wagner
Gaston County Representative – Ro'Shaun McClendon
Council of Review – Kristen Moyer – Gaston County
Platform & Resolutions – Natalee Nieves – Gaston County
Plan of Organization – Dan Ready – Mecklenburg County
Credentials & Appeals - Crystal Byrd Farmer – Gaston County
Minority Affairs Chair – Robin Connor – Gaston County

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Your Democratic Friend,

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