



Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff helped open the new Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Headquarters. (Read the article about this on page 27.)

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

February 16, 2024



Great Dare candidates: Aida Havel for County Commissioner, Katie Morgan for County Commissioner, Susan Sawin for House District 1, Melissa Zehner for Board of Education, Dennis Zaenger for County Commissioner, and Mary Beedle for House District 79. (Read the article about this on page 29)



DUPLIN DEMOCRATIC MEET THE CANDIDATES CAKE AUCTION!

A packed house of very well-dressed people, a State Chair who conducted a lively auction, lots of people bidding, 23 excellent candidates, and 23 creative cakes – that’s a good description of the highly successful MEET THE CANDIDATES CAKE AUCTION of the Duplin County Democratic Party. It was held on February 3rd at the Country Squire Restaurant near Warsaw. The winning bids ranged from \$100.00 - \$1,165.00! Congratulations to everyone who made it a great night!



NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton, County Chair Doug Walter, & NCDP 2nd VC Dr. Kimberly Hardy presented a plaque to Carolyn Ann Glasper who first thought of raising money with cakes back in 1978. The Duplin Party has held a Cake Auction during every primary election season since 1978. The Party has raised tens of thousands of dollars through this happy event!



Judge Lora Cubbage for the Supreme Court with State Auditor Jessica Holmes



Justice Allison Riggs running for a full term on the Supreme Court with State Auditor Jessica Holmes, former Duplin County Party Chair Rebecca Judge, and Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls.



Insurance Commissioner Candidate David Wheeler's talk brought smiles to State Chair Anderson Clayton and his "Campaign Chair," his son Nico.

**Insurance Commissioner candidate Natasha Marcus personally made her triple bundt cake for the Duplin event
No one provided a picture of her at the cake auction.**



The cake of attorney Ed Eldred who is running unopposed in the primary for a seat on the NC Court of Appeals.





Braxton Winston's Cake

Our Democratic candidates brought many unique handcrafted cakes to the Duplin Cake Auction. One of the most clever was this TIMBERLAND WORK BOOT CAKE which was designed and baked by Braxton Winston who is running unopposed in the primary for Labor Commissioner!

From the stage Braxton said: "I believe every worker should work in a healthy and safe environment and that means you need the proper footwear – so that is why I assembled this TIMBERLAND WORK BOOT CAKE.

"At the base is a Saralee pound cake baked right here in North Carolina! Just like me. I was born in Jacksonville. At the heel, it's made up of Entenman's chocolate cake donuts which were baked in New York City where I was raised!

"The outside of the boot is made of hand rolled, hand sculpted caramel. The laces are made of lemonade licorice and the sole is made up of chocolate wafers.

"The boot is standing in Oreo cookie crumble dirt. I hope y'all love it!"



Auctioning the cake of Santana DeBerry who is running for Attorney General. Emily Walter is helping hold the cake.



Jill Buro with NC Court of Appeals candidate Ed Eldred



Emma Hubacher brought Josh Stein's cake and spoke to promote his campaign.



Aron Johnson brought the cake of Rachel Hunt for Lt. Governor and spoke about why she is a great candidate.

Katie Eddings and “Mo” Green are both running for Superintendent of Public Instruction.



State Treasurer candidate Wesley Harris with his cake



The colorful cake of State Treasurer candidate Gabe Exparza. No one provided a picture of Gabe but he spoke effectively at the Cake Auction.



Duplin Party Chair Doug Walter Bertha Thompson helped display the cakes.



**Duplin
Cake
Bidders!**



JAMIE CAMPBELL BOWLES FOR STATE SENATE!

One of the candidates who made a lot of new friends at the Duplin Cake Auction was State Senate candidate Jamie Campbell Bowles.

Jamie has been a nurse for 37 years and she is loved by her patients.

Her Senate district is made up of Duplin, Sampson, Bladen, and Pender counties. She has no opposition in the primary. The Republican incumbent is Brent Jackson.

Her son, Jacob, is with Jamie in the picture above. He has a twin brother named Joshua.

Her web site is: www.JCB4NC.com



**ELAINE MARSHALL:
THE CAKE AUCTION CHAMPION!**

Our beloved and highly respected Secretary of State Elaine Marshall has participated in the Duplin Cake Auction more times than any candidate in history! EIGHT TIMES she has brought her cakes and EIGHT TIMES she has spoken eloquently! In the picture above, Duplin County's Third Vice Chair Langston Pollock is happily welcoming Elaine back to Duplin again. Langston is a very active Democratic leader.



YOUNG DEMOCRATS STATE CONVENTION!

The weekend of February 9-11 saw the largest Young Democrats State Convention in many years. Over 350 attended the convention banquet!

The Jim Hunt Service Award was presented to Michael Careccia (second from left) of Caldwell County. Chair Anderson Clayton, Congressman Maxwell Frost of Florida, Allie Donnenwirth, and NCDP Field Director Daniel Franch celebrated with Michael in the above picture.



On Friday evening the YDs were guests of Governor and Mrs. Cooper at the Executive Mansion.



Left: YD President Dorian Palmer (on left) presented the Leadership Award to Grayson Barnette. Right: State Teen Dems President Daniel Patterson addressed the convention.



Anderson, Samuel Johnson & Congressman Frost



Durham County Commission Chair Nida Allam





**Elaine Marshall
with
Christopher Braswell**



Doug Wilson speaks at a YD session



Gino and MacKenzie leading a YD discussion



Groups of happy Young Democrats at their convention!





NCDP FUNDRAISER IN NEW YORK!

State Chair Anderson Clayton was the star speaker at a NCDP fundraising event in the Bryant Park section of Manhattan last week. The Democrats with her in the picture above were among the leaders organizing event.



Executive Director Kian Sadjadi (above) and Fundraising Director Jonathan Adams accompanied Anderson to the high dollar event in New York.



Many male Democrats also attended the Bryant Park fundraiser.



Kimberly Spell was the leading organizer of this happy event.

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OUR BELOVED FIRST LADY COMES TO RALEIGH!

Last week First Lady Jill Biden flew to Raleigh for a big-ticket reception which was held in a private home in the North Hills section of Raleigh. Our First Lady always brings joy and love to North Carolina audiences! (Yes, that is a Secret Service agent behind her.)



Among the large crowd was former NCDP Executive Director Tom Hendrickson, State Senator Jay Chaudhuri, Governor Roy Cooper, First Lady Kristen Cooper, and Brenda Pollard.



OUR AG CANDIDATE GOES TO MITCHELL!

Our unopposed Agriculture Commissioner candidate Dr. Sarah Taber drove up to Spruce Pine to address the January meeting of the Mitchell County Democratic Party at the Mitchell County Public Library.

In the picture above County Chair Eddie Gouge is wearing a blue shirt and sitting at the table beside Dr. Taber.



County Commissioner candidate Jan Hamilton and House District 85 candidate John T. Ford also addressed the group.



CUMBERLAND REGISTRATION DRIVE!

The three Dems above are shown as they organize a large Voter Registration Drive in Cumberland County. From the left they are Young Democrats representative Mario Beneveate, NCDP Regional Organizer Daniel Franch, and Democratic Men's representative Rodney Anderson.

Did you know that Cumberland County is a Democratic County? A sizeable portion of the military personnel in Cumberland County vote Democratic.



72 DEMS TURNOUT TO CANVASS!

One day recently 72 Democrats showed up to canvass in Wake County for Senator Lisa Grafstein and State Representative candidate Safiyah Jackson. They were assembled through the Neighbors On Call organization.



BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Brunswick Democrats started 2024 strong with an enthusiastic meeting at their big County Party Headquarters in Bolivia.

In the picture on the bottom left County Party Chair Shelley Allen is shown presenting a special award to longtime Democratic leader Bill Flythe. Bill was often willing to file for a seat on the County Commissioner or School Board in order to prevent the GOP from getting that seat without a fight.

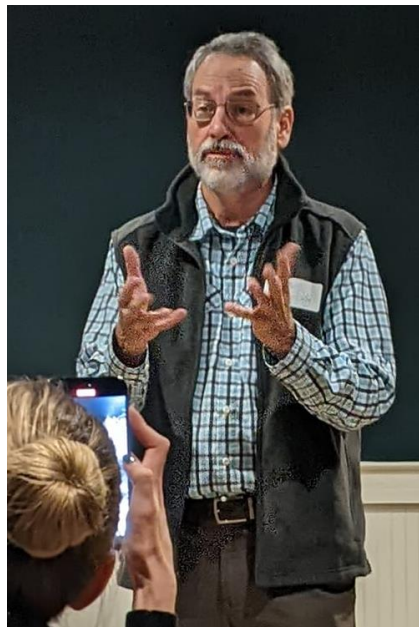
He served as County Party Treasurer for many years. He not only kept track of the money, he also went out and raised many thousands of dollars over the years. He was an Official Delegate to several Democratic National Conventions.

In the picture on the bottom right, Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs is delivering the event's Keynote Speech.



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

State Chair Anderson Clayton and Fifth Congressional District candidate Chuck Hubbard were the featured speakers at the January meeting of the Rockingham County Democratic Party. Each of them emphasized the importance of defeating Donald Trump and Republican congresswoman Virginia Fox.





MORE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATS!





DAVIDSON COUNTY DEMS!

A large crowd of excited Democrats gathered at the Davidson County Party Headquarters on January 25th to listen to many local and state candidates.

County Chair Jeanne Doom (left) introduced the candidates including State Senate candidate Tina Royal (right above.)



State House candidates: Pam McAfee (HD80,) Kimberly Tittlebaum (HD81)



**Justice Mike Morgan campaigning
for Governor**



**David Wheeler campaigning for
Insurance Commissioner**



**Judge Lora Cubbage campaigning for a seat of the NC Supreme Court
(second from right above)**



After the candidates finished speaking, Davidson Democrats asked lots of questions which were well-answered by the candidates. Ben Clark for Lt. Governor is answering questions at the podium in the picture above.



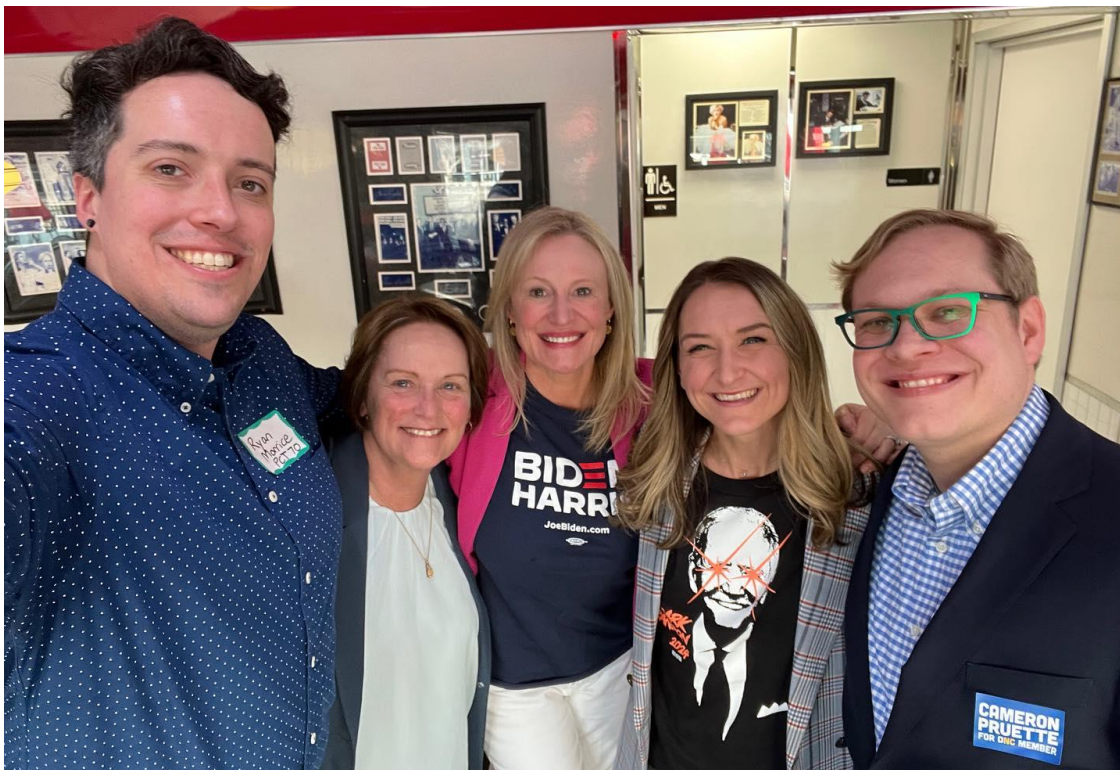
All across the state large crowds are turning out for local Democratic meetings!



