

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

April 4, 2023



OUR PRESIDENT COMES TO DURHAM!

President Biden energetically trotted up onto the outdoor stage at the Triangle Research Park headquarters of a firm known as Wolfspeed on March 28th. His speech was part of his nationwide campaign to highlight investments and legislation, including the bipartisan CHIPS Act that is aimed at promoting clean energy.



This group was part of the Democrats who cheered the President's speech.



Matt Hughes, Jenna Wadsworth, NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton, Senator Natalie Murdock, Cynthia Wallace, Brenda Pollard, Floyd McKissick with unidentified lady



NC College Democrats President Albaro Reyes with the President



Dr. Aimy Steele, NCDP Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy, Shanetta Burris, and Salima Thomas

Governor Roy Cooper



Union workers cheered the President



During the President's speech he announced that Wolfspeed's investment in Chatham County is expected to create 1,800 jobs that pay an average of \$77,000 by 2030.

The President also announced that a company named VinFast will invest \$4 billion in a new Chatham County facility that will make electric buses, electric SUVs, and electric vehicle batteries. They expect to hire 7,500 workers and produce 150,000 vehicles per year.

He further announced that Toyota is making a \$3.8 billion investment in a new lithium-ion battery manufacturing plant in Liberty, NC – creating 2,100 new jobs. That company is also putting \$1 million toward workforce readiness opportunities.



State Chair Anderson Clayton greeted Brenda Pollard & Floyd McKissick

NCDP HOLDS FUNDRAISER IN WASHINGTON!

On March 29th the State Party held a major fundraiser at the The Dubliner Grill in the Phoenix Park Hotel in DC.

Many former NC residents attended as well as many DC residents.

In the picture to the left are: State Chair Anderson Clayton, NCDP Third Vice Chair Elijah King, and North Carolina native John Hicks who is in his last undergrad semester at The George Washington University and who works fulltime with Senator Bob Casey.



John Hicks with Congressman Jeff Jackson who created lots of energy when he arrived.

John with Anderson



JANE WHITLEY HONORED!

The County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County presented Jane Whitley with the prestigious Order Of The Hornet at their March meeting.

They saluted her for her six years of outstanding service as Chair of the Mecklenburg Democratic Party, her years as President of the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County, and her record of working on more than 50 campaigns.

Over these years Jane has demonstrated her organizational talents and her ability to generate Democratic enthusiasm.

Mecklenburg County has been blessed by Jane in many ways!



FLOYD SELECTED FOR TWO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS!

In addition to having a conversation with President Biden in Durham on March 28th, Floyd McKissick has been named to two leadership positions in the utilities regulation field. He has already learned a tremendous amount during his continuing time as a NC Utilities Commissioner and in these two new roles he can put that knowledge to beneficial use.

He was recently appointed as Chairman of the Consumers and the Public Interest subcommittee for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. This organization is composed of Utility Commissioners from all fifty states. There are 207 Utility Commissioners in the United States.

In addition on June 1st he will start serving a term as President of Southeast Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners which is an organization composed of 11 southeastern states and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico.



DUPLIN PRECINCTS!

These two pictures depict two of Duplin County's most Democratic precincts as they held their 2023 precinct meetings. The picture above was made at the Charity precinct meeting. This precinct encompasses the town of Greenevers and it often has the highest Democratic voting percent in the county.



This picture was made at the 2023 Warsaw precinct meeting. Warsaw is the second largest precinct in the county. It is also the home of the longest consecutive Veterans Day Parade in the entire nation. This parade has been held every year since 1919.

Warsaw usually has the second highest Democratic voting percentage in the county.

These pictures were made by Langston Pollock who is the Third Vice Chair of the Duplin County Democratic Party.



GTCC CLUB VISITS EXECUTIVE MANSION!

The Political Science Club of Guilford Technical Community College toured the Executive Mansion in Raleigh on Thursday, March 30th.

The picture includes the club's current and two previous Club presidents, all of whom are female.

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ALL DEMOCRATS ARE INVITED TO SEND PICTURES AND SHORT ARTICLES ABOUT YOUR DEMOCRATIC GOOD NEWS TO: melvin535@gmail.com.

CARTERET – CRAVEN – ONSLOW!



PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE
NCDP, OUR NEW LEADERSHIP, AND TO UNITE WITH
OUR SISTER COUNTIES

Unity Through Diversity

Saturday, April 22, 2023

5-7 PM

THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF CARTERET COUNTY
1008 ARENDELL ST., MOREHEAD CITY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ANDERSON CLAYTON, NCDP CHAIR

TICKETS: \$25/pp includes Dinner and 5 tickets for raffle
Additional tickets may be purchased at \$5 ea.

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE and
ActBlue.

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/unitydinner2023>

BRUNSWICK COUNTY!



6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



**WHEN?
WHERE?**

**Sunday, May 21, 8:30 AM Shotgun Start
Carolina National Country Club, Bolivia**
Registration begins at 7:30



**ENTRY
FEE?**

\$90 per golfer, includes:
golf, cart, range balls, closest to the pin competitions,
longest drive contest, awards lunch with beer, and
loads of awesome prizes!



**WHAT
ELSE?**

**Format: Scramble | Captain's Choice
Awards Luncheon MC will be Frank Herzog,
Voice of the Washington Redskins!**



Visit brunswickdem.org for registration
and payment information. Questions?
Email Ron V. at travelnron@gmail.com



CUMBERLAND COUNTY SENIOR DEMS!

On March 11th the Senior Democrats of Cumberland County installed their newly- elected Officers. Their Oaths of Office were administered by Judge Rosalyn Hood.

From the left the Officers are: Sharon Home, Dr. Navveed Aziz, Ellison Ellison, Pamela Carver, and Michael Haywood on Zoom. (Michael was supported by Pat Randall who held the Zoom camera.)



ASHE COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

This enthusiastic group of Ashe County Democrats met last week to discuss several matters including their upcoming County Convention which will be held at 10AM, Saturday, April 15th. It will be held in the Courthouse in Jefferson.

Join the Young Democrats of North Carolina in

MORGANTON

at our convention on April 29th.

TRAININGS • SPEAKERS • PANELS • FELLOWSHIP
+ A LOT OF REALLY GOOD FOOD



All ticket prices include a plate at our keynote luncheon.

\$15 Teen and College Dems • **\$25** Young Dems • **\$30** Young-at-Heart Dems

On April 29th, join us for:

- **Votebuilder trainings** designed for your skill level by **organizing experts**—whether you need help setting up your first phone bank or are strategically targeting for a campaign
- **Digital tools workshops** for ActBlue and Mobilize mavens-in-the-making
- Panels with **elected officials**
- Remarks from the **Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party** and YDNC member, Anderson Clayton
- A jam-packed, **fully-catered awards luncheon** with words from our keynote speaker—stay tuned for our announcement!

If you're a Democrat at or between the ages of 16 and 35, you're a Young Democrat! Learn more about joining a local chapter or joining the state organization as an at-large member at ydn.org/join.

If you're 36 or over, YDNC Convention is open to Democrats of all ages. Come learn from YDs who are leaders in their fields as we gear up for municipals this fall!

We can't wait to see you in Morganton as a new friend or a familiar face. **Get your ticket today!**

If you have any questions about convention, especially any accessibility concerns for this event, please email info@ydn.org.



To buy tickets and learn more about convention, scan the QR code or go to ydn.org/morganton.



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