

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

April 26, 2023

YOUTH FEATURE – T. J. WHITE – UNC-CHAPEL HILL!



OVERFLOW CROWD PACKS RECEPTION FOR NEW OFFICERS!

A wildly cheering overflow crowd packed into the State Headquarters in Raleigh on April 18th for the “Meet the Chairs” event! The Headquarters was jam packed!

Governor Roy Cooper and each of the five NCDP Officers gave rousing talks. From the left above are: First Vice Chair Jonah Garson, Third Vice Chair Elijah King, Governor Cooper, Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy, Secretary Melvin Williams, and State Party Chair Anderson Clayton.



Holly Springs Democrats with Elijah King



Dustin Ingalls and Brenna Farley



T. J. Cawley & Senator Rachel Hunt



Rufus Edmisten & Mike Schaul



From the left: Tenth Congressional District Party Chair Doug Auer, former State Party Chair David Parker, strong Wake Democrat Ronnie Condrey with Secretary Melvin Williams

One of Dare County's Democratic leaders, Tommy Fulcher



Third Vice Chair Elijah King with Senator Mike Woodard and Wake Commissioner Cheryl Stallings



The “Carolina Cutups” from Orange County entertained the Democrats.



**Elijah King, Court of Appeals Judge Allyson Riggs,
Adrian Maldonado and Roman Jennings**



**Left: A small part of the
cheering crowd!**

**Many of the pictures in this
article were made by
Matt Ramey & Elijah King**

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**The Featured Speaker Will Be:
Kathy Tran,
an Elected Member of the Virginia Legislature!**



DR. GRACIE GALLOWAY AAPI ADVOCACY AWARD!

At this year's gala, the AAPI Caucus of the NCDP will be awarding the first ever "DR. GRACIE GALLOWAY NORTH CAROLINA AAPI ADVOCACY AWARD."

For many years, Dr. Galloway has committed herself to organizing the North Carolina AAPI community to be involved in state and local political activities.

She is an advocate for North Carolina AAPI individuals to have a "seat at the table" and focus on what the AAPI community needs like voting, healthcare, housing and high paying jobs.

The award this year will go to a North Carolina AAPI who has made a difference and has worked to improve the lives of AAPIs in North Carolina.

Dr. Galloway is always accompanied by "Jacques, The Wonder Dog."



RACHEL HUNT KEYNOTES JOHNSTON CONVENTION!

State Senator Rachel Hunt delivered a positive well-reasoned speech to the 2023 Johnston County Convention at the County Headquarters in Smithfield.

Her sister, Elizabeth H. Amigh, introduced her. Elizabeth and her uncle, Bob Hunt, were Convention Delgates from North Clayton One Precinct.



Johnston County's longtime Party Chair Sharon Castleberry said: "We were happy to be back in person for a convention, the first time since the spring of 2019. Our tailgate party afterwards was a winner...all of the BBQ pork and vegetarian chili was eaten up. We are staying at our Long Game!"



DANTE PITTMAN ELECTED WILSON COUNTY CHAIR!

The 2023 Wilson County Convention elected Dante Pittman to be the new County Chair on April 15th. The full slate of Officers is:

**COUNTY CHAIR - DANTE PITTMAN
FIRST VICE CHAIR – JOYAH BULLUCK
SECOND VICE CHAIR - WAYNE WILLINGHAM
THIRD VICE CHAIR – ERIN LYNCH
SECRETARY – TERRY SHACKLEFORD
TREASURER – TOM SALLENGER**

These Officers invite everyone to visit their Party's website:

www.wilsonncdems.com



These two pictures show Wilson Democrats at their Convention. If you look carefully you will see Governor and Mrs. Jim Hunt in the picture above. The Hunts have always strongly supported their County Party and their Precinct Party.





ONSLOW DEMS ELECT NEW OFFICERS!

Chris Schulte of Richlands was elected Chair of the Onslow County Democratic Party at their April 15 Convention at the Jacksonville Commons Recreational Center. Above retiring Chair Ike Johnson is congratulating Chris and presenting the Convention gavel to him.