SECOND GENTLEMAN OPENS MECKLENBURG HEADQUARTERS!

Doug Emhoff, the popular husband of Vice President Kamala Harris, helped open and dedicate the new Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Headquarters in Charlotte on February 3rd.

Among the Democratic stars with Mr. Emhoff in the picture above are County Party Chair Drew Kromer, County Secretary Jeff Bierer, Robert Hillman, and Connie Green-Johnson.



Ryan Maurice, State Rep. Mary Belk, 14th District Chair Lisa Ellsworth, State Chair Anderson Clayton, and Cameron Pruette.



County Chair Drew Kromer



Lisa Ellsworth with Mr. Emhoff



Anderson with Ken & Jane Schorr



Rep. Belk with Labor Commissioner candidate Braxton Winston



Ryan Maurice with the Second Gentleman



DARE DEMS WELCOME STATE CHAIR!

An overflow crowd of Dare Democrats turned out to welcome State Chair Anderson Clayton and cheer for their Dare County Democratic candidates.

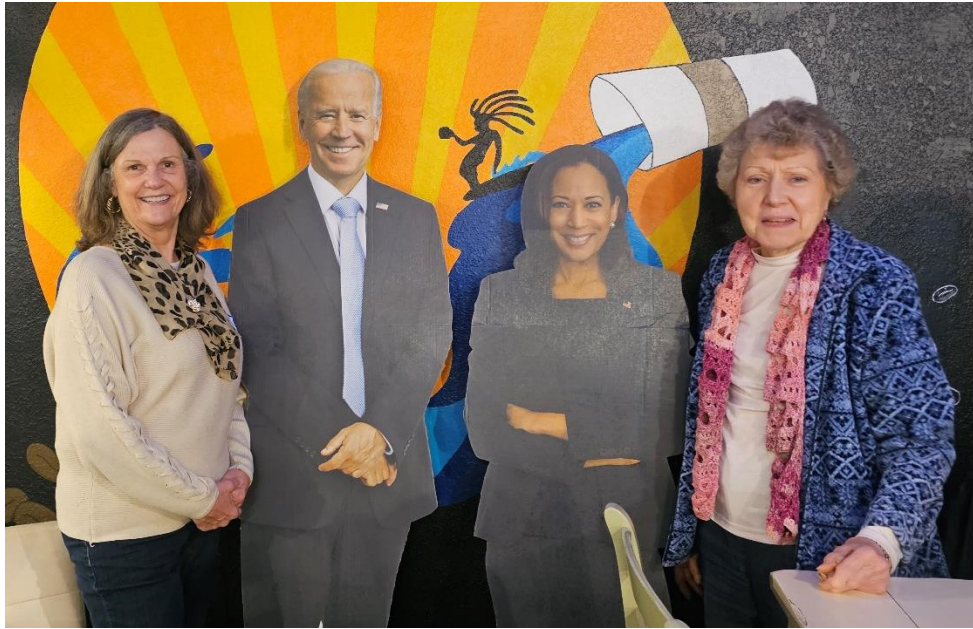
From the left in the picture above are County Commissioner candidate Aida Havel, County Commissioner candidate Katie Morgan, House District One candidate Susan Sawin, Board of Education candidate Melissa Zehner, County Commissioner candidate Dennis Zaenger, and House District 79 candidate Mary Beedle.



Board of Ed candidate Laura Allendorf with our State Chair



Susan Sawin & Sue Scarborough



Lots of Dare Democrats were photographed with the President and the Vice President.



**Part of the overflow crowd of Dare Democrats
All over the state record numbers of Democrats are filling meeting halls!**

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