

# **GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**

**December 18, 2018**



## **GOVERNOR COOPER & HIS STAFF DONATE "TOYS FOR TOTS!"**

**On December 14<sup>th</sup> the Governor's Office Staff joined Governor Cooper at the Executive Mansion to donate lots of toys to bring Christmas cheer to children. The people in the picture above have dedicated the last two years of their lives to helping build a better life for all North Carolina's people. On December 14<sup>th</sup> they went "the extra mile!"**





**Governor and Mrs. Cooper Host Democrats In Executive Mansion!**

**In addition to all their official duties, Governor and Mrs. Roy Cooper welcomed lots of Democrats to their residence during the week of December 10-15.**

**All North Carolinians are proud of the Coopers!**

**Left above: Tommy and Stephanie Whitley with Governor Cooper.**

**Right above: Victorious Soil & Water candidate Nervahna Crew with Mrs. Kristin Cooper.**



**Noor Abualhawa, Claire Reynolds, Lorenzo Pedro**

**Cliff Moone, Brenda Pollard, Wayne Goodwin**



**Cynthia Wallace, Melvin Williams, Betty Wallace**

**John Kirkland, Gordon Sinkez  
and Cindy Sinkez**

**Many pictures in this article were made by Edward Jones and Ron Sanyal.**



**Beaufort County Chair Elaine Wood and Warren Wood**



**SEC Member Mike Schaul, Gov. Cooper, Board of Transportation Member Valarie Jordan**



**UNC-Greensboro Democrats: Dominique Eason, Savannah Waters, State College Democrats President John Easterling, Kayley Medlin, & Aron Johnson**



**Rashidul and Tasneem Islam**



**Shannon Auer, NCDP Finance Director Meredith Cuomo and NCDP Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds**



**Harper Lauren, Ebony West, with Peter Kane**



**Master Photographer Edward Jones**



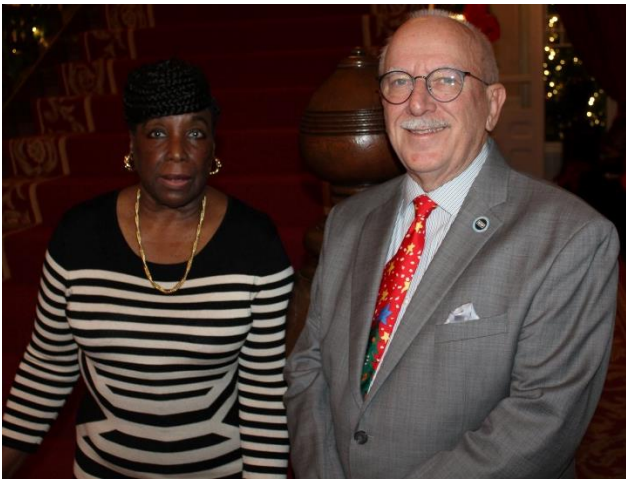
**7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz & State Democratic Women Vice President Brenda Rivas-Diaz with Melvin Williams**



**Saleisha Everhart, Shanese Credle, and Valerie Jordan**



**Governor and Mrs. Cooper with many of our new Democratic legislators**



**Eunice Jones and Max Adams**



**Antoine Marshall, Elaine Marshall, & Tommy Bunn**



**Nisel Desai and Wes Tripp**



**Zora DeBerry and Nida Allam**



**Tommy Whitley, Stephanie Whitley, NCDP Third Vice Chair Nida Azziz Allam and Towquir Azziz**



**Burke County Party Chair Pam Genant and Jackson Genant with Governor Cooper**



**Jocelyn Nelson, Progressive Caucus President David Nelson, and James Nelson**



**Doug and Shannon Auer with Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds**



**Cabarrus County Party Chair Dawn Larma with Dov Rosenberg of Durham**



**Saleisha Everhart, Nervahna Crew, Kimberly Reynolds, & Montica Talmadge**



**Mary Wallace, Melvin Williams, and Tammy Talmadge**

**Mary is the mother of Ninth Congressional District Chair Cynthia Wallace.  
Tammy is the mother of Wake County Democratic Party Secretary Montica Talmadge.**



