

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!



DEMOCRATS HONOR DR. KING!

Thousands of Democrats across the state joined in activities for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Among those Democrats was Kiara Johnson, our NC House District 6 candidate in Harnett County. She and her supporters proudly marched in the King Holiday Parade in Dunn. Kiara is unopposed in the primary and she faces a GOP candidate in the General Election.

Here is a link to her website:

<http://www.iamkiarajohnson.com/>





NASH DEMOCRATS HONOR DR. KING!

The Nash County Democratic Party partnered with The Willing Workers for their annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon which drew more than 250 people.

First District Congressman Don Davis brought greetings to the cheering crowd who were aware that he is involved in one of the nation's most hotly contested races this year. He is unopposed in the primary.



Far left: Bishop Shelton Daniels gave an address. Left: NCDP Regional Field Director Daniel Franch with Carnell Taylor for County Commissioner



**Among the Democrats in attendance were:
Nash County Party Chair Dr. Cassandra Conover (front)
From left: House District 25 Democratic Nominee Lorenzo Wilkins
Democratic Nominee for County Commissioner Carnell Taylor
County Commissioner Gwen Wilkins
District Court candidate Mark Osterhout**



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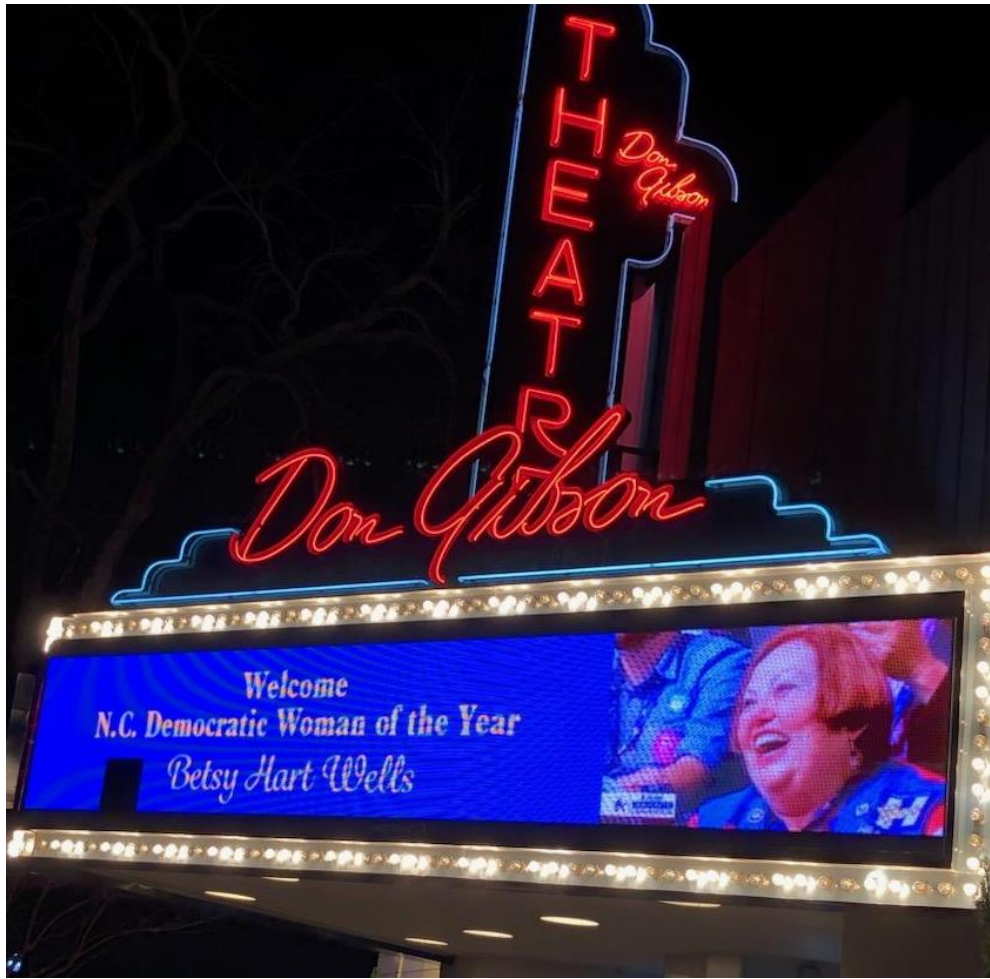
GUILFORD DEMS CELEBRATE DR. KING FOR FOUR DAYS!

