

# **GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**

## **YOUTH FEATURE – MICHAEL TAYLOR!**



### **NORTH CAROLINA'S BARBARA FAISON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN!**

**Democrats across the state are cheering the election of Barbara Faison of Clinton in Sampson County as the new President of the National Federation of Democratic Women!**

**Barbara is North Carolina's reigning "DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR."**

**She was President of the Democratic Women of North Carolina for two years.**

**Before this election at the National Convention in New Orleans on June 10th, Barbara was serving as Second Vice President of the National Federation. She has previously served as Southeast Regional Director (13 states) of the organization.**

**The only other North Carolinian to ever be elected National President before Barbara was our legendary Democrat, Angie Elkin of Durham.**



## **14<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT RAISES \$4,000 AT DISTRICT CONVENTION!**

**When Chair Lisa Ellsworth and the 14<sup>th</sup> District Democrats held their annual District Convention, they made the best of their time. They raised \$4,000 to fortify their Treasury for the upcoming campaign!**

**They met in the Hope Community Hall of the Caldwell Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. Every seat was filled.**

**They elected the District Officers in the picture above: Third Vice Chair Jamie Fowler, Minority Affairs Director Robin Conner, District Chair Lisa Ellsworth, First Vice Chair Cameron Pruette, and Treasurer Mary Milan. Not shown: Secretary Marsha Zaidman**



**Gaston  
County  
Democrats  
at the  
14<sup>th</sup> District  
Convention**

**Congressman Jeff Jackson addressed the 14<sup>th</sup> District Delegates via Zoom from the Army National Guard base where he was on active duty. Jeff has accumulated more TicTok followers that any of the other 534 Congress Members and Senators.**



**State Senator Andrea Salvador received a standing ovation for the excellent welcome she delivered.**

**By raising more than \$4,000.00 with their District Convention Breakfast, the Fourteenth District Democrats are giving an example of the fact that District Parties can be financially strong and active. Just think: If every District had raised \$4,000.00 at their Convention, \$56,000.00 would be available to help fight the Republican plan to take over the districts in 2024!**



## **A SPECIAL SALUTE TO LILLIAN BADGETT TAYLOR!**

**In November, 2022 Lillian was invited to step into the role of NCDP's Interim Executive Director. For several years previously Lillian had worked at the State Party Headquarters as Digital Director.**

**She heroically stepped up to the bat and hit several Democratic home runs during her time as Interim ED – always acting with kindness, courtesy, and goodwill.**

**She provided the leadership the Party needed during this time of transition.**

**As we await the announcement of the new Executive Director, all North Carolina Democrats can express appreciation by writing to Lillian at: [LBadgett@ncdp.org](mailto:LBadgett@ncdp.org)**

**The picture above was made when Lillian went to Washington in March to help Chair Anderson Clayton, First Vice Chair Jonah Garson, and Third Vice Chair Elijah King conduct two successful fundraising events in our nation's capital.**

**Lillian is a native of Statesville and she married Shawn Taylor in 2020 in a beautiful mountaintop ceremony.**



## **BRUNSWICK GOLF TOURNEY BIG SUCCESS!**

**The Golf Gods were smiling on the Brunswick County Democratic Party SOBAD golfers as the thunderstorms that were predicted for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual BCDP golf tournament never materialized and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> turned out to be an excellent day for golf.**

**They had another great turnout as 110 golfers played and another 30 supporters came for the Awards Luncheon at the Carolina National Golf Club near Supply, North Carolina. The happy event raised \$9,943.00!**

**Everyone praised the event's chair, Mark Allen, for organizing successfully!**





**Assistant Tournament Director Neil Gilbert with Awards Luncheon Emcee Frank Herzog who was “The Voice of the Washington Redskins.” (Now the “Washington Commanders”)**



**Frank Herzog with Brunswick County Democratic Party Chair Shelley Allen**



**Attorney Jill Hopman who is the new Chair of the New Hanover County Democratic Party delivered an inspiring Keynote Speech.**



**These golfers won second place**



**Left: Two members of the winning team, Tom Goodwin and Kenny Craig. They won with the low score of 18 under par. Right: The first place women's team.**



**New Seventh Congressional District Chair Tom Simmons and his wife, Janis, with the winner of the Grand Prize drawing.**



# **CHARLES MALONE INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF STATE'S LARGEST DEMOCRATIC MEN'S CLUB!**

**Charles Malone of Raleigh was sworn in as the new President of the Wake County Democratic Men's Club in a ceremony at the University Club at NC State on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Charles is on the right in the picture above with retiring Club President Henry Jarrett who received a plaque and an ovation from the club's members.**

**The Men's Club has a large attendance at all their monthly meetings. All the money they raise is given to the Wake County Democratic Party.**

**Wake County Clerk of Superior Court Blair Williams administered the Oath to all the club's Officers including:**  
**First Vice President – David Laverre**  
**Second Vice President – Ken Romley**  
**3rd Vice President – Clarence Green**  
**Treasurer – Bill Toole**  
**Secretary – Steven Hill**







**Robert Wilson,  
President Malone,  
Rodney Maddox,  
and James Stem**



**Great idea! The Wake Democratic Men have always had an open member policy. As a result, about one third of their attendance is usually female Democrats. Ruth Merkle (left) was the first woman President of the Democratic Men. She is joined by Karen Hardy in the picture above.**

**President Charles Malone said: “Our club is ready to be not only relevant, but indispensable, in the fight to elect more Democrats locally, statewide, and nationally, in order to preserve and advance the principles and goals of our party.**

**Our wins will be wins for those former Vice President Hubert Humphrey called, “those in the dawn of life, the children, those in the twilight of life, the elderly, those who are in the shadow of life, the sick, the needy, and the handicapped.”**



**YOUTH  
FEATURE:  
SARAPHINA  
FRANCIS!**

**Five year-old Saraphina Francis graduated from pre K on June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**She is the granddaughter of Harnett County Democratic leader Elizabeth Crudup Longman. Elizabeth watched with joy as Saraphina crossed the stage to graduate. She will start kindergarten in the Fall. Onstage she joined with the other graduates in singing a song about the continents.**

**Seraphina's mother, Shoshannah Francis, presented congratulatory flowers to her before the ceremony began.**

**She has appeared in the GOOD NEWS previously when she marching with her grandmother.**

**Saraphina has marched with Elizabeth at the George Floyd Protest and the Women's Rally. She has stood beside Elizabeth as she spoke out against inequalities in Harnett County.**

**She was most recently overheard telling a friend how to speak up and verbally defend themselves.**

**She can read and she writes her full name.**

**Her father, Deleano Francis, got  
Serafina dressed for  
the graduation ceremony.**



**Saraphina waved "Good Bye" to all  
her friends.**



**This future Democratic Party  
Member is off to a great start!**



**CHAIR**  
**SALETTA UREÑA**

# **NCDEM**S

**6th Congressional District**  
Caswell - Forsyth - Guilford - Rockingham



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**DYLAN MOORE**



**2ND VC**  
**GLORIA PHOENIX**



**3RD VC**  
**EBONY HENDERSON**



**SECRETARY**  
**JESS ECKLER**

## **6th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

### **2023-2025 OFFICERS**



**TREASURER**  
**CECILE CRAWFORD**



**MINORITY AFFAIRS**  
**MONICA WALKER**

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**SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED!**



## **GUILFORD DEMS IN SUMMERFIELD PARADE!**

**On May 20<sup>th</sup> Guilford County Democrats rode in the Founders Day Parade in the town of Summerfield. Guilford Rural Vice Chair Binaya Aryal, his family, Guilford County School Board Member Deborah Napper, Democratic leader Dereck Mobley, Precinct Chair Jeffrey Brian and other Dems joined the parade.**



**Binisha Aryal and Binit Aryal were happy to support the Democratic Party by riding in the Summerfield Parade.**

**ON THE NEXT FOUR PAGES**

**YOUTH FEATURE:**

**MICHAEL TAYLOR**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY!**

From the small town of Whiteville, nestled in the heart of Columbus County, North Carolina, emerges an extraordinary individual whose captivating journey through the realms of law and public policy has left an indelible mark on the world. Meet Michael Taylor: an attorney, political



savant, and legal scholar whose passion for justice and unwavering dedication have propelled him to the forefront of the legal and political landscape. Since a young age, Michael's unwavering commitment to public policy and the law has defined his trajectory. Even as a student at Carolina Adventist Academy, Michael displayed exceptional intellectual prowess, graduating with a remarkable 4.0 GPA at the tender age of 15 in 2013. It was evident that he possessed a rare combination of brilliance and determination that would shape his future endeavors. Not content with



mediocrity, Michael's academic achievements continued to soar as he pursued his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science at Oakwood University. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2017, further solidifying his reputation as an exceptional scholar. Michael's commitment to academic excellence was matched only by his unwavering desire to effect meaningful change in the political arena.