FRANCES LAKEY
1st Vice Chair, Onslow Democrats



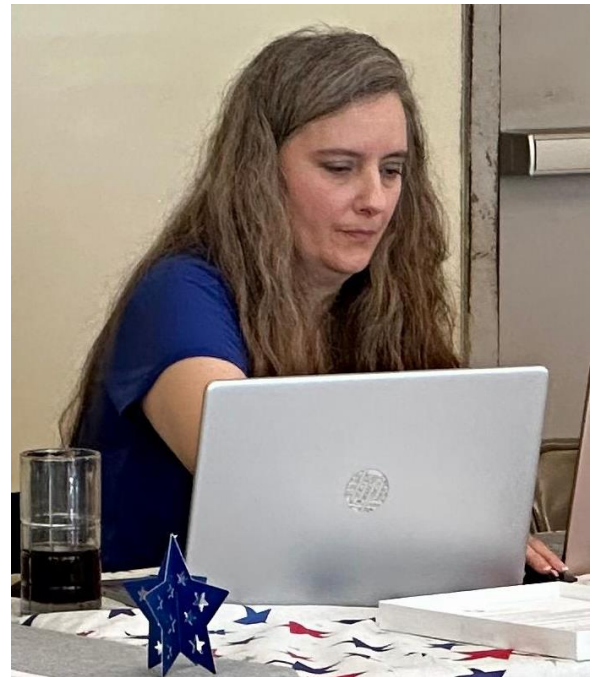
TANYETTA HILL
2nd Vice Chair, Onslow Democrats

**Left: First Vice Chair Frances Lakey
Right: Second Vice Chair Tanyetta Hill**



SAMUEL JOHNSON
3rd Vice Chair, Onslow Democrats

Third Vice Chair Samuel Johnson



Secretary Anna Lynn Goldstein



He fed the entire Convention!
Democrat Al Burgess graciously donated the food, his time, and his culinary skills for a cookout for the crowd.

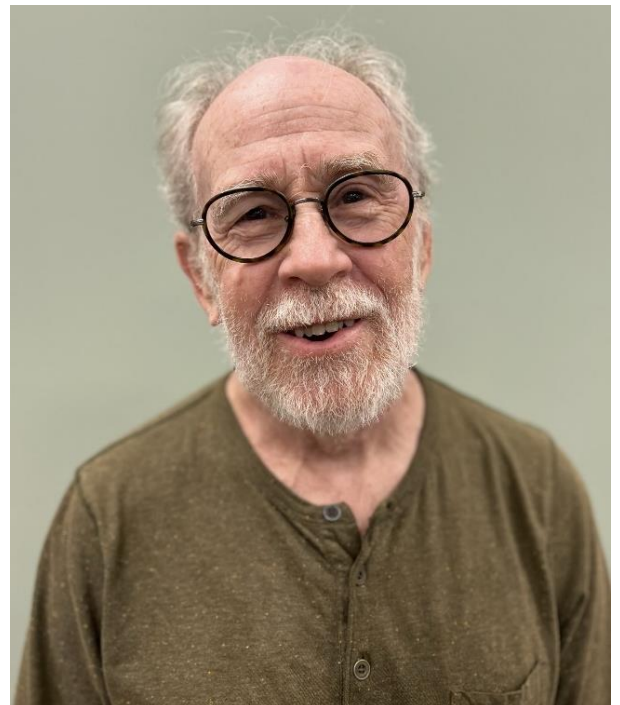


WILKES COUNTY CONVENTION!

Wilkes County Democrats held a well-organized 2023 County Convention on April 15th at the Wilkes County Agricultural Center.



**Dedicated County Chair Kathryn Charles
with Judge Allyson Riggs
who gave the Keynote Address**



First Vice Chair Jim Parker



**Second Vice Chair
Mandy Maxxon**



Third Vice Chair Brooke Church



Chalma Hunt



Betty Knight



Hazel Chapman

YOUTH FEATURE: T. J. WHITE UNC-CHAPEL HILL!

T. J. White is a Junior at UNC-Chapel Hill where he is President of the Young Democrats chapter.

In this position he has worked with a number of aligned organizations on and off campus to educate voters and advocate for policy issues, particularly reproductive rights.

He is looking forward to building and maintaining the chapter's membership in the lead up to the 2024 election.

T. J. has been immersed in the Young Dems since arriving at Chapel Hill. He has previously served as Vice President of the UNC Young Dems, Outreach & Programming Director of the chapter, and Civic Engagement Chair of the chapter.

T. J. is from Charlotte. He grew interested in political activities through the 2016 election and started working with the Democratic Party in 2020.

He loves films and spending time with friends and family.





T. J. with State Chair Anderson Clayton



T. J. with Cheri Beasley, Senator Jon Ossoff and another Young Democrat



RECORD TURNOUT AT MACON COUNTY CONVENTION!

Macon County Chair Gary St. Arnaud is shown above as he welcomes the largest convention crowd in the history of the Macon County Democratic Party.

Gary has already served two highly effective terms as County Chair and he was re-elected to a third term at the April 15th Convention in Franklin, NC.