The Democrats of Guilford County enjoyed four days of happy events honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s. Birthday across Greensboro and High Point.

They participated in breakfasts, galas, prayers vigils, a block party and parades in both cities. Party activist Mitzi Turner says: "The Guilford Dems are ready to make 'The Dream' a reality."

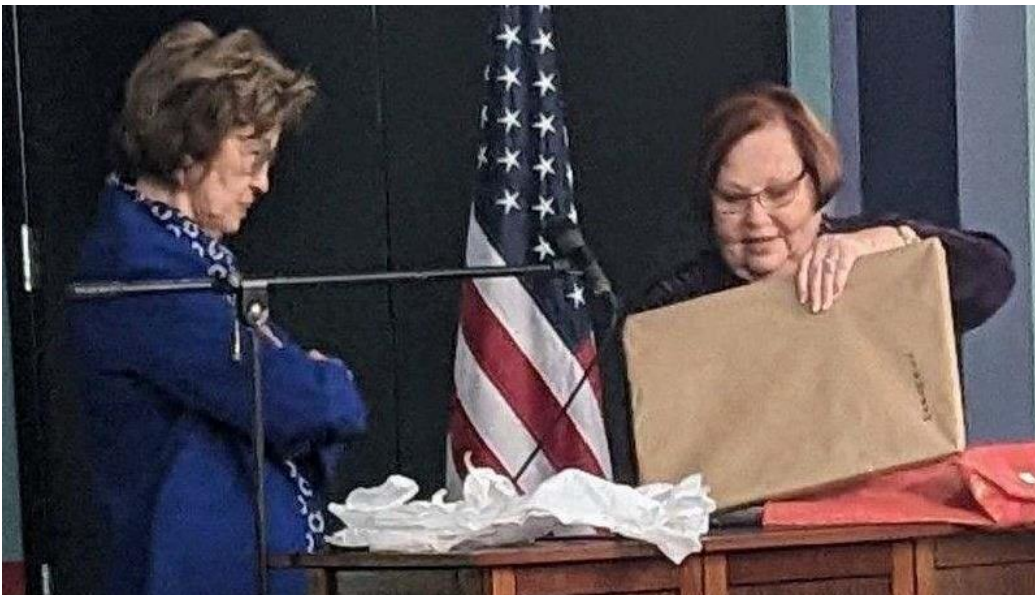




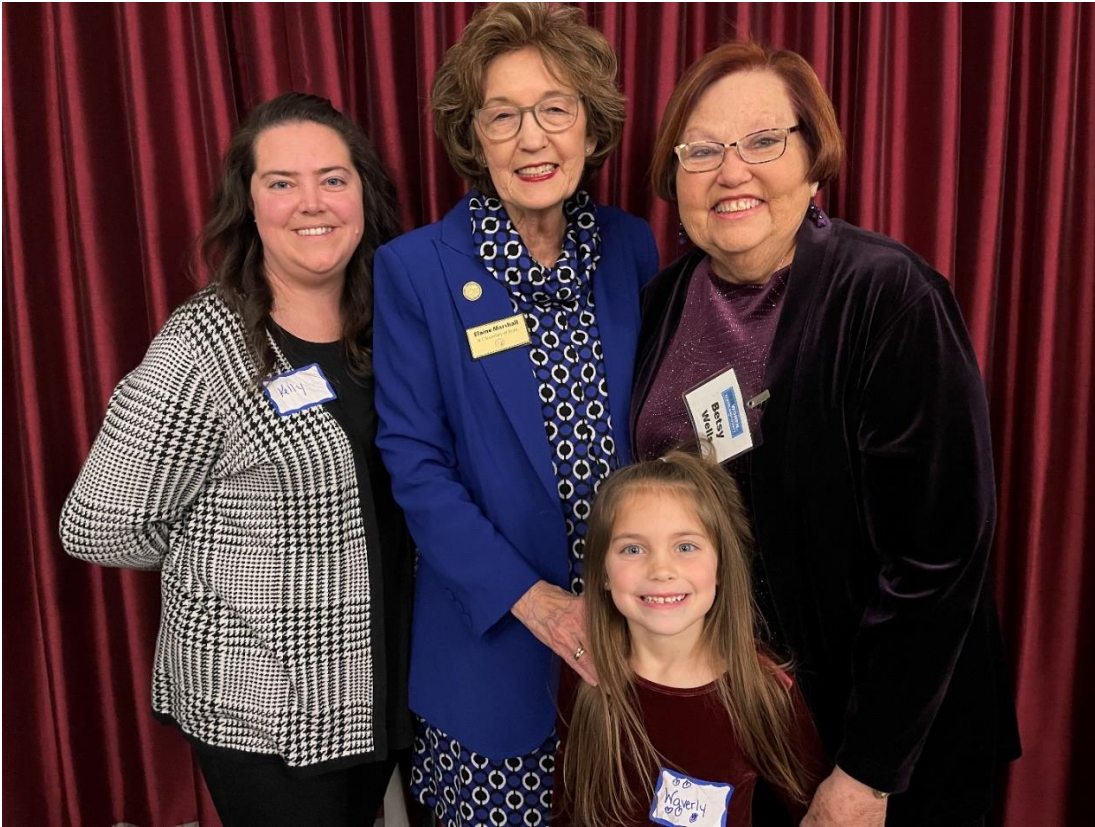


CLEVELAND DEMS HONOR BETSY WELLS!

On January 4th Cleveland County Democrats gathered at the Don Gibson Theatre in Shelby to salute their own Betsy Wells who was named the “2023 DEMOCRATIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR” by the Democratic Women of North Carolina at their 2023 convention in Charlotte.



**A unique gift:
Secretary of State
Elaine Marshall
presented to Betsy a
mounted plaque
containing her State
Senator car license
plate which she used
during her years as a
State Senator from
Harnett County.**



Secretary of State Elaine Marshall was the Keynote Speaker of the evening. Joining in this happy picture are Betsy's daughter-in-law, Kelly, and her five year-old granddaughter, Waverly.



Cleveland Democrats gave special recognition to their Democratic Women President Joyce Gladstone who has led the DW to achieving 350 members and to being one of the state's most active DW chapters.



AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY!

The recent Holiday Gathering of the African American Caucus of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party was most eventful.

First there was the swearing in of the organization's officers. In the picture above President Braxton Becoats is receiving his Oath of Office with C. Renee Little, Judge Aretha Blake, County Commissioner Mark Jerrell watching as Judge Samantha Mobley conducts the ceremony.



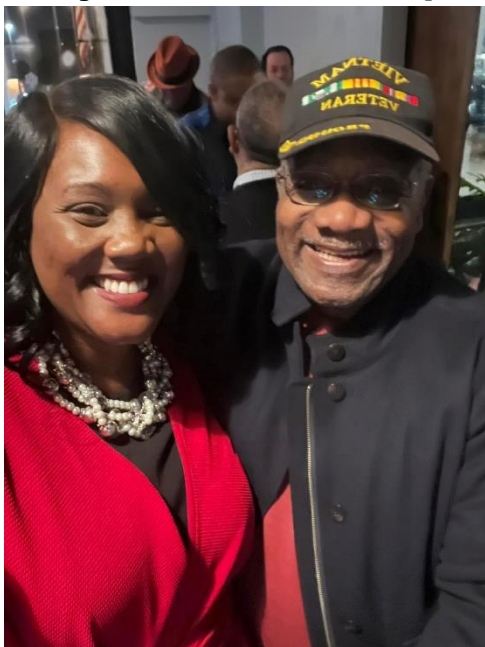
SY Mason-Watson was installed as First Vice President.



President Braxton Becoats stated: “The cherry on top of all of the event was surprising Janice Robinson and Tanya Lewis with the INAUGURAL Alissa “Cozzie” Watkins Commitment Award.

“The Award, presented in memory of former 12th Congressional District Democratic Party Chair Alissa ‘Cozzie’ Watkins, will be presented to members and community partners who demonstrate commitment and dedication to the AAC, its mission, and strategic goals throughout the year.

“Janice and Tanya have worked tirelessly to organize, mentor, and sustain many African American precincts in Mecklenburg County among other work.”



Far left: Judge Aretha Blake and Mecklenburg County Commissioner Arthur Griffin.



Near left: 14th Congressional District Chair Lisa Ellsworth and State Senator Joyce Waddell

**MCDP Second Vice Chair Greg Snyder,
Rep. Wesley Harris, State AAC President
Colette Alston and Donna Woodson**



**Mecklenburg AAC Second Vice
President Joshua Twitty
receiving his Oath of Office**



**Tanya Lewis, Braxton Becoats,
and
SY Mason-Watson**





ALAMANCE DEMOCRATS!