**Lenoir County Democratic Party Chair Jimmy Cochran, Ninth District Chair Cynthia Wallace, and Yadkin County Democratic Party Chair Walter Smith.**

**MECKLENBURG  
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN HAVE A  
HAPPY HOLIDAY PARTY!**

**On December 12<sup>th</sup> attorney Noell Tinn once again hosted the Holiday Party of the Mecklenburg Democratic Women at his historic law office in the Dilworth section of Charlotte. President Connie Green-Johnson presented a gift basket to Noell.**



**Chair Jane Whitley, Sandra Dickerson with another good Democratic woman.**



**Ann Wood and Elyse Dashew**



**This Democratic Christmas cake was donated by State Rep-Elect Carolyn Logan**







**Marsha Zaidman & Hospitality Chair  
Susan Marcus**



**Rex Marvel & Mayor Vi Lyles, with Karen McCallum**



**Happy Democratic Women!**



**Connie Green-Johnson, Lisa Ellsworth  
and Mandy Deese**



**Many Teen Democrats joined in the celebration!**



**Congratulations to Tera Long for making these beautiful pictures  
and to Shannon Lalor for sending this information.**



**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF GUILFORD COUNTY!**

**County Commissioner Skip Alston and Gwen Alston hosted the Annual Holiday Party of the DW of Guilford County at their spectacular home. The guests parked at a nearby church. The Alstons provided one Mercedes and four vans to deliver the guests to their home. In the picture above Skip is introducing all the elected officials who attended.**



**Hosts – Skip & Gwen Alston**



**Senator-Elect Michael Garrett with Allison & Jack**



**Beverly Bard (Center)  
with Larry and Gail Cormier**



**Jo Isler provided all the pictures for this article.**



**Greg Moody and Ozzie Edwards Moody**



**DW Members revel in talking about their November 6<sup>th</sup> victories**



**Tammi Thurm and Carolyn Bunker**



**Guilford County Democratic Party Chair Nicole Quick and Heidi Fleshman**



**Bruce and Angela Davis**



**DW President Sarah Jane Otte addresses the holiday party**



**Judy Shaw, Sangeetha Sh, President Sarah Jane Otte,  
Jo Isler, and Connie Tyre**



**Mary Bell-Hemingway and  
Felita Donnell**



**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF WILSON COUNTY  
HOLIDAY PARTY!**

The goodhearted members of the Democratic Women of Wilson County focused their Holiday Party on collecting gifts for the children in the local women’s shelter, Wesley Shelter. In the picture on the left above, Donations Chair Hope Bethea is holding gift cards and is surrounded by the toys that the DW Members donated.

Right Picture - Ann Martin, First Lady Carolyn Hunt, and Rebecca Hunt-Hawley are smiling as they think about the joy these gifts will bring to the children.



**Former State Democratic Party Chair Betty McCain and her daughter, Eloise Hassell.**



**Beth Punte and Wanda Davis**

**The Wilson DW Officers for 2019-2020 will be:**

- President Nancy Hawley**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Beth Punte**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Hope Bethea**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sally Carter**
- Treasurer Ann Martin**



**MARY FRANCES WHITE – FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN  
EVER ELECTED IN LINCOLN COUNTY!**

**Even though it was named after the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, Lincoln County has never allowed an African American to hold an elective office in its entire history.**

**On November 8<sup>th</sup> Democrat Mary Frances White broke that barrier by winning a seat on the Lincoln City Council!**