Sue Ann and Tom Reisdorph promoted the trash pickup the Macon County Party does every quarter to help keep the Franklin area clean. Sue Ann is Vice Chair of the Cartoogechaye precinct.



Larry Stenger introduced the Convention's Keynote Speaker who delivered an unforgettable message. Larry is Vice Chair of the Ellijay precinct.



The Guest Speaker was Canyon Woodard. He is a 30 year old Macon County native who is a Harvard graduate.

He is formerly the Third Vice Chair of the 11th Congressional District and a political strategist.

Canyon helped his friend Chloe Maxmin run for a Maine House of Representatives seat in the most rural and red part of Maine and they won. Then she ran for State Senator in the same area and again won by employing strategies rarely seen.

They co-authored a book entitled “Dirt Road Revival – How to Rebuild Rural Politics and Why Our Future Depends on it.”

County Chair Gary St. Arnaud says: “It is a wonderful book and should be required reading for every county chair in a rural area.”

Remember they won by “employing strategies rarely seen!”

**The Macon County
Convention elected the following Officers:
County Chair – Gary St. Arnaud
First Vice Chair – Cindy Solesbee
Second Vice Chair – Jamie Plant
Secretary – Ellen Shope
Treasurer – Debbie Tallent**

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UNION COUNTY OFFICERS!

At their 2023 Convention Union County Democrats elected their first African American County Party Chair. From left to right their distinguished lineup for 2023-2025 is:

**Third Vice Chair – Heather Oldland
County Chair – Parron Baxter
First Vice Chair - Keanna Marsh
Second Vice Chair- Karen Hicks
Secretary – Kathleen Domanski**



OVERFLOW CROWD OF BUNCOMBE DEMS GREET STATE CHAIR!

The spacious meeting room of the Buncombe County Democratic Party Headquarters in Asheville was overfilled when State Chair Anderson Clayton arrived to speak on April 1st. County Chair Jeff Rose welcomed her.



In this picture are Bruce and Carol Peterson. Bruce was formerly Chair of the 11th Congressional District Party. Carol has served as one of North Carolina's DNC Members and she has also served as a Buncombe County Commissioner.



**County Commissioner
Martin Moore,
Anderson, and
District Attorney
Todd Williams**

**State Representative
Lindsay Prather with
the Co-President of the
Buncombe Teen Democrats,
Joey Melone**



**Retired Clerk of Court Steve
Cogburn, current Clerk of
Court Jean Marie Christy,
retired Clerk of Court Bob
Christy, and Drew Christy
who is Director of the
Governor's Western Office**

**Judge Matthew Martin,
Randy Hupp,
Former State
Representative,
John Ager**



**Chair Anderson Clayton with
former DNC Member
Jake Quinn**

**Max Hamer who served
several terms on the SEC,
District Court Judge
Susan Dotson-Smith,
and Judge John Curry**





Holly Jones who made a lot of friends statewide when she ran for Lt. Governor with Josh Stein's Western District Representative

Pat Crawford with Register of Deeds Drew Resinger who is Secretary of the Buncombe Democratic Men



Marc Rudow with David Whilden and former State Representative Jane Whilden



HENDERSON COUNTY ELECTS NEW LEADERS!

County Chair – Michelle Antalec
First Vice Chair – Leslie Carey
Second Vice Chair – Bruce Sargent
Third Vice Chair – Dalton Buchanan
Secretary – Peri David
Treasurer – Steve Culp



YADKIN COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

The picture above shows the leaders of the Yadkin County Convention.

Front row: William Stinson, Chair Bradley Hardy, First Vice Chair Debra McClain, Secretary Andrew Mackie. Second row: Janice Shields, Virginia Jeffries, Dr. James McGrath, Walter Shore, and Larry Vestal

Absent: Second Vice Chair Margie Williams and Treasurer Cheryl Bledsoe



This picture shows the leaders of the cluster Precinct Meeting at which Yadkin Dems organized twelve precincts on March 11th.

On front row are Secretary Debra McClain and Chair Walter Smith. On second row are: William Stinson, Virginia Jeffries, Janice Shields, Everette Hartzog, and Andrew Mackie.



Elaine Marshall
NC SECRETARY OF STATE

YOUNG DEMOCRATS STATE CONVENTION!

Secretary of State Elaine Marshall will be the Keynote Speaker at the 2023 State Convention of the Young Democrats of North Carolina which will be held in Morganton during the weekend of April 28 – 30.

Click here to get more information:

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CABARRUS DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION!

On April 15th the Cabarrus County Democratic Convention elected the following outstanding Officers:

County Chair – Mackenzie Reedybacon (standing in picture above)

First Vice Chair – Michael Gainey

Second Vice Chair – Wendy Wood

Third Vice Chair – Patrice Mack

Secretary – Cheryll Brevard





CARTERET COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Carteret County Democrats re-elected County Chair Katie Tomberlin at their April 15th Convention at the County Courthouse in Beaufort. Katie is on the left in the picture above with her active Democratic daughter, Autumn Gillikin.

The full lineup of 2023-2025 Officers is:

Chair – Katie Tomberlin

First Vice Chair – Jim Sakell

Second Vice Chair – Rev. Curtis Oden

Third Vice Chair – Josh Teboe

Secretary – Jennifer Johnson

Treasurer – Rhonda Powers

These Democrats were elected to represent Carteret on the State Executive Committee:

Katie Tomberlin

Vickie Zangwill

Jennifer Johnson



GUILFORD DEMOCRATS ELECT!

County Chair – Kathy Kirkpatrick

First Vice Chair – Justin Cundall

Second Vice Chair – Cheryl Sims

Third Vice Chair – Kevin Kazaks

Greensboro Vice Chair - Franca Jalloh

High Point Vice Chair – Veita Bland-Spencer

Rural Vice Chair - Binaya Aryal

Secretary – Jess Eckler

Treasurer – Lori Brashers

The only pictures received featured Rural Vice Chair Binaya Aryal.

He has been a Precinct Chair since 2019.

He has been an SEC Member since 2019.

He was re-elected to the SEC for 2023 – 2025

and was elected as Rural Vice Chair for 2023 – 2025

**The picture on the right shows Binaya Aryal and his brother
with their mother.**



GUILFORD ESTABLISHES TWO NEW BODIES!

**The Guilford Party held the first meeting of two new committees on April 1st :
SERVICES TO OTHERS
COMMITTEE and
VOTER REGISTRATION &
PROTECTION
COMMITTEE**

Attending the first meeting of the two committees were: Kathleen Gallucci, Linda Margo, Doris Patrick, Mitzi Turner, Tara Blomquist, Amanda Cook, Dorthey Collins, Beverly Bard and Becky Prueadenti.

County Chair Kathy explained that the goal of the SERVICES group is to have a greater presence in Guilford communities and not just during election season. They are going to provide food and clothing whenever possible, to hear, see and acknowledge our voters. They are going to let people know the Party cares about them.

She said the REGISTRATION group will participate in as many community events as possible. It will provide voting schedules including Early Voting locations.

Their first event will be a “Schools Out for Summer” book giveaway in early June. They are collecting books for school age kids and adults, puzzle books, coloring books, and crayons for the little children.



HUMOROUS

Mitzi Turner is the lead person for these committees.

Because this meeting fell on “April Fools Day,” she put vegetables in Krispy Kreme boxes to be enjoyed by all. What a surprise when members opened the boxes!



RICHMOND COUNTY CONVENTION!

Richmond County Democrats met at the Courthouse in Rockingham on April 15th. They elected:

County Chair – Kevin Clark (middle)

First Vice Char – Linda Ross (left)

Second Vice Chair – John Mack (right)

They are looking forward to electing a Third Vice Chair and a Secretary.



Chair Kevin Clark with NCDP Third Vice Chair Elijah King who addressed the convention.



DUPLIN COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

NCDP Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy was the Keynote Speaker at the Duplin County Convention held at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville on April 15th. Delegates gave her loud applause for her uplifting message. Duplin was the third of the four county conventions where Dr. Hardy spoke on that day.

In the picture on the left above County Chair Monte Thorne welcomed Dr. Hardy. In the picture on the right above newly elected First Vice Chair Maureen Lynch and her husband, Mike, fellowshipped with the Keynote Speaker.

Delegates elected the following Officers for 2023 – 2025:

County Chair – Monte Thorne

First Vice Chair – Maureen Lynch

Second Vice Chair – Doug Walter

Third Vice Chair – Langston Pollock

Secretary – Thomasina Williams

For the next two years the County's SEC Members will be:

Monte Thorne

Armin Jancis

**Dr. Hardy with
Warsaw Town
Commissioner
Ebony Wells
and
Duplin Democratic
Leader
Marzella Morrisey**



**The Keynote Speaker
with
Duplin County Third Vice Chair
Langston Pollock**

**Wallace Mayor Pro Tem
Francisco Rivas-Diaz
and Brenda Rivas-Diaz
with Dr. Hardy.
Francisco is the former Chair
of the Seventh Congressional
District Party.
Brenda is a former
Recording Secretary
of the Democratic
Women of North Carolina.**



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