A big crowd turned out for the first Alamance County Executive Committee meeting of 2024 on January 4th at the Party Headquarters in Burlington. Reports are coming in from all over the state saying that county meetings are drawing record attendances!



ELAINE MARSHALL IN MADISON COUNTY!

Last weekend Secretary of State Elaine Marshall fellowshipped with a group of Democratic leaders in Madison County. Elaine loves people in all 100 NC counties, large and small!



DUPLIN COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Duplin County Democrats gathered at the Country Squire Restaurant near Warsaw for a happy and successful “Meet and Greet Banquet” on January 13th. County Commissioner Wayne Branch (above) was the Master of Ceremonies.

The speakers were Mike Morgan for Governor, Rachel Hunt for Lt. Governor, and Judge Carolyn Thompson for NC Court of Appeals.

Special Guests were: Judge Lora Cabbage for NC Supreme Court, Rep. Wesley Harris for NC Treasurer, & Dr. Sarah Taber for Agriculture Commissioner.



**Mike Morgan
speaking
about his campaign
for Governor**



Lt. Governor candidate Rachel Hunt is surrounded by Third Congressional District Chair Dr. Wesley Boykin (in back), Warsaw Precinct Chair Marzella Morrissey (right) and other Duplin Dems.



Judge Carolyn Thompson wowed the crowd with her elegant and highly intellectual presentation. She made many friends across the state during her 2022 campaign for the NC Court of Appeals. This year she is unopposed in the Democratic Primary as she campaigns to keep her seat of the NC Court of Appeals.



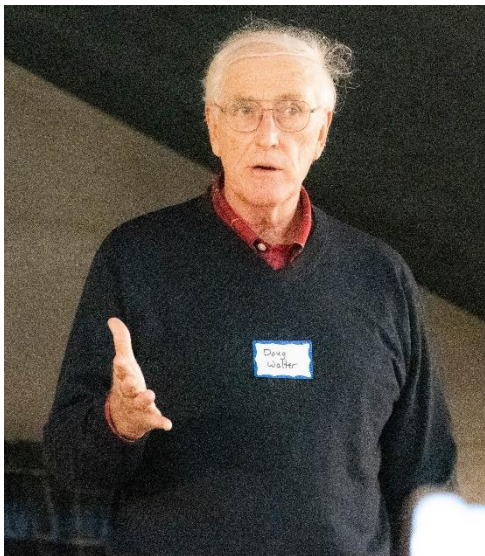
Judge Lora Cabbage (right) is campaigning for Supreme Court of North Carolina. She is pictured with Mrs. Audrey Morgan, wife of Mike Morgan for Governor



Dr. Sarah Taber, is unopposed for Agriculture Commissioner. Rep. Wesley Harris is campaigning for State Treasurer.



More pictures from the Duplin County event



Duplin County Chair Doug Walter



**Amanda Corbett,
Barbara Grady,
and Valerie Pollock**



DEMOCRATS AT CHURCH

On January 7th many outstanding Democrats worshipped at Fellowship Baptist Church in Charlotte.

From the left above are: Retired Superior Court Judge Yvonne Mims Evans, Dr. Paul McAllister, Supreme Court candidate Judge Lora Cabbage, candidate for Governor Mike Morgan and Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Carla Archie.



A few days later Judge Lora Cabbage brought her campaign for a seat on the NC Supreme Court to Burgaw in Pender County. She joined in the program of NCDP Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy. Dr. Hardy's goal is to hold a Listening Tour in 30 rural North Carolina counties.

The North Carolina Democratic Party

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**endorse any candidates
in the Democratic Primary.**

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imply endorsement.

**This newsletter tries to post an equal amount
of pictures and information about
candidates who oppose each other
in the Primary.**

An Example:

**The next two articles are about a race
that is drawing a lot of interest between:
DAVID WHEELER & NATASHA MARCUS
for Commissioner of Insurance!**

BANKRUPTCIES BY CAMPAIGN AND PARTY

DO YOU SEE A PATTERN?

**DEMOCRATS - 0 BANKRUPTCIES
REPUBLICANS - 12 BANKRUPTCIES**

**PRESIDENT
BIDEN (D) - 0
TRUMP (R) - 6**

**NC GOVERNOR
STEIN (D) - 0
ROBINSON (R) - 4**

**NC COMMISSIONER OF
INSURANCE
WHEELER (D) - 0
CAUSEY (R) - 2**

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66% of announced
arrests at NC Dept of
Insurance?"**

**"I'm going to find out why and
hold people accountable."**

- David Wheeler -
Democrat for Commissioner of Insurance

DAVID WHEELER

for Insurance Commissioner

NO RATE HIKES!



