

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

March 14, 2023



BLACK HISTORY MONTH RECEPTION!

As guests arrived for the NCDP's Black History Month Reception at the State Headquarters, they were met by these five cheerful Democrats: Second Vice Chair Kimberly Hardy, State Chair Anderson Clayton, DNC Member DD Adams, Third Vice Chair Elijah King, and First Vice Chair Jonah Garson.



Four distinguished Democratic jurists enjoyed the BHM event: Judge Toby Hampson, Judge Allison Riggs, Justice Anita Earls, and Judge John Arrowood. The three judges are on the NC Court of Appeals.



Kelvin Stallings with Grayson Barnette



Kimberly Hardy and John Easterling



Ed Jones who made most of the pictures in this article.



DNC Member Matt Hughes with Interim Executive Director Lillian Taylor



Many Democrats happily posed with State Chair Anderson Clayton.



STATE OF THE STATE SPEECH!

From her seat at the front of the House chamber, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall was able to make some close up pictures of Governor Roy Cooper as he delivered his State of the State address on March 6th.

Legislators of both parties gave standing ovations to several outstanding individuals during the Governor's speech.





BEFORE:

Legislators conversing as they wait for State of the State speech.



AFTER

State Representative Deb Butler of New Hanover stood on a chair to make some pictures of her Democratic colleagues.



YELLOW ROSES FOR STATE CHAIR!

On Friday, March 10th a dozen yellow roses for State Chair Anderson Clayton arrived at the State Headquarters in Raleigh. They were sent by longtime Democratic leader Dewey Sheffield of Wilson.

On the card Dewey had written: "Congratulations on your election as Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party. You have a wonderful opportunity to made political history in North Carolina. Best wishes for a splendid tenure in office."



YOUTH FEATURE – NICK VAUGHN!

Nick Vaughn is a 27 year-old Democrat who lives in the Rockingham County town of Madison. He is a 2018 graduate of Wingate University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications with a minor in political science. After graduation Nick moved to Washington, DC working for both the U. S. House and the U. S. Senate.



Knowing how important the 2020 election would be, Nick returned to North Carolina in 2019 and became active in the Democratic Party as a grassroots volunteer fundraiser for the Biden Victory Fund in 2020 and currently in the Rockingham County Democratic Party.

He and his mother, Robin, are shown as they went to vote in the 2020 election.



Nick trying out the podium before hearing Doug Emhoff speak in Winston-Salem in 2020

Nick loves presidential history. He can be found rewatching “The West Wing,” or hanging out with his chocolate lab, Dakota. He enjoys antiquing, cooking, and spending time with friends and family.



Nick shaking hands with Secretary Hillary Clinton in June, 2016 as she entered a Raleigh rally as her campaign “Fight Song” was being played. What an amazing camera shot!



When asked why he is a Democrat, Nick said he is “proud to be a Democrat because Democrats are the party for the future, for our rights and our democracy.”

NEWS FLASH!

On March 11th, Nick Vaughn was elected Chair of the Western Precinct Cluster of Rockingham County! At that meeting at the Mayodan Library, Nick’s fellow Democrats recognized his leadership talents.



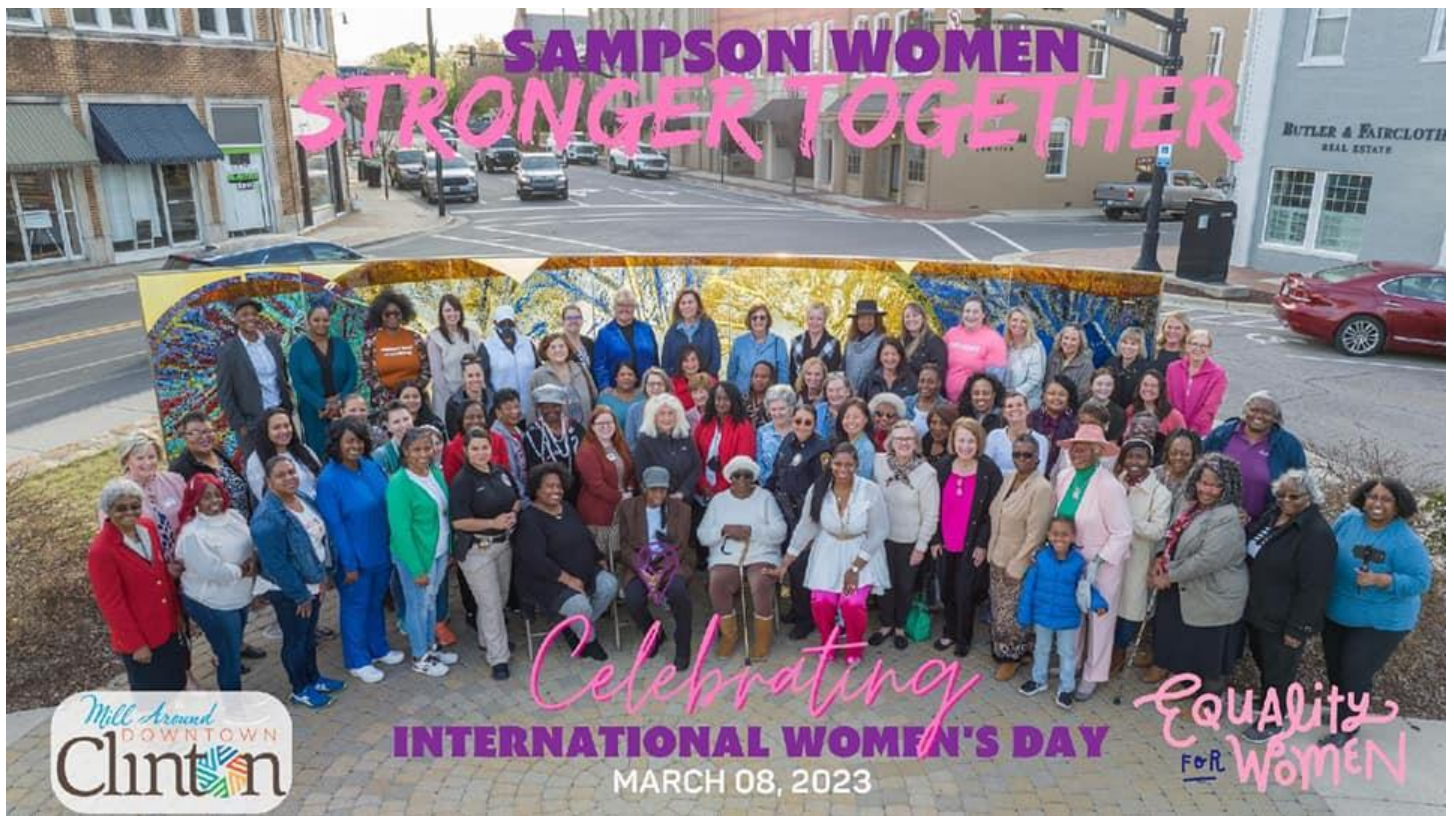
Nick has volunteered for Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Kathy Manning, Roy Cooper, Cheri Beasley, & various other local and statewide campaigns.



Nick registering a voter in Rockingham County in the fall of 2020.

In the future Nick plans to return to Washington or Raleigh to work in public service in some way. Nick hopes to continue a future in public service and become more involved in the North Carolina Democratic Party and the Democratic Party as a whole. He also hopes to become more involved in Young Democrats as he hopes to grow his home chapter going into the 2024 election cycle.

Nick invites Democrats to reach out to him on Facebook and Twitter or at NickVaughnNC@gmail.com.



SAMPSON DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!

At 5:00PM on March 8th exactly 75 Sampson County women gathered at this busy intersection in Clinton to observe International Women's Day.



HENDERSON COUNTY BREAKFASTS!

For many years the Henderson County Democratic Party has been holding a Fundraising Breakfast at their Hendersonville Headquarters on the first Saturday morning of every month. The delicious food is only \$10 per person. NEWCOMERS EAT FREE!



WATAUGA DEMS CELEBRATE PAM'S 70TH BIRTHDAY!

A large crowd of friends and relatives gathered in Boone on February 26th to celebrate the birthday of Pam Williamson. Pam is one half of one of the most dynamic Democratic duos in the state. She and her husband, Jerry Wayne Williamson, “live the Democratic life” all year