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation handpicked Michael from a pool of exceptional young professionals across the United States. From January to May 2018, he embarked on an internship that would prove to be a defining moment in his career. Michael found himself assigned to the prestigious United States Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, where he absorbed invaluable knowledge and honed his understanding of the intricate workings of government. Fueling his passion for justice, Michael pursued a Juris Doctorate from the renowned Howard University School of Law, graduating in May of 2021.

During his time at Howard Law, he served in both the Howard Law Environmental Justice and the Howard Law Human and Civil Rights Clinic, cementing his commitment to championing the rights of the



marginalized. Notably, Michael co-authored an impactful amicus brief on behalf of defendant DeRay McKesson in the 5th Circuit case *Doe v. McKesson*, which garnered national attention and was filed before the U.S. Supreme Court. Michael's thirst for knowledge and desire to make a tangible difference did not waver during his 3L summer. Interning for the Chief Counsel's Office of the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, he further sharpened his legal acumen, leaving an indelible mark on the intersection of law and environmental justice. Continuing his upward trajectory, Michael secured a coveted role as a Congressional Fellow for the Congressional Black Caucus



Foundation, where he was assigned to the office of Congressman Donald McEachin (D-VA 4th). In this capacity, he witnessed firsthand the inner workings of Congress and gained



invaluable insights into the art of legislative maneuvering. It was a testament to Michael's unwavering dedication and his ability to navigate the complexities of the political landscape with finesse and astuteness. Beyond his exceptional legal and political pursuits, Michael Taylor has emerged as a charismatic and influential voice in the realm of public



discourse. As the host of the podcast platform *The Political Mike*, he engages with young people and political leaders from all walks of life in thought-provoking conversations centered on public policy, politics, and global affairs. Through this medium, Michael has become a beacon of inspiration for young professionals, resonating deeply with his audience and generating an ardent following. *The Political Mike* has attracted a slew of distinguished guests, including luminaries such as Chris Matthews, former host of *Hardball* on MSNBC, 2022 Texas Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Beto O'Rourke ,

Judy Woodruff, the former anchor of the PBS NewsHour, Rep. Jim Clyburn, the current House Majority Whip, North Carolina NC Chair, Anderson Clayton, DNC Chair, Jaime Harrison, Pete



Souza and Dr. Richard Haass, the President of the Council on Foreign Relations and regular



panelist of MSNBC's *Morning Joe*. This impressive lineup of guests is a testament to Michael's ability to navigate the political landscape and foster meaningful connections with influential individuals who share his vision for a more just and equitable world. In his relentless pursuit of justice, Michael draws inspiration from Psalm 140:12, which serves as his guiding mantra: "The Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy." These words encapsulate his unwavering commitment to championing the rights of the marginalized, his insatiable hunger for knowledge, and his unyielding determination



to effect real change. Michael's captivating journey serves as a beacon of inspiration, reminding us all of the transformative power of unwavering dedication, intellectual brilliance, and an unrelenting pursuit of justice. Michael Taylor's podcast, *The Political Mike* can be found on Spotify, Apple podcasts, Google Podcasts, iHeart Radio, TuneIn, and Amazon Music. You can also subscribe on YouTube, and find it on Facebook and Twitter.





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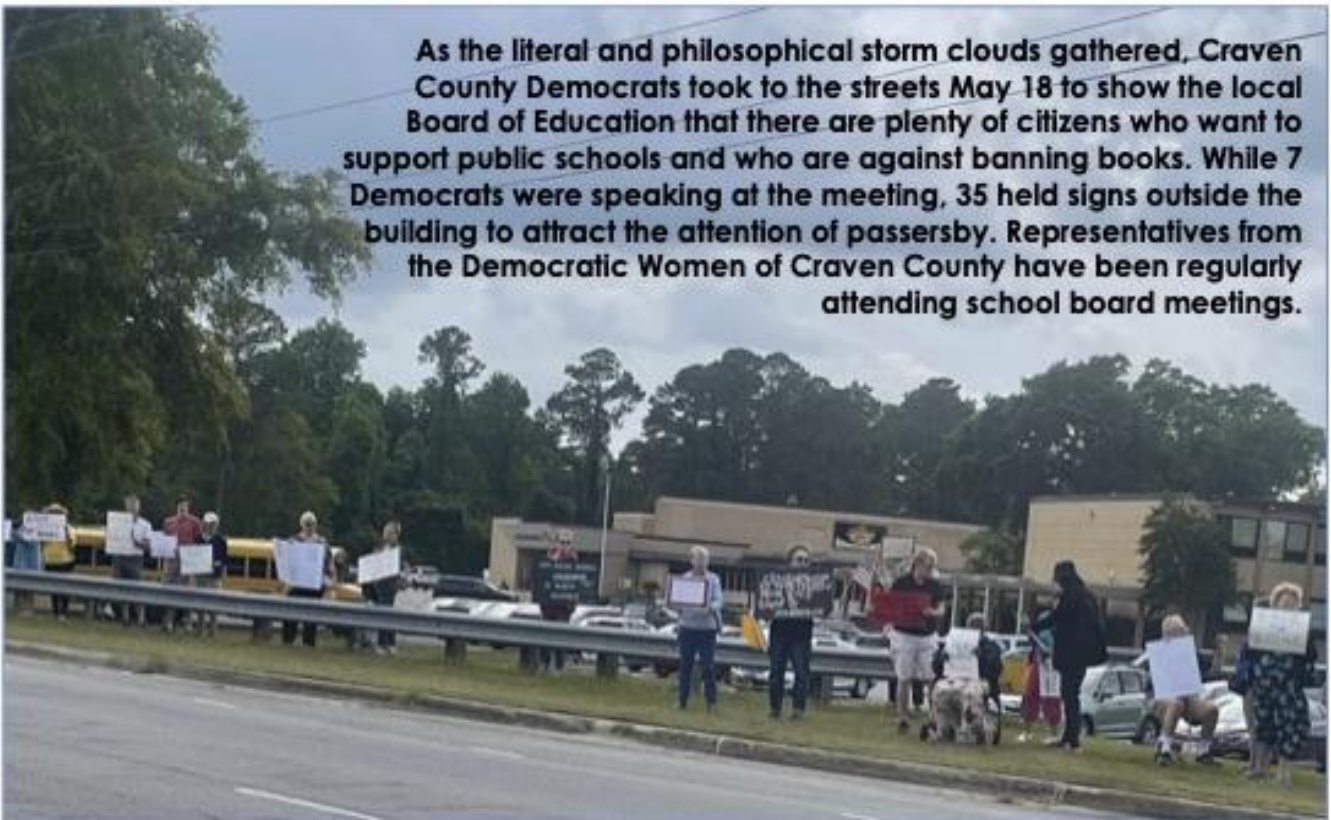
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## Craven County Democrats Protest Book Banning in Schools

As the literal and philosophical storm clouds gathered, Craven County Democrats took to the streets May 18 to show the local Board of Education that there are plenty of citizens who want to support public schools and who are against banning books. While 7 Democrats were speaking at the meeting, 35 held signs outside the building to attract the attention of passersby. Representatives from the Democratic Women of Craven County have been regularly attending school board meetings.





**Craven County Democrats:  
No Banned Books!**





## **FIRST GRACIE GALLOWAY AWARD PRESENTED TO JAY CHAUDHURI!**

**At an impressive May 19<sup>th</sup> Gala at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill Attorney General Josh Stein presented the first Gracie Galloway Award to Wake County State Senator Jay Chaudhuri for his outstanding service in the General Assembly.**

**The Gala was organized by the Asian Pacific Islander Outreach organization. The organization's President Edward Binanay is on the right above.**

**The Gala featured many different performances by AAPI dance and musical groups. Pictures of some of these talented groups are displayed on the following pages.**

**One AAPI youngster said: "We have lots of different AAPI dance groups in North Carolina, don't we?"**

**Personal note: In the picture above Dr. Gracie Galloway is holding Louis, her pet who succeeded everybody's longtime favorite, Jacques, the Wonder Dog.**







## TENTH DISTRICT CONVENTION!

**Tenth District Party Chair Doug Auer and his officer teams organized a great District Convention in Lincolnton on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall delivered an uplifting Keynote Speech.**

**The Convention Delegates elected the following Officers for 2023-2025:**

**District Chair – Doug Auer – Catawba County**

**First Vice Chair – Donna Luckey – Lincoln County**

**Second Vice Chair – Betsy Wells – Cleveland County**

**Third Vice Chair – Harriett Johnson – Iredell County**

**Secretary – Jill Miller – Iredell County**

**Appointed Treasurer – David Griffith – Burke County**





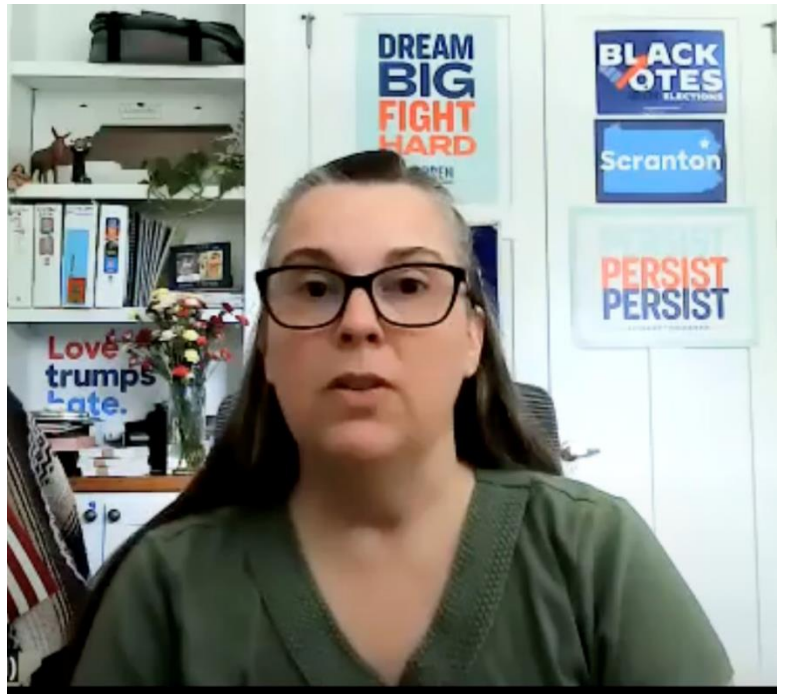


## **SECOND DISTRICT DEMOCRATS!**

**Second District Democrats held a hybrid District Convention on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The entire District lies within Wake County. Mary Thompson (above) was elected to succeed Clayton Brooks as the new District Chair.**

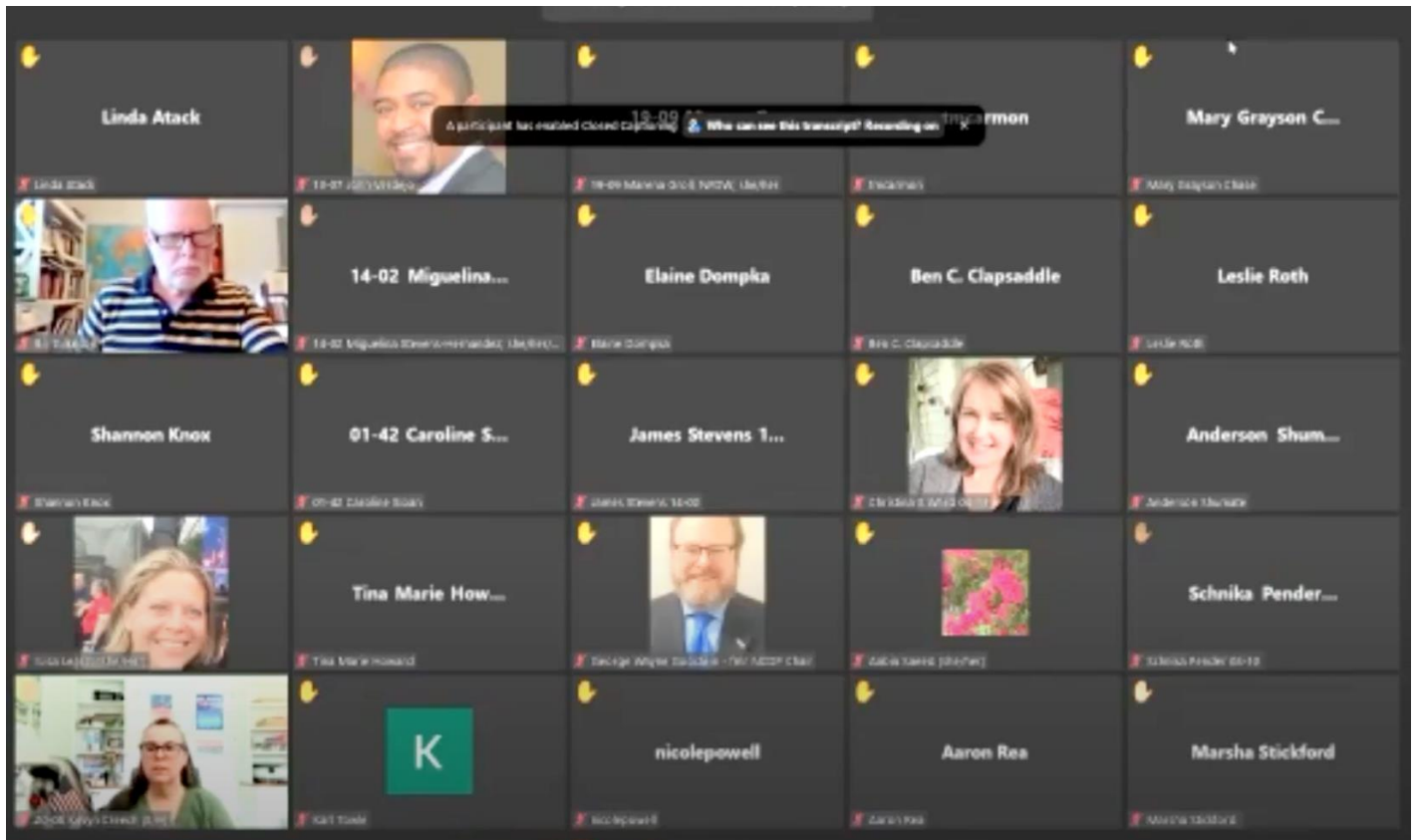


**Left – First Vice Chair Angela Bridgman  
Center – Third Vice Chair C. J. Robinson  
Right – Secretary – Angela Hall**



**Left – Treasurer – Chinmoyee Deshpande**

**Right – Wake County Party Chair Kevyn Creech**



**Second District Democrats who attended the Convention virtually saw this on their computers as the Convention progressed. It is easy to spot DNC Member John Verdejo, former NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin, and County Chair Kevyn Creech.**



## **THIRD DISTRICT CONVENTION!**

**On May 20<sup>th</sup> Dr. Wesley Boykin of Warsaw in Duplin County went to his first Third District Convention and was elected District Party Chair. Duplin County had the largest number of attendees at this Convention at H. J. MacDonald Middle School in New Bern.**

**From the left the newly elected Officers are:**

**First Vice Chair – Gloria Goodwin – Onslow County**

**Secretary – Diane Tyndall – Craven County**

**Second Vice Chair April Gillikin – Carteret County**

**Treasurer – Farrah Farrior – Duplin County**

**District Chair – Dr. Wesley Boykin**

**Third Vice Chair – Susan Harman-Scott – Dare County**



## **DEB WILLIAMS PLACED ON ROCKINGHAM DEMOCRATS WALL OF HONOR!**

**During the 2023 Rockingham County Democratic Convention, Deb Williams was enshrined on the county's Democratic Wall of Honor.**

**Deb moved to North Carolina from Maryland in 1991. While watching the 2004 Democratic Convention, then Senator Barack Obama's Keynote Speech ignited a fire in her. She says: "For my American Dream to come true I had to do more than just vote. Senator Obama inspired me to get involved."**

**She made a commitment at that point to do all that she could not for just the Democratic Party but for her community as well.**

**She volunteered with the county Democratic Party in a variety of capacities, developing contact lists, organizing precincts, working on fundraisers, assisting in the agenda, planning strategy, and as point person for collaborating with local medical and communications bodies to help get the message of the Party to the public. She also served as Administrator of the Party's Facebook page.**

**In 2011 she was elected as Precinct Chair, First Vice Chair of the County Party, and Third Vice Chair of the NCDP's African American Caucus.**

**While a member of the local African American Caucus, she spearheaded a town hall forum targeting minority concerns about local elected officials Bert Jones and Bryan Holloway.**

**Deb says: "With all that we have before us now to do, I believe, we can find a way to unify and combine strengths and knowledge, in an effort to ensure the success of an organization that seeks to enhance not only my local community but also has a strong commitment to the civil rights of all."**



## **SOUTHEASTERN DEMS DEMONSTRATE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS!**

**A large group of Democratic men and women joined in a demonstration to protest the General Assembly's bills which took away many rights from women.**



**They gathered at Thalian Hall in Wilmington. Left: New Hanover Party Chair Jill Hopman and Brunswick County Party Chair Shelley Allen.**



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