NATASHA MARCUS IS RUNNING FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE!

<https://natashamarcus.com> – natasha@natashamarcus.com – 980-254-0473

**The picture above shows Natasha Marcus with some supporters on her filing day.
The picture below shows Natasha as she spoke to the North Mecklenburg
Democrats, a group she organized.**



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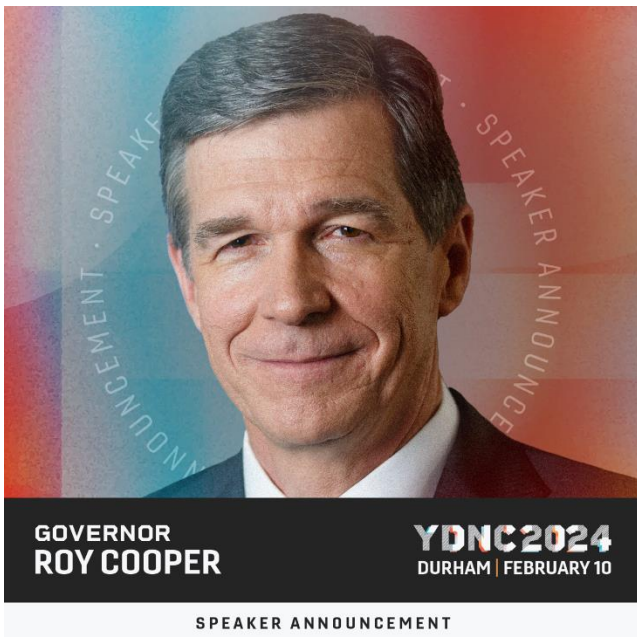
YDNC2024



Click here to get details of the State Convention
of the Young Democrats of North Carolina”

<https://rdu.ydnc.org/>

The All-Star lineup of exciting speaker will include:





**NCDP CHAIR
ANDERSON CLAYTON**

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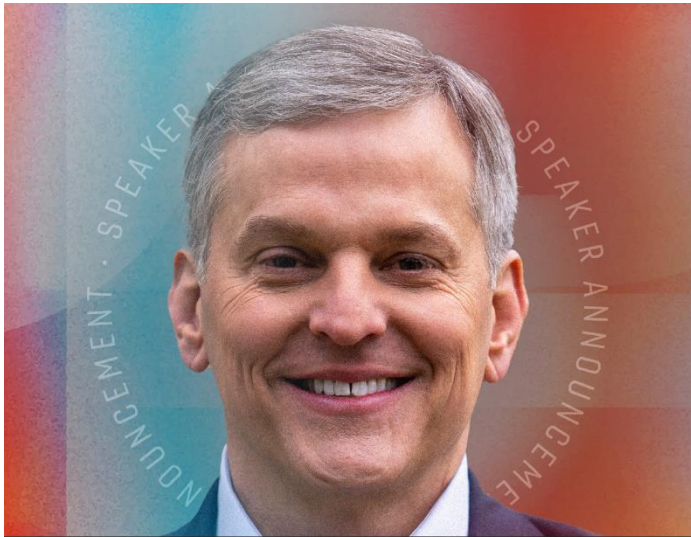
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GRAYSON BARNETTE TO ADDRESS ASHE COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

The Ashe County Democratic Party has released this announcement: “Grayson Barnette, one of North Carolina’s most dynamic political campaign strategists, will be our Guest Speaker at our county’s General Meeting at 6:30PM on January 23rd at the Ashe Arts Center in West Jefferson.

“Grayson serves on the State Democratic Executive Council, is a contributor to Carolina Forward, and is a principal with the political consulting firm, Express Lane Strategies. Grayson and his colleagues have advised numerous Democratic candidates.

“He will give a presentation on the 2024 NC political landscape and what to expect on the exciting road ahead. All Democrats and progressively minded people are invited to join us!”



THREE PRECINCTS HOLD ELECTION YEAR KICKOFF SOCIAL!

Three precincts in the Mills River area of Henderson County joined for an Election Year Kickoff Social on January 7th. The event was held at the Burning Blush Brewery.





The Democrats from North Mills River Precinct, South Mills River Precinct, and Rugby Precinct heard talks by several Democratic candidates.