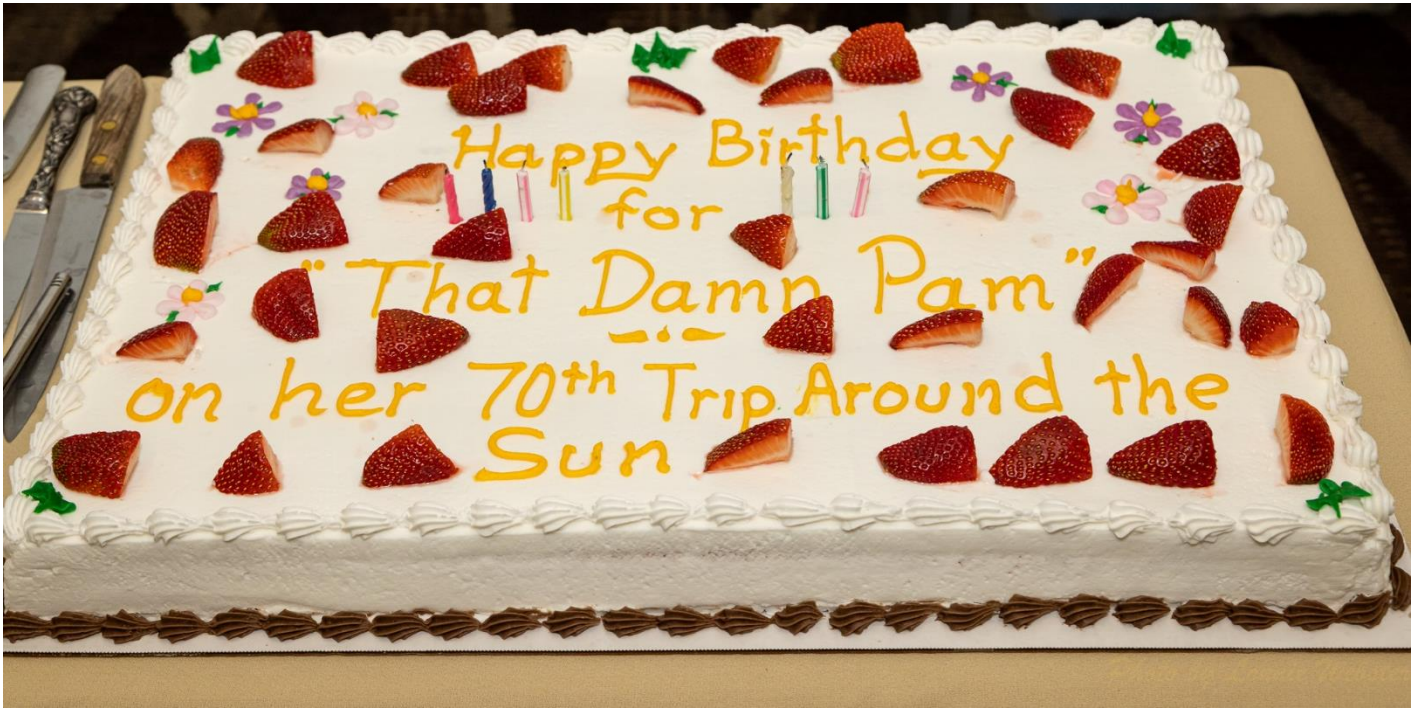
round. They have been dedicated to the Party for several decades. They even spend months each Spring growing thousands of plants in their yard for the big Plant Sale of the Watauga County Democratic Party. Every year this Plant Sale clears more than \$30,000.00 profit for the Watauga Party.

State Party Chair Anderson Clayton returned to Boone for Pam's big party. Anderson had worked very closely with Pam, Jerry, and all the Watauga County Party when she was a student at Appalachian State University.

Pam says: “Anderson got her political wings in Watauga County.” Pam says Anderson was “persistent and smooth” when she was President of the ASU College Dems.

Right: Jerry, Pam's sister Celia Liebl, Pam, brother-in-law Rex Liebl





Pam's close friend, Loretta Clawson, paid tribute to Pam. Loretta is a former Mayor of Boone and is currently on the Town Board and the SEC.

More Birthday greetings were brought forth by Charlie Wallin who is Chair of the Fifth Congressional District Party and a Watauga County Commissioner.





WEST CENTRAL FORSYTH CLUSTER!

These pictures show some of the enthusiastic Democrats from Precincts 802-809 who gathered for the West Central Cluster in Winston-Salem on February 4th. Democrats organizing for victory!

These pictures are from Forsyth County Commissioner Dan Besse.



CLEMMONS CLUSTER!

This happy group of Democrats met on March 4th to organize the precincts in the Clemmons area of Forsyth County. Many of these folks enjoy phone banking and knocking doors.

County Commissioner Dan Besse provided these pictures.



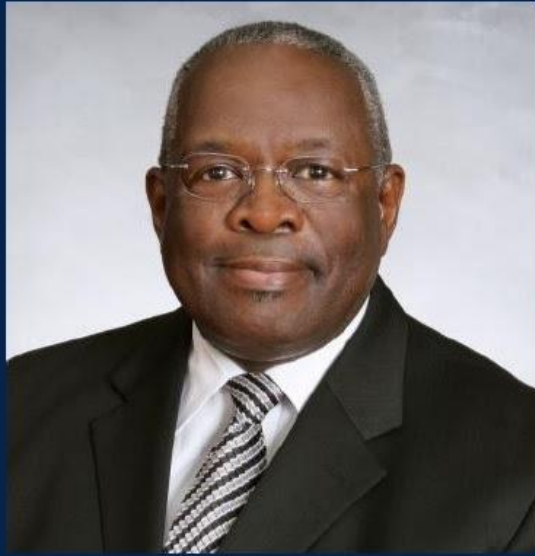
NASH COUNTY PRECINCTS ORGANIZE!

Nash County precincts carried out a 2023 full blossom precinct organization with a “100 PERCENT CHALLENGE!”

County Chair Dr. Cassandra Conover reports that several precincts met individually while others attended a cluster organizing meeting.

Some precincts met on Zoom first and then they were directed out to breakout rooms. So Nash Democrats used every possible method to try to get every precinct organized!





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CRAVEN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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APRIL 21, 2023 • 5:30 PM

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LISA JEWELL STAGES USO DRIVE!

March 6th was a beautiful sunny day for Lisa Jewell (left) to present carloads of donated items to Julie Melanie who is Center Manager for the Charlotte USO. This is one of the many projects Lisa is going to carry out during her campaign for State House District 98 in the northern part of Mecklenburg County



Lisa had the help of two great volunteers: Sandy Covington from Huntersville and Major (Ret Army) Louis Delessandro from Davidson.



Lisa was able to get the Ada Jenkins Center to donate a large amount of personal sized toiletries and sodas.

She and her team sorted all the goods making sure nothing was out of date.

This donation program started just after the first of the year and marked the beginning of Lisa's legislative campaign.

This is Lisa's campaign picture.





**MANY DEMOCRATS ELECTED TO LEAD
NC SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION!**



On March 9 state leaders of the NC School Personnel met in Raleigh.



Association President Linda Gunter, Keynote Speaker Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, Betsy Wells, and Legislature Chair Colleen Lanier.



Elaine with Fleming El-Amen of Forsyth County. Fleming was formerly Chair of the Forsyth County Democratic Party and a Member of the Forsyth County Board of Elections.



A BUSY DEMOCRAT!

PHYLLIS PORTIE-ASCOTT, ORANGE COUNTY

On March 16th Phyllis Portie-Ascott was inaugurated as an Orange County Commissioner in a ceremony in Hillsborough. She succeeds Renee Price who was elected to the General Assembly in November of 2022.



Congresswoman Valerie Foushee Administered the Oath of Office to Phyllis.



Marilyn Carter, Felicia Robinson, and Matt Hughes celebrate with Phyllis.



Phyllis was elected First Vice Chair of the Orange County Democratic Party in 2021. She served as Acting County Chair during the 2022 Democratic Primary. Because former Chair Jonah Garson was elected NCDP First Vice Chair, she is now serving as Acting County Chair again.



Phyllis' family: Frank, Amari, and Ryan Ascott



Jamezetta Bedford, Chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners



PRECINCT CLUSTERS IN ORANGE COUNTY!

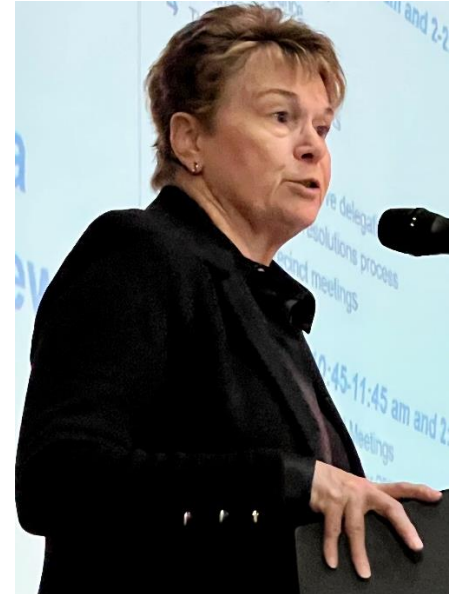
All the precincts in State House District 56 met in Chapel Hill for their cluster precinct meeting on March 6th. All Orange County precincts in House District 50 met in Hillsborough. Pictures in this article are from both meetings.



**State Representative
Allen Buansi with
his son**



**Acting First Vice Chair
Cassie Rice**



**Assistant Treasurer
Deniese Cheney**



Fourth Vice Chair Allen Proctor



State Representative Renee Price



State Senator Graig Meyer



**TJ White, President of the
Young Democrats of UNC**



CEDAR FALLS PRECINCT MEETING!

Orange County's Cedar Fall Precinct had a big turnout of Democratic activists at their March 4th meeting. From the left they are: Former County Chair Marilyn Carter, Secretary/Treasurer Carolyn Schwartz, County Commissioner Jean Hamilton, County Party Data Chair Woody Setzer, Chapel Hill Town Council Member Camille Berry, Past Precinct Chair Sherene Min, Vice Chair Betty Courtwright, and past VC Richard Jaffee.



This picture of the Eno Precinct meeting was received from Diana Robinson.



CELEBRATING APRIL AS

JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH

FUNDRAISER FOR REP. RENEE PRICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

6:00 – 7:30 PM

THE COLONIAL INN

153 WEST KING STREET

HILLSBOROUGH, NC

With song stylists and musicians:

Lynn McGee and the Lynnphonics

Regina Gale

Special Guest

Rep. Cynthia Ball

NC House Democratic Conference Chair

Host Committee and Ticket Price:

Angel: \$2000 | Ally: \$1000 | Sponsor: \$250 | Friend: \$ 100 Tickets: \$35



LEE COUNTY DW HOSTS SEN. MURDOCK!

Senator Natalie Murdock captured the crowd attending the February 13th Black History Month program which was sponsored by the Democratic Women of Lee County. Winning re-election in 2022, Murdock represents District 20 which is now composed of Chatham County and the southern part of Durham County.



Senator Natalie Murdock posed with Vernadette Williams, President of the DWLC, and Vonda Reives, Chair of the Lee County Democratic Party. The meeting was held at Elizabeth Pizza & Italian Restaurant on Spring Lane in Sanford. This information and these pictures were provided by AlexSandra Lett.



PINTO BEAN DINNER FOR THE DEMS

DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 20TH
PICKUP: WATAUGA CO. LIBRARY
TIME: 4-6 PM



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FOR \$12!

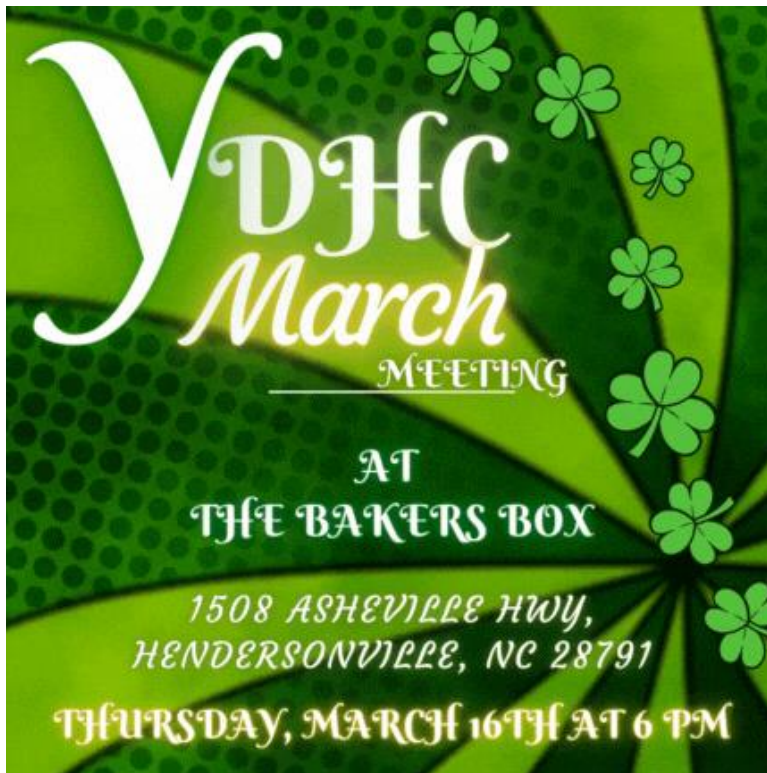


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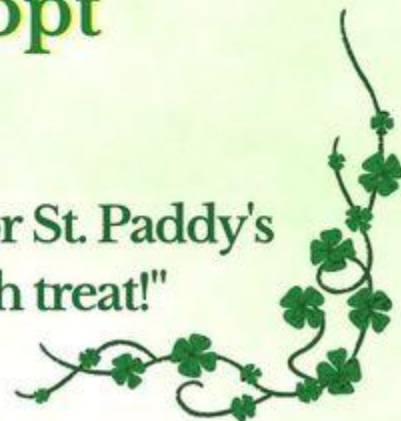
Monthly Meeting

March 14th

At Three Chopt

5:30pm

**"Remember to wear green for St. Paddy's
day and get a special Irish treat!"**



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Melvin Williams, State Secretary
North Carolina Democratic Party**

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