# **GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**



# COOL DEMOCRATS! FRANKLIN DEMS DONATE 55 FANS!

The Democrats of Franklin County collected 55 fans and distributed them

to seniors in need during this historic 2023 heat. This community action originated from many observations while canvassing for municipal elections. Member Brenda Neal brought it to the Franklin County Executive Committee meeting and the whole team of attendees took immediate action! In the picture above are: (L-R) Brenda Neal, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Sherry Ellis, 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Clarence Williams, Janet Taylor, Dr. Phil Stover who is a candidate for Louisburg Town Board, Armenta Eaton, and Beverly Kegley.

Third Vice Chair Ryan Wegener is in the picture on the right.



FRANKLIN DEMOCRATIC MOMENIX	Pay now 21st golf Tournament
WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 (Rain Date Wednesday - September 27, 2023)	
at	State, Zip
The River Golf & Country Club 170 Clear Water Road - Louisburg NC Lake Royale Community (Clubhouse: 252–478–3832)	Telephone REQUIRED Email Occupation
9:30 am to 11:00 am Registration & Boxed Lunch 11:00 am SHOTGUN START	Employer REQUIRED Amount Enclosed \$
Person SUPERL\$75 per player \$10 Mulligan Package (2 mulligans & 1 red tee)	Sponsor Golfer SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK Mail to:
TEAM PRIZES! 🖬 st \$300	FCDW c/o Penny McGhee 421 Long Mill Road Franklinton NC 27525
REGISTRATION DEADLINE September 10 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> \$200 3 <sup>rd</sup> \$100	Make Personal Checks to FC Democratic Women Make Business Checks to FC Democratic Party NC Election Law REQUIRES contributions over \$50 can NOT BE PAID IN CASH For more information or questions call 919–495-0284or 919–495-8869

# **Registration Link:**

https://secure.actblue.com/donate/fcdp2 023golf



## **STATE CHAIR ADDRESSES GUILFORD DEMS**

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> more than 100 Democrats gathered at their county headquarters in Greensboro to cheer as she spoke about the party's goals for 2023 and 2024. County Chair Kathy Kilpatrick sat beside Anderson as she delivered her message.



Part of the Guilford crowd



High Point City Council candidatePrecinct Chair Martha BrownBeverly Bard and State Chair Andersonhappily greeted Chair Clayton.Clayton with Precinct Chair Mitzi Turner



You Do Not Need To Buy A Ticket In Advance, But Donations Will Be Welcomed!



#### **GUILFORD DEMS WITH DISABILITIES HONORED!**

Mayor Nancy Vaughn and her Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities gave recognition and scholarships to several people who are Democrats at a recent City Council meeting. The Mayor is shown with four of the scholarship winners in the picture above.

From the left the winners were Shaniya Love of Guilford College whose award was accepted by Jeff Piegara in her absence, Christopher Moye of Wesleyan Christian Academy, Kaitlyn Foster of Northwest Guilford High School, and Jonathan Brown of Greensboro College.



# THREE GENERATIONS OF REMARKABLE WOMEN!

Left to Right: Pitt County Commissioner Board Chair Ann Huggins, DNC Member Shelia Huggins, and Shelia's daughter,

Emerson Kirby, who is beginning her senior year at Duke. Three generations of greatness!



#### **MEET NEW AAPI CAUCUS OFFICERS!**

The vigorous members of the AAPI Caucus of the State Democratic Party held an election of new officers recently. Pictured above is their new President, Minu Lee of Raleigh. He graduated from North Carolina State University this spring after earning a B. A. degree in political science. The full list of new officers: President – Minu Lee First Vice Chair – Kanwal Naiyar Secretary – Nazim Uddin

Second Vice Chair – Najalynn Caraway Treasurer – Dr. Gracie Galloway

To secure an entertaining speaker, call President Lee at 919-931-7331



#### **JO SITTON HONORED BY BURKE COUNTY!**

At their August 26<sup>th</sup> Ervin Unity Dinner the Democrats of Burke County presented the Jewell Hudson Award to Jo Sitton for her years of volunteer service to the Democratic Party. About 150 people attended this joyful event at the Morganton Community House.

The Keynote Speaker was State Party Chair Anderson Clayton whose message drew applause and cheers.

Other statewide candidates who attended included Wesley Harris for Treasurer and David Wheeler for Commissioner of Insurance.



#### **ADAMS & MCKISSICK HONORED!**

 Two of our greatest Democrats were honored at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders Banquet of the Durham Committee On The Affairs Of Black People.
 Stella Adams and Floyd McKissick were named Special Honorees and are shown with Governor Roy Cooper in the picture above.
 BOTH OF THESE HONOREES HAVE SERVED AS FIRST VICE CHAIRS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY.



At the Durham Committee Banquet: Former State College Dems President John Easterling (left) and current College Dems President Kema Leonard.



# **BETH WOOD CELEBRATES BEVERLY'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!**

State Auditor Beth Wood was photographed with her mother-in-law, Beverly Sparks, as they prepared to join Beth's husband, Sam Sparks, to salute Beverly's on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Beverly is a living legend to all NC State Wolfpack fans because she was known as Coach Jim Valvano's right hand during his years coaching the Wolfpack Basketball Team. An especially high point in her career occurred when she took care of a massive amount of details on State's road to the National Basketball Championship in 1983.



## **JOSH STEIN IN DUPLIN COUNTY!**

These pictures were made on August 22<sup>nd</sup> when attorney Reginald Kenan hosted a reception for Josh Stein at his Rose Hill home. Then the Attorney General went to a dinner for more than 130 friends at the Mad Boar Restaurant at River Landing Country Club which was also hosted by attorney Kenan.

With Josh in the picture above are Penny Kornegay, Bob Kornegay and Third Congressional District First Vice Chair Gloria Goodwin.



Onslow attorney Thomasina Moore (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Gloria Goodwin and a friend on the left with Josh Stein. Look at Josh's happy expression!



Former State Senator Wendell Murphy, NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams, with AG Josh Stein



**SEC Member Armin Jancis & Josh** 



**Melvin With Warren Hepler** 



**Gregory McIver and Duplin Party Chair Monte Thorne with Josh** 



# LISA & BRIAN ELLSWORTH HOST RACHEL HUNT EVENT IN CHARLOTTE!

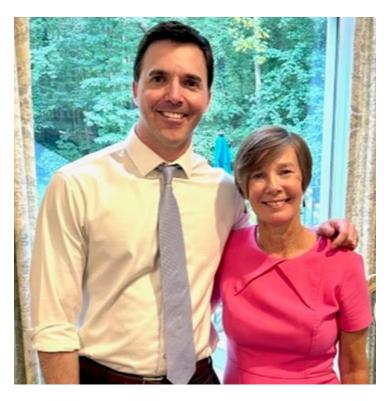
After travelling all over the state, State Senator Rachel Hunt returned to Charlotte for a reception at the elegant home of Lisa & Brian Ellsworth. The home overflowed with Democrats!



One section of the crowd



Lisa Ellsworth, Jeff Jackson, Brian Ellsworth, & Cooper Andrews. Cooper starred in the YOUTH FEATURE of the GOOD NEWS a few years ago.



**Congressman Jackson & Senator Hunt** 



Jane Whitley, Rep. Brandon Loftin with Lisa Ellsworth



Rachel Hunt with her daughter's future father-in-law, Barry Tidd



Congressman Jackson, Rep. Becky Carney, Rep. Carolyn Logan, Rep. Wesley Harris, Rep. Mary Belk, Senator Hunt, Mayor Vi Liles, & Rep. Lofton



Lou Lesesne, Steve Funk, State Senator Natasha Marcus, Mayor Vi Liles, and Larken Egleston



#### **EDGECOMBE DEMS GET FIRMLY ORGANIZED!**

By Mr. Abbie Lane, Edgecombe County First Vice Chair

"It was great to see so many dedicated people show up for the Edgecombe County Executive Committee meeting recently. There was excitement for the new direction of not just the county, but working with neighboring counties, the new congressional district leadership, and the new state leadership.

Edgecombe was well-represented in being heard by those in charge of all levels of the process and we were proud as a team to be able to be a part of returning that voice to the process."

From the left the Democrats in this process were:

Edgecombe County Third Vice Chair Ryan Jones, Sr.

**Edgecombe County First Vice President Abbie Lane** 

Edgecombe County Chair Alfreda Garrett

**NCDP Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy** 

**NCDP First Vice Chair Jonah Garson** 

First Congressional District Chair Chris Hardee

State Representative Shelly Willingham

Edgecombe Democrats also extended special thanks and a shout out to Nash County Chair Dr. Cassandra Conover and her Democrats for all their help.



## ANDERSON IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY!

Brunswick County Chair Dr. Shelley Allen says: "We had a terrific event headlined by Anderson Clayton on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at our headquarters in Bolivia. About 150 people packed in."



Chair Allen continues by saying: "Clayton fired up the crowd with an impassioned speech highlighting her commitment to rural residents and communities of color. Democrats statewide are galvanized to make significant strides in the 2024 elections with Clayton at the helm of the party, and Brunswick County Democrats are no exception.

"Clayton pointed out the Biden administration is already funding programs that positively impact their needs, like the \$35 insulin cap for Medicare recipients and federal broadband access subsidies.

WWAY-TV from Wilmington covered the rally.



Brunswick Democrats gave Anderson a standing ovation at the end of her speech.



L-R: County Chair Shelley Allen, Board of Elections Member Timothy Randall, District 17 Representative candidate Charles Jones, Chair Anderson Clayton, County 3<sup>rd</sup> VC Michael Rush, County 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Kristine Garrity, County 1<sup>st</sup> VC Arthur Hill, & Leland Town Commissioner Bill McHugh



## EFFECTIVE BRUNSWICK COUNTY VIDEOS!

Brunswick County Party Chair Shelley Allen happily tells us that a very talented film designer named Laura McGann is an active member of the Brunswick County Democratic Party.

Laura has designed the follow happy video about Bidenomics:

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<u>gmail</u>



This link will take viewers to a You Tube channel which displays many pro-Democratic videos which Laura created.



#### **TWO YOUNG LEADERS VISIT THE CAPITOL!**

John Easterling (left) recently took St. Augustine's College Democrats President Miles Beasley on a daylong tour of the US Capitol. John is the former President of both the state College Dems and the state Teen Democrats.



John also took Miles on a tour of several other government buildings and the offices of Congressmen Wiley Nickel (above) and Don Davis. The Democrat on the left is JamesAaron Pierre. (This is the correct spelling.)



#### **RANDOLPH DEMS DEFEND DEMOCRACY!**

On August 12<sup>th</sup> a large crowd gathered at the Randolph County Democratic Party Headquarters in Asheboro for their 15TH ANNUAL DEFENDING DEMOCRACY BLUE JEAN GALA!



State Chair Anderson Clayton gave a highly motivating speech to the cheering Randolph County crowd.



County Chair Diane Hubbard with NCDP Third Vice Chair Elijah King.

Former State Senator Ben Clark brought his campaign for Lt. Governor to this happy Randolph County Banquet.





Asheboro Board of Education Candidate Todd Delaney



## **WILSON LGBTQ+ CAUCUS ELECTIONS!**

The last edition of this publication featured colorful pictures of the first meeting of the Wilson County LGBTQ+ Caucus. Recently they held a second meeting at which they elected the following Officers from the left above"

Vice President Thomas Farmer President Sarah Warren Secretary Terry Shackleford Treasure Sheila Milne These four members were appointed to the Executive Committee: Wendy Bulnes Amanda Maynard Anna Joiner Josh Wynne

This Caucus already has 32 dues paying members and 17 members have already signed up to serve on committees.



## **SOAR IN '24' - CRAVEN COUNTY!**

This group of Craven County's River Bend Precinct Officers and activists met on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> to make plans to create victory in the upcoming elections. After adopting the slogan "SOAR IN '24," they developed detailed plans to win.



From the left the Precinct Officers are Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Harrison, Chair Dave Meazed, and Vice Chair Patty Leonard. River Bend precinct is one of the most well-known precincts in eastern NC because everyone who approaches New Bern from Jacksonville and Wilmington sees the big River Bend sign.



# YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF NC SHINE AT CHARLOTTE PRIDE!

The YDNC along with the Gaston County Democrats registered more than 70 Young Democratic voters at the Charlotte Pride event.

They talked with folks about the new voter ID laws. Many people did not know about these laws. All weekend they talked with people who know North Carolinians who do not have Driver's Licenses.

Among the Democrats who represented the Party at Pride are:YDNC President Dorian PalmerNCDP State Chair Anderson ClaytonYDNC Executive VP Anna RiosMecklenburg Party Chair Drew KromerYDA Rep Katherine JeanesGarrett Readling, YD Comms DirectorYDA Rep Zachary FinleyElijah Mears, Chair, YDNC LGBTQ+ CaucusYDNC Secretary Josie ReedValue Comment

**Question: Is that a crown on Anderson's head?** 

Commissioner of Labor candidate Braxton Winston and State Treasurer candidate Wesley Harris also helped staff the YDNC booth.



This article's information came from Garrett Readling (on the far right.)



YDNC printed more than 1,000 literature cards about the voter ID law to hand out at Pride. The organization is proud to be printing more cards to help counties, candidates, and community partners with canvassing this cycle.



# ASHE COUNTY DEMOCRATS LEARN ABOUT HOW FDR CHANGED THEIR COUNTY!

Fifty one Democrats attended the July 25<sup>th</sup> Ashe County Democratic meeting and heard Andrew Cole, Director of the Ashe County

Museum of History, explain how President Franklin Roosevelt and his New Deal programs made dramatic, permanent improvements in their county. One of the major improvements was bringing electricity to the county.