Cherokee County Democratic Party Happenings

The CCDP's December monthly meeting was energized by their guest speaker, Representative Eric Ager. He shared some of the goings on at the state level in Raleigh. One major accomplishment that he's happy to have assisted in getting passed is the Medicaid Expansion. Governor Cooper's persistence paid off! The expansion went into effect on December 1st in North Carolina.



Representative Ager makes a point while addressing those in attendance.



CCDP Executive Board Members listen to Eric. L-r: Evelyn Nastos, 3rd Vice Chair; Nancy Helms, Secretary; and 1st Vice Chair, Dixie Carter.



CCDP Executive Committee Members. L-r: Beverly White, Kenneth Moore, Bonnie Moore, Carolyn Donaldson and Lloyd Donaldson.

Nancy Curtis of Andrews announced her candidacy at the same meeting. She will be running for NC House District 120 Representative. She filed for candidacy on Thursday, December 7th. Nancy served as Mayor of Andrews (2013-2017).



Nancy Curtis poses with Representative Eric Ager.

The Cherokee County Democratic Party (CCDP) hosted Jeff Jackson at their December Candidate Meet & Greet event. Known for representing with honesty and decency, Jackson served eight years as a NC Senator and two years as the U.S. Representative for NC. He is now running for the Attorney General position for the state of North Carolina against three other Democratic candidates in the primary. The early morning event was one of several stops on his way back to Raleigh.



Jeff Jackson,
Democratic
Candidate for
NC Attorney
General



Crowd gathers at the early morning winter event for Jeff Jackson, candidate for Attorney General.

GUILFORD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PRESENTS

PRIMARY CANDIDATE* TOWNHALL

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024
6:30 PM

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**This happy picture was made
when Mark visited
a Toy Giveaway in Wilson.**






Elaine Marshall
SECRETARY OF STATE

**SUPPORT ROLLING IN
FOR
ELAINE MARSHALL!**

**Major endorsements for our beloved Secretary of State
Elaine Marshall are coming in from all over the state!**

She has recently received endorsements from:

AFL-CIO

North Carolina Sierra Club

Durham Committee of the Affairs of Black People

**The support of these organizations (and many more)
creates added enthusiasm for Elaine in the General Election.**

She is unopposed in the Primary.



WAKE DEMOCRATIC MEN! (Wake Democratic Forum)

State Senator Rachel Hunt, Judge Carolyn Thompson, and Justice Mike Morgan were the featured speakers at the January meeting of the Wake County Democratic Forum.



**Left: Ronnie Condrey with Legislative Assistants Eddie Sheeby and Sean Grier
Carolyn Thompson, Club President Charles Malone, Rachel Hunt, & Mike Morgan**



LARGEST EVENT IN JANUARY? CRAVEN DEMOCRATIC WOMEN!

On Saturday January 20th the Democratic Women of Craven County held the largest January event that has been reported in the entire state! Hundreds turned out for a Democratic Campaign Kickoff at Flame Event Center in New Bern.

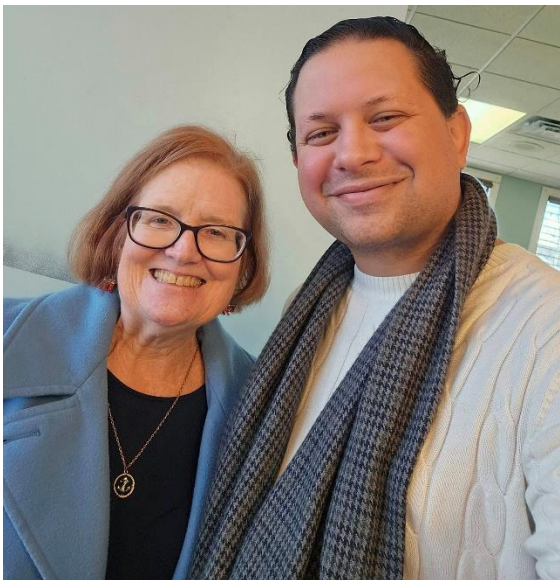


Mike Morgan for Governor and Lora Cubbage for Supreme Court were two of the headline speakers.



Third Congressional District Democratic Party Chair Dr. Wesley Boykin and DNC Member Matt Hughes of Orange County enjoyed the Craven event.

State DW Second Vice President Vickie Zangwill and Carteret County Party Chair Katie Tomberlin with Matt



Third Congressional District Party Secretary Diane Tyndall with Matt



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