

YOUTH FEATURE – FOUR MECKLENBURG YOUNG PEOPLE! GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!



HENDERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS – ON THE 4TH!

Like many other Dems across the state, the Democrats of Henderson County proudly rode and marched on the Fourth of July. Henderson Democrats have become experts at promoting our party and our issues.





**STEVE & LOUISE
COGGINS HOST A
CROWD FOR
JOSH STEIN!**

Pointing upward for Democratic strength is the way Louise Coggins lives! In June she and her husband, Steve Coggins, hosted a large event for Attorney General Josh Stein at their Figure Eight Island home in New Hanover County.



Miss Teen Volunteer North Carolina, Andi Creech of Burgaw, was among the guests at this happy event.



Our Attorney General made point after point which uplifted and inspired all the Democrats there.

BUILDING BETTER TOGETHER

SATURDAY JULY 22 5-8 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
MEET & GREET
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DEMOCRATS SHINE IN CARRBORO!

About 200 Democrats from Orange, Alamance, Durham and other counties gathered in the back yard of a home in Carrboro for a rally in June. They were a high-spirited crowd who cheered State Chair Anderson Clayton, First Vice Chair Jonah Garson, & Third Vice Chair Elijah Young. Jonah was the instigator of the event!

Pictures by Jenny Warburg.











BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS WERE PROMINENTLY FEATURED AT JUNETEENTH IN SOUTHPORT!





JACKSON COUNTY ROCKS WITH JOSH STEIN!

July 10th was a big day for Jackson County Democrats as they turned out for two events for Attorney General Josh Stein. They welcomed him with their friendship and a massive amount of donations. The two events were held in Sylva and Cashiers.

The picture above was taken at the Sylva event which was hosted by Johnny Phillips and Christi Hooper. The Attorney General was presented a Gayle Woody framed print by Jackson County Democratic Party Chair Cody Lewis and his wife, Mellissa. Joining them in the picture was Hannah Snow, Stein's Finance Director.



This picture shows about half the crowd at the Sylva event as they gathered under an old-growth chestnut tree.



Johnny Phillips welcoming Josh Stein in Sylva.



This picture shows much of the large crowd of supporters and donors at the well-attended Cashiers event. It was hosted by Linda Quick, Mark Quick and Ann McKee Austin.

At both events Josh spoke of his many contributions to North Carolina, of his work in the legislature with Phil Haire and Joe Sam Queen, and of his mentorship by Judge Lacy Thornburg and his longtime friend, Jeff Gray. All of the Democrats he talked about were from the Jackson County area.

GUILFORD DEMS STAGE THREE BOOK GIVEAWAYS!



In June the **SERVICE TO OTHERS TEAM** of the Guilford County Democratic Party held **BOOK GIVEAWAYS** in three different towns – Greensboro, High Point, and Gibsonville.

Committee Chair Mitzi Turner said: “The goal was to keep our kids motivated to continue learning experiences through the Summer months with no cost to their parents. All books, games, and toys were donated by local Dems. These events also allowed us to interact with our communities as Democrats. We brought joy to many kids, had great conversations with the adults – an all round win!”





In addition to Committee Chair Mitzi Turner, the SERVICE TO OTHERS TEAM is composed of Becky Prueadenti, Beverly Bard, Melissa Zacharias, Craig Turner, Linda Stokes, Avi Dentenfess, Graham Dodge, Judge Brian Tomlin, Justin Cundall, Cheryl Sims, Marcy Freed, Gayle Simmons, Brandon Gray, Linda Margo, Karen Shugart, Marcia Berger, Mary Wright, Cindy Williams, Binaya Aryal, County Executive Director Bess Lewis, County Chair Kathy Kirkpatrick, Nicole Quick, and Jo Isler.





TWO SISTERS, TWO STRONG DEMOCRATS, TWO VICE CHAIRS!

Katie Champion and Maureen Lynch are two sisters who are devoted to the Democratic Party and its principles. Both of them are also Vice Chairs of their County Democratic Parties.

Left: Katie Champion is Second Vice Chair of the Cleveland County Democratic Party. She enjoyed visiting with Attorney General Josh Stein when he recently came to her county.

Right: Maureen Lynch is First Vice Chair of the Duplin County Democratic Party. She and her husband Mike (also a strong Democrat) were photographed with NCDP Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy after she delivered the Keynote Address at the 2023 Duplin County Democratic Convention.

Every family in North Carolina should follow the example of Katie and Maureen because a Democratic family is a happy family!



DUSTIN & BRENNA GET ENGAGED!

Living exciting lives: Wake County SEC Member Dustin Ingalls and his fiancée Brenna Farley became engaged in Munich, Germany during Father's Day weekend. (You can see the ring.)



The next weekend they happily attended the Unity Banquet in Raleigh where they talked with Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes.



ANDERSON IN KITTY HAWK!

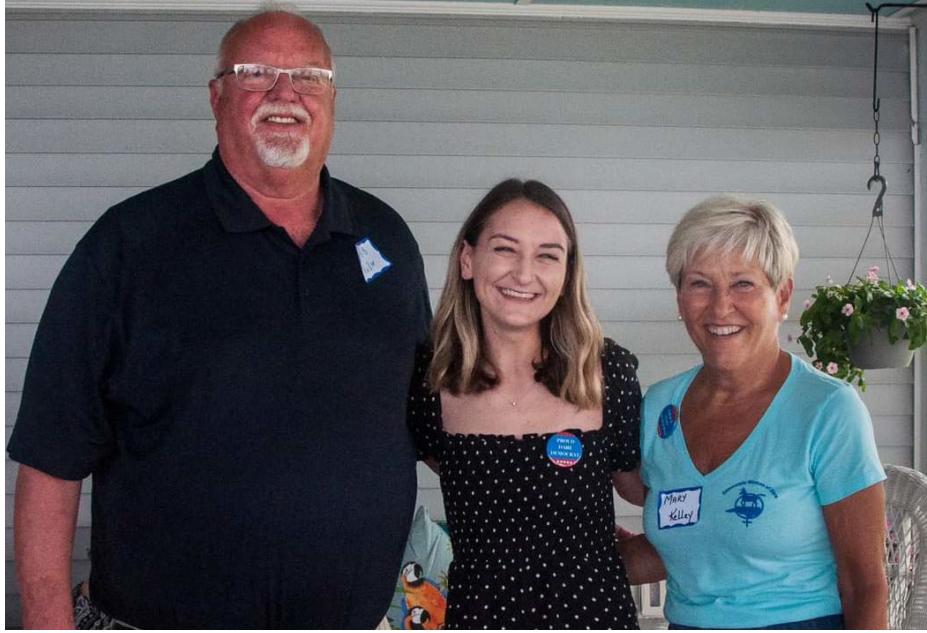
On Friday, July 7th NCDP Chair Anderson drove all the way to Dare County to meet with precinct and county party officers on a beautiful front porch. They made plans for a busy second half of the year.

From the left on the front row are Mary Kelley, Anderson Clayton and Dare County Party Chair Susan Sawin.

On the second row are: James Cofield, Marion Midget, Karen Blose, Bob Muller, Judge Linda McGee, Jamie Wegener, Tess Judge and Laura Allendorf.



Karen Blose, Anderson, and James Cofield



Bob Muller, Anderson, and Mary Kelley. All the Dare Democrats on these two pages are part of the group of Democratic leaders who guide Dare County to a strong showing at the polls in every election. They are outnumbered demographically, but they are well-organized and hard-working Democrats.



Judge Linda McGee (left) happily joined Anderson, Laura Allendorf and Marion Midgett for this picture. Judge McGee served with distinction on the NC Court of Appeals from 1995 to 2020. She was Chief Judge from 2014 through 2020. Ballotpedia says: “Judge McGee retired as the ‘longest serving Court of Appeals judge in state history.’”