**These pictures were made at her Installation Ceremony on December 6<sup>th</sup>, an event that drew a large crowd.**



**Celebrating a milestone:**

**George Durham, Jr. – President, NC Funeral Directors – the Keynote Speaker**

**Lincoln County Democratic Party Chair - Ross Bulla**

**New City Council Member – Mary Frances White**

**Lincoln County Democratic Women President – Gail Jenkins**

**Tenth Congressional District Democratic Party Chair – Betsy Wells**

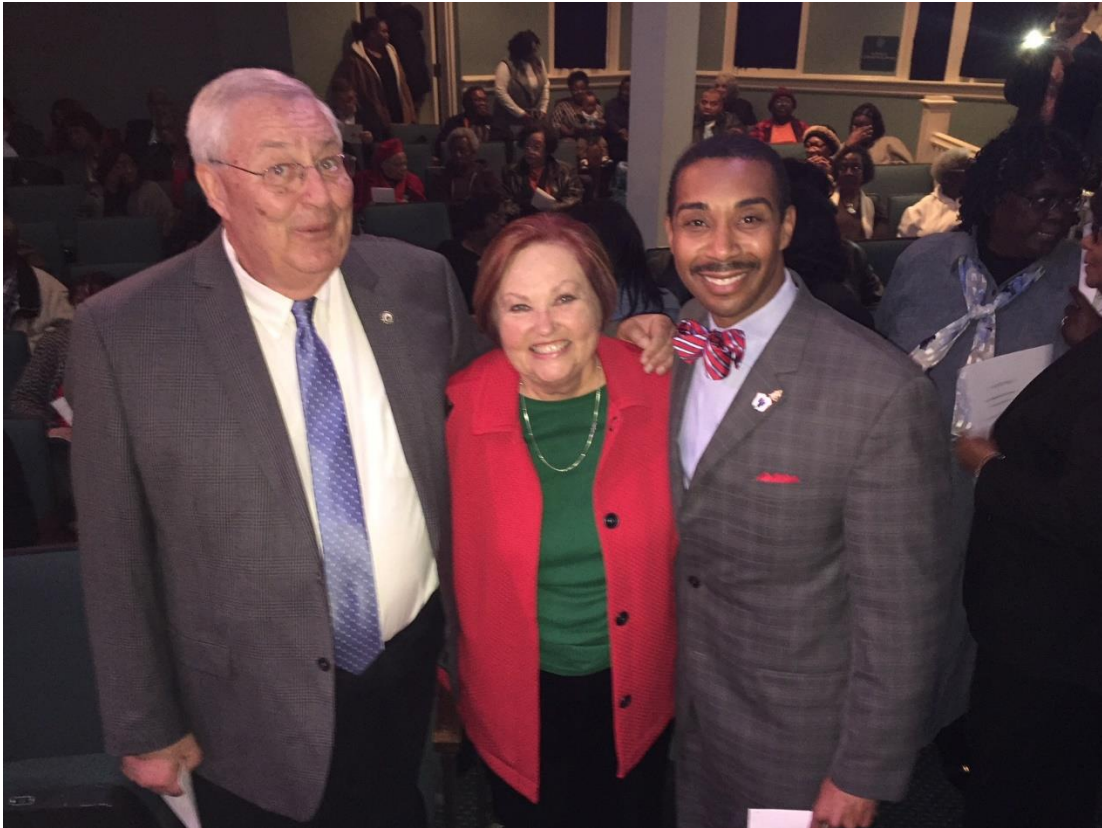
**Democratic Lincoln City Council Member - Marty Edy**

**Lincolnton's Democratic Mayor – Ed Hatley**

**Democratic Lincoln City Council Member – Jim Watson**



**These four Democrats were installed on December 6<sup>th</sup> after winning election to the Lincolnton City Council – even though they live in one of the state’s most Republican counties. From the left they are: Jim Watson, Mary Frances White, Marty Edy, and Mayor Ed Hatley.**



**Betsy led the celebration: Mayor Ed Hatley, Tenth District Democratic Party Chair Betsy Wells, and NC Funeral Directors President George Durham, Jr.**



### **URIAH WARD EARNS MASTERS DEGREE!**

**In 2013 Uriah Ward of East Carolina University was officially named North Carