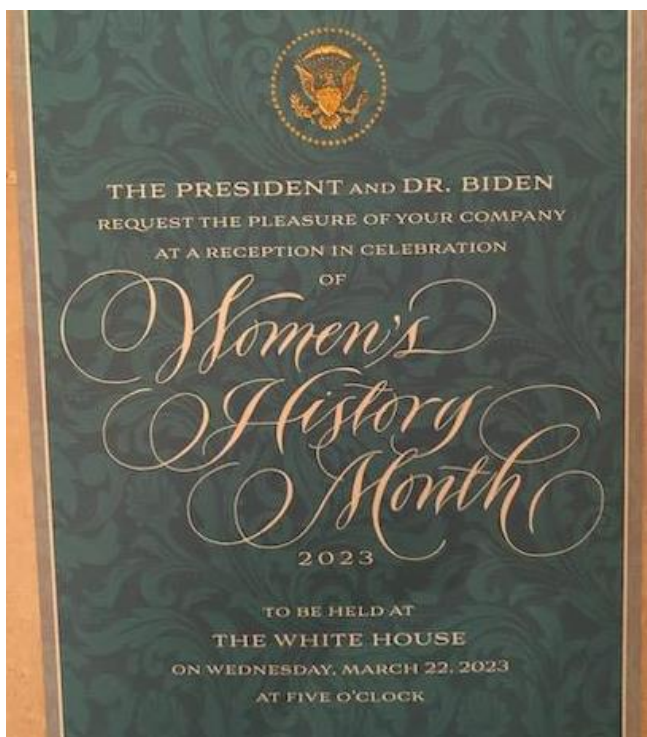


YOUTH FEATURES - DARIUS LAMAR FRYER, JR – ELIZABETH MCGUIRT!

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!



NC LADIES CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT THE WHITE HOUSE!



A few of North Carolina's most outstanding female leaders were invited to President and Mrs. Biden's *Women's History Month Reception* at the White House on the evening of March 23rd.

The pictures above feature DNC Member Diane Robertson and Secretary of State Elaine Marshall who are standing before the White House portrait of President Carter. (DNC Chair Jaime Harrison appointed Diane to an At Large position on the DNC.) Elaine joined Congresswoman Deborah Ross in the picture on the right above.

The actual invitation is shown on the left.



NC Congresswoman Kathy Manning



President Biden



Nancy Pelosi



Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff



7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S FIRST ANNUAL HERSTORY CELEBRATION!

To celebrate Women's History Month, District Chair Sonya Bennetone-Patrick and the Seventh District Democrats staged a HERstory event at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Wilmington on March 25th.

The Democrats above were recipients of special Medallions of Honor for their work for the Party. NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams announced the awards.

From the left they are:

LaToya Beatty, Janis Simmons, Apostle Willie Rhames, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, District Chair Sonya Bennetone, Representative Deb Butler, Shelley Allen, Judy Justice, Judge Allison Riggs, Carlette Grissette, Pam Carver, and Martha Harris



Secretary of State Elaine Marshall gave an inspiring Keynote Speech based on the banquet theme: "Democratic Women Rising Above The Storm."

Her husband, Tommy Bunn, accompanied Elaine to this happy event in Wilmington.

In the picture to the left 2022 Congressional candidate Charles Graham and NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams are with Elaine.



This picture features cardboard statues of the President and the Vice President with the following Columbus County Democrats: Chair Franklin Thurman, Karen Thurman, LaToya Beatty, Wanda Brooks, Phyllis Haynes, and Monisha Brooks.



Cumberland County was represented by these strong Democrats: Rev. Floyd Wicker, Curtis Carver, DW President Pam Carver, Michael Haywood, Pam Wade, and Roberta Waddle.



**These folks were part of the New Hanover County Democrats who attended:
Representative Deb Butler, Isabela Lujan, Clifford Barnett, Sr.,
Raymond Greene who sang several magnificent songs,
Barbara Evans, and Elli Klein.**



**Left: Brunswick County Party Chair
Eric Terashima with Seventh District
Party First Vice Chair Tom Simmons**



**New Hanover County Democratic
Party First Vice Chair Jill Hopson**



SENATOR MIKE WOODARD RECEIVED HIGH HONOR FROM ROXBORO JAYCEES!



At the March 16th meeting of the Roxboro Jaycees, State Senator Mike Woodward was the recipient of the 2023 **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** for “Lifetime Commitment To Community Service.”

This award was created eleven years ago. However, this is only the fifth time it has actually been presented.

Senator Woodward has often given his guidance and organizational skills to this Jaycee chapter & has strongly supported it.

The presenter described Senator Woodward as “an extraordinary leader, man, Jaycee, distinguished servant, and Man of God.”



NEILL'S CREEK DEMOCRATS!

The Democrats of Neill's Creek Precinct joined several other precincts at the Harnett County cluster precinct meeting in Lillington on February 11th.

From the left the Neill's Creek attendees were Kevin McIntyre, Precinct Chair Brendon Martin, Precinct Vice Chair Monica DeAngelis, Frank Farmer, Lewis Bell, and Kimberly Whitted.

The photographer, Anthony DiMarzio, was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SALLY PARKER!

Lots of Democrats across the entire state fell in love with Sally Parker during the years her husband, David Parker, was NCDP Chair. They still love her now. On St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, Sally celebrated her 70th Birthday. Above she and David are shown at the Lee Dellinger Gallery in Statesville.



A remarkable Democratic family celebrates: Former Iredell County Party Chair Carey Parker with his wife, Annie; former Iredell County Party Chair Sally Parker with former NCDP State Chair David Parker; Salley's sister, Shirley; former NCSU College Democrats President Sarah Parker with her husband Clay Pittman who was former NCDP Communications Director; former Statesville Precinct 2 Chair Elizabeth Parker Ford and her husband, Ryan, who served three tours in Iraq making the world safe for Democracy.



GOVERNOR ESTABLISHES VIOLENCE PREVENTION OFFICE!

Last week Governor Cooper signed an Executive Order setting up a State Office of Violence Prevention. This new office will focus on reducing violence and firearm misuse in North Carolina. He said “All of us deserve to feel safe in our home, our schools, and our communities.” Attorney General Josh Stein is on the far right in this picture made at the signing ceremony.



This picture shows Josh Stein as a young boy. This young boy has grown up to be a campaigner for peace and safety in the Tar Heel State.



ELIJAH KING ATTENDS ROWAN EVENT!

NCDP Third Vice Chair Elijah King drove from his home in Durham to Salisbury for the Rowan County Democratic Party's Breakfast on March 11th.

From the left in the picture above are: East Spencer Precinct Chair Tarsha Mallet, Elijah King, East Spencer Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Rush, and East Spencer County Convention Delegate Ksandra Corpening.



Rowan County Democratic Party Chair Geoffrey Hoy with Elijah



HENDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

The super-active Democrats of Henderson County organized 22 precincts when more than 200 people attended their cluster precinct meeting on February 25th and three additional meetings before March 11th.



The leaders: First Vice Chair Michelle Antelac and County Party Chair Cindy Ellis



Jessica Stepp Edney, President of the Democratic Women of Henderson County with County Chair Cindy Ellis



Precinct members electing their officers

Henderson County Democrats enjoy all their activities!





**Eleventh Congressional Chair
Leslie Carey**



**Above: Matt Lock and Henderson
County Young Democrats President
Dalton Buchanan help organize**



**Left: Chris Kruse made
his feelings known.**



RAFAEL TORO MAKES HISTORY!

Rafael Toro made history when he was elected as the first Afro-Latino Democrat to be elected to serve as the Precinct Chair in New Hanover County Precinct 11 and the first Latino Caucus Leader in the Seventh Congressional District.

Chair Toro fell in love with North Carolina when he visited the state over 48 years ago. He made beautiful New Hanover County his home after retiring from his career as a teacher.

Since making Wilmington his home, Rafael has immersed himself in the local, easy, coastal lifestyle and he can be seen enjoying early morning bike rides, walks on the beach and fishing. He has also immersed himself in the local social, environmental, political, and other issues concerning the community by volunteering and joining local organizations such as the Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron, the National Black Leadership Caucus, and the Black Lives Matter Movement.

When asked what he would like others to know about him, he noted that he is most proud of:

- His four beautiful daughters and his three wonderful grandchildren**
- His service as a U. S. Marine Corps Captain**
- After his military career, he became a special education teacher in the South Bronx, NY and in New Rochelle, NY where he taught world history, was an educational evaluator, and served on the committee for special education.**

Chair Toro added that his political priorities and goals include:

(1) The “Preservation of Democracy” (2) Protecting the environment, economy, public education, and affordable housing; (3) Increasing the 11th Precinct membership; (4) Have a strong Democratic presence in the 2024 elections, and (5) Allow Puerto Rico to decide its status as a state of the United States or to become an independent country.

Angie Faison provided the picture and information for this article.



KENNIS WILKINS INVITES DEMOCRATS TO HIS FRATERNITY'S GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Kennis Wilkins of Greenville has demonstrated his generosity and dedication to the North Carolina Democratic Party by being a financial Trustee more consecutive years than any other Democrat in the state. He and his wife, Brenda, have been Delegates to the Democratic Convention many times.

See the next page where Kennis invites all Democrats to his fraternity golf tournament.



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- FORMAT: SCRAMBLE

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MAY 9, 2023

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**For More Information or to sign-up
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DEMOCRATS SHINE AT SANFORD EVENT!

Mary Montford, Bob Fitch, and Greear Webb spoke at a Mental Health Seminar at Christian Provision Ministries in Sanford on March 18th. It was an uplifting event.

Mary Montford is the former President of the North Carolina A. Phillip Randolph Institute and she currently promotes the North Carolina A. Phillip Randolph Educational Fund.

Bob says Mary is “One of North Carolina’s great advocates for labor and social justice.”



In 2004 Mary’s husband was a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention and Mary was elected as an Alternate.

Readers of this publication are already familiar with Greear Webb and his multiple talents.

Jamilia Smith (not pictured) organized this event and was a featured speaker.

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6:00 – 7:30 PM

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Adult meals are \$25, kid meals are \$5.
Soft drinks and general frivolity are free.
Beer and wine will be available for purchase.



Buy food tickets here:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2023donkeyday>
(All food purchases must be made by April 17th.)



LESTER BUSSY'S GREAT GRANDSON WINS PINEWOOD DERBY!

Lester Buster of Cumberland County happily celebrated the victory of his great grandson,

Darius Lamar Fryer, Jr.

in the District Boy Scout Pinewood Derby Race Car Competition which was held in Pinehurst on March 17th.

He was awarded a replica of a NASCAR racing car.

Lester is First Vice President of the Senior Democrats of Cumberland County and is also a Precinct Chair.



This picture shows Darius in the middle of some of his competitors. He is nine years old and he is in the third grade at Montclair Elementary School in Fayetteville.



FRANK MCGUIRT'S GRANDAUGHTER NAMED STUDENT OF THE MONTH!

Elizabeth McGuirt has been named STUDENT OF THE MONTH at East Union Middle School in Marshville. She is 12 years old and has been involved in Democratic activities for many years.

Elizabeth's grandfather, Frank McGuirt, was the Democratic Sheriff of Union County from 1979 through 2002 when he voluntarily retired. Earlier he had served as a Deputy Sheriff, 1970-1979.

Later Frank was the Democratic State Representative during 2011-2012 after which he was a victim of Republican gerrymandering.

Frank relates this interesting Democratic story: "The night before the 2016 election Elizabeth, age 5, accompanied me putting up Hillary signs. When I took her home she said, 'Mommy, we voted for Hillary!'"

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