Right: Amanda Gentry, Chair of the Ashe County Democratic Party, addressed attendees prior to Andrew Cole's presentation about the New Deal.





Pictures of buildings that were constructed as part of President Roosevelt's New Deal were presented by Mr. Cole. Left: The Ashe County Arts Council building in West Jefferson was built with Works Progress Administration (WPA) funding and is still used today. The old Lansing high school was built by mountain men who were hired by the New Deal's Works Progress Administration.





The historic Ashe County Hospital Building, which now serves as affordable housing, was built with Democratic New Deal funds.

Doug Worsham of Ashe County told the group of memories he had as a five-year old child in 1938 when he saw President Roosevelt pull a ceremonial switch at a Georgia football field which cut on first time electricity for the whole community. When his family got home their single light bulb was on!



# **Duplin Community Yard Sale & Festival**

#### ANNOUNCEMENT



The Duplin County Democratic Party is launching a new celebration in Duplin County - an opportunity to meet your municipal candidates, purchase a few items at a bargain, eat some tasty treats, make new friends, and have a whole lot of fun.

#### **Community Yard Sale & Festival**

This countywide event is a great way to strengthen, engage and unite the residents of Duplin County. On this day in the park, we will distribute information, build cohesiveness, increase awareness, as well as connect with neighbors and candidates in the Duplin County November 2023 Municipal Elections. This Community Yard Sale & Festival is just the beginning of our unified efforts to build a warm, positive environment where all neighbors can acknowledge the ways in which they help us move forward, and encourage everyone to get behind community actions that mean something to them.

Duplin Community Yard Sale & Festival	
Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023, 10:00 am to 4	4:30 pm
Location: Kenan Park, 501 South Main Street, Ker	nansville, N.C. 28349
Who: Open to everyone as a attendee and/or vendo	or
<ul> <li>Meet the Municipal candidates</li> <li>Yard-Sale vendors (registration required)</li> <li>Food trucks (registration required)</li> <li>Health and Wellness checks</li> <li>Faith-based services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Election, voter registration and voter ID assistance</li> <li>Fun, laughter and music</li> <li>Special guests include Attorney Charles Ingram, Anderson Clayton (invited), and other</li> </ul>

Sponsored by the Duplin County Democratic Party: Committed to improving the lives of all children, families, and communities.

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### **ROWAN COUNTY!**

On Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, a large of Democrats and Democratic families turned out for a picnic at Granite Civic Park in Granite Falls.



Among the speakers were Judge Alison Riggs, NCDP Third Vice Chair, and State Representative Wesley Harris.



#### **INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST IN CARTERET!**

Democrats from across the state enjoyed food from around the world on August 13<sup>th</sup> when the Carteret County Democratic Party staged their annual International Food Fest at Back Street Pub in Beaufort.

County Chair Katie Tomberlin and her Dems sold all the tickets well before the date of the event. They raised more money by selling raffle tickets at the dinner.

In the picture above are County Office Manager Vickie Zangwill, County Chair Katie Tomberlin, and Judge Alison Riggs of the NC Court of Appeals who is running for a full term in 2024.



State Executive Council Member Grayson Barnette is sitting on the far left with lots of strong Carteret Dems.



State Party Third Vice Chair Elijah King inspired the crowd as he continues speaking at Democratic events all over the state. Elijah electrifies!



Happy dining!



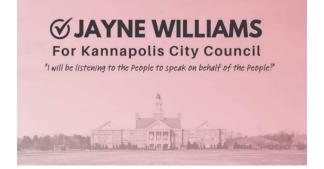
# JAYNE WILLIAMS – SPEAKING UP FOR THE PEOPLE!

All over the state Democrats are focusing on hundreds of municipal races this year. An excellent example of our party's dedicated candidates is Jayne Williams. In 2021 Jayne Williams devoted 100% of her energy to her campaign for the Kannapolis City Council and she made a good showing. She is earnestly running for the City Council again this year because she is fervently committed to improving the lives of non-wealthy citizens

Since her career has consisted of being a Hospice Nursing Assistant for 30 years, she knows what grassroots working people need from their city government.

Jayne has done volunteer work in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kannapolis Trash Clean UP, Meals on Wheels, church food bank, and she has been a plasma donor. She is a member of the NAACP, Black Political Caucus. Concord Christian Center and Down Home North Carolina.

North Carolina Democrats can be proud of all our municipal candidates!





THREE WAKE LEADERS!

Three Wake County Democratic leaders: County Party Chair Kevyn Creech, State Representative Cynthia Ball, and Wake Democratic Men's Club President Charles Malone. Chair Creech was the speaker at the August mens' meeting and Representative Ball will be the speaker at the mens "September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.



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