While in office, Judge McGee was a strong and vocal supporter of GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS. She would frequently tell judicial candidates that they should regularly send pictures and articles to this publication.



ANDERSON IN BUNCOMBE!

The very next day after meeting with Dare County Democrats, State Chair Anderson Clayton spoke in Buncombe and Madison counties. How did she get there from Kitty Hawk? She drove in her own vehicle!

Above she is standing on a stool to speak to Democrats at a park in Weaverville in Buncombe. Many more people were present in addition to those shown in this picture.



Eleventh Congressional District Chair Katie Dean, former county and district chair Kathy Sinclair, Anderson Clayton, Buncombe County Chair Jeff Rose and District Three County Commissioner Amanda Edwards.



Anderson with a Buncombe Dem, Donna.



Weaverville Mayor Patrick Fitzsimmons spoke to the Good-Spirited Democrats.



ANDERSON IN MADISON COUNTY!

After speaking in Weaverville, NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton drove to Mars Hill to speak with a group of Madison County Democrats at a park there. In the picture above she is being welcomed by former State Representative Ray Rapp. (Ray knows that it pays to be a Democrat: A few years ago he entered a Henderson County Democratic Party Golf Tournament and won \$10,000.00 for making a hole-in-one.)

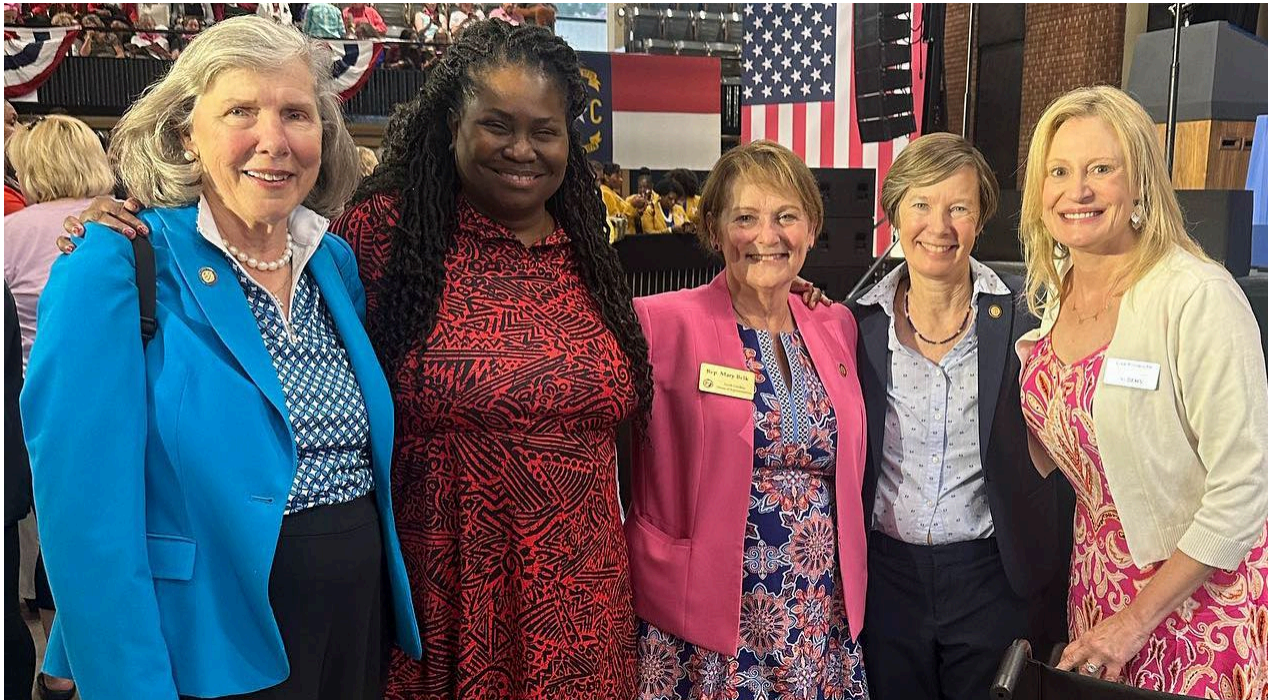


NC DEMS WELCOME OUR VICE PRESIDENT!



Vice President Kamala Harris flew to Charlotte on June 24th and spoke about how the Biden economic programs are blessing North Carolina!

State Representative Becky Carney, Aisha Dew, State Representative Mary Belk, State Senator Rachel Hunt, and 14th District Party Chair Lisa Ellsworth.





Taylor Beckett made this picture which shows part of the packed house for the Vice President.





HAMPTON DELLINGER COMES HOME!

After two years of outstanding service as an Assistant Attorney General of the United States, Hampton Dellinger has returned to his Durham home.

Getting to his position at the Department of Justice required a nomination by President Biden and approval by the United States Senate.

In the above Unity Gala picture Hampton is with Justice and Mrs. Mike Morgan and Nash County Commissioner Gwen Wilkins.



This is the plaque which the Department of Justice presented to Hampton as he left his position there. It says:

**“HAMPTON Y. DELLINGER
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF LEGAL POLICY
2021 – 2023
WITH THANKS FOR
YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE**

CARTERET COUNTY DEMOCRATS GOTV FUNDRAISER!

CARTERET DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOOD FEST



AUGUST 13TH 5PM

**GOTV FUNDRAISER
BACKSTREET PUB,
BEAUFORT**

**ANOTHER CARTERET COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC EVENT!**



**FIRED UP FOR '24
RALLY &
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**AUGUST 26TH, 2023 10 AM-12 PM
SPEAKERS, GOTV INFORMATION,
PANCAKES, COFFEE, FRIENDS
AND MORE**

**BACK PARKING LOT BEHIND HQ
700 ARENDELL ST. MHC**

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SEC MEETING!

Saturday, June 24th was a busy and important day for North Carolina Democrats!

First, they held a seven-hour State Executive Committee meeting which was followed by a VIP Reception and a glorious Unity Gala. All three events were held within the Tally Student Center on the campus of NC State University in Raleigh.

From the left above are: NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton, Parliamentarian Vinod Thomas, First Vice Chair Jonah Garson, Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy, and Third Vice Chair Elijah Young.

Like half the SEC Members, NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams attended the SEC meeting by Zoom. His minutes of the meeting are on the party website at www.NCDP.org/minutes. To reach the minutes first click on "Party Resources," then click "Party Documents," then click "Meeting Minutes," then click "2023," and then click "State Executive Committee Meeting, June 24, 2023."



**Secretary of State
Elaine Marshall
with seven
Congressional
District Chairs**

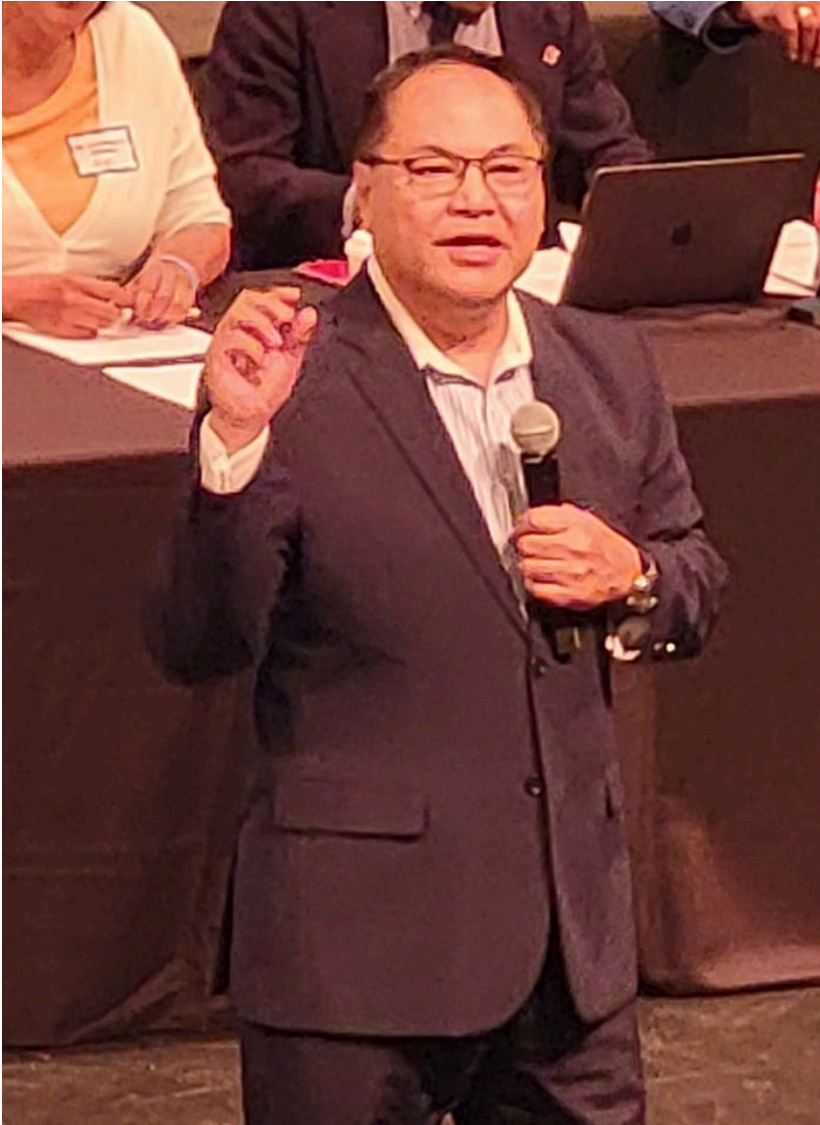


Dr. Kimberly Hardy with Nash County SEC Members

Some Durham County SEC Members



Some Wake County SEC Members



Ed Binanay of Onslow County is President of the Asian American Pacific Islander Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

In the weeks before the SEC meeting Ed also served as Chair of the committee which examined the 25-plus caucuses and auxiliaries of the state party to see if they were properly chartered and to see if they were functioning actively enough to have their charter renewed for the next two years.

He and his review committee did an excellent job of examining every NCDP caucus and auxiliary.

At the SEC meeting SEC Members kept him on the stage for more than an hour as they asked informed questions about

various aspect of the caucuses and auxiliary.

Congratulations on doing an excellent job, Ed!



Mitchell County Chair Eddy Gouge with Anderson



UNITY BANQUET MEMORIES!









**Our State Chair With Her Parents,
Mark Clayton & Lanita Breeze!**



LABOR CAUCUS CONVENTION!

On June 17th the NCDP Labor Caucus held a highly successful Annual Convention at the Chatham County Agriculture and Cultural Center in Pittsboro. It was the organization's largest convention ever.

Above: the caucus's Vice President Randy Voller led a panel which included State Senator Lisa Grafstein, State Senator Natalie Murcock, Representative John Autry, the AFL-CIO's new Political Director Kevin Lambert, and Labor Commissioner candidate Braxton Winston in discussing HB 504 and SB 543 which deal with the removal of barriers to labor organizing.



Part of the Communications Workers of American members who attended the Convention.



**Elijah King, Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry,
and County Commissioner Katie Kenlan**



**Jan Nichols with Professor
Jeff Jones of UNC-Greensboro**

**Elijah King,
Anderson Clayton
Grant Welch**



Braxton Winston & Tim Green



Drew Edwards, Jeff Jones, Randy Voller, & Ryan Jenkins

The Convention elected the following Officers to serve 2023 – 2025:
President – Drew Edwards – Harnett County CWA Member
Vice President – Randy Voller, Caucus Founder
Secretary – Jan Nichols, Chatham County
Treasurer – Virginia Penley, Chatham County
Herb Harton – Executive Committee Member – New Hanover County



DNC Member Sheila Huggins was also a panelist.

Comments which accompanied this picture said NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton gave “an inspiring address.” NCDP Third Vice Chair Elijah Young “electrified the audience with a strong affirmative message.”



ANDERSON (THE EAGLE) IN IREDELL PARADE!

State Chair Anderson Clayton put on her famous Eagle costume to march and ride in the Fourth of July Parade in Statesville.



Lots of Iredell Democrats welcomed Anderson to their float. Iredell Dems are always proud to stand up for freedom and equal rights.



5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION!

These two pictures were made at the Fifth Congressional District Convention which was held in East Bend, NC in May.

Do you know in which county East Bend is located?



In this picture Fifth Congressional District candidate for Congress Chuck Hubbard is speaking to the crowd.

YOUTH FEATURE!

FOUR MECKLENBURG YOUNG PEOPLE!

This edition salutes the four young people who were hired to be DEMOCRACY FELLOWS of the Mecklenburg Party:

Elizabeth (Blake) Boyd

Anna Carpenter

Alexander Hall

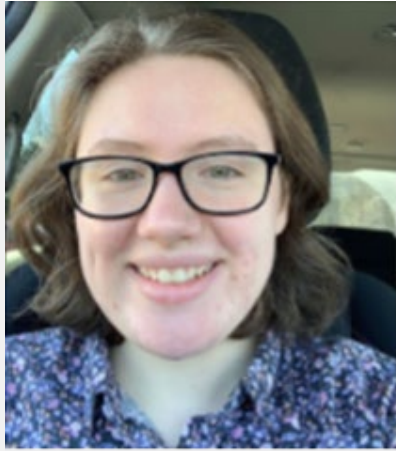
Gus Smoll

Mecklenburg Second Vice Greg Snyder says: “They are helping us with the website, the calendar, restructuring our data processes and, most importantly, servicing the area meetings that are already starting to happen.

“They have added a delightful amount of youthful energy at the Headquarters.

“It’s a whole different place than it was a month ago!”

My name is Elizabeth Boyd. I am a recent grad of North Carolina AT&T State University with a B.A. in Political Science. I served as a Campaign Fellow for Congresswoman Kathy Manning's re-election campaign, and was thrilled to turn out young voters in the greater Greensboro area. I plan to attend law school at North Carolina Central University School of Law to strengthen my knowledge of state affairs and legislative processes. Email me at: blake@meckdems.org



My name is Anna Carpenter and I am a senior at Wingate University majoring in Political Science. I was a campaign manager for a Union County Commissioner campaign in 2022 and I want to be able to support the Democrats not just from a temporary campaign level but also from a consistent party level. I'd like to help increase young voter and minority voter turnout and get more people involved in politics to make a positive change in Mecklenburg County. You can reach me at: anna@meckdems.org

Hello! I am Alexander Hall, a junior studying International Politics and Economics at Middlebury College. I have grown up in Charlotte, and feel a real passion for helping the city, county, and state become more inclusive through more democratic leadership. This summer, I'd love to help mobilize young voters to support our party in the polls for these upcoming elections and become a key voting bloc in the future! You can reach me at: alexander@meckdems.org



I'm Gus Schmolli, a rising sophomore at George Mason University studying Government and International Politics. I am also Vice Chair of Precinct 112. My goal in this position is to better connect the MCDP with the people in the county. The voter turnout in Mecklenburg County is far too low; increasing turnout in Mecklenburg County can change statewide races in NC. Bringing people together and building community will transform the Party. It is exciting work! You can reach me at: gus@meckdems.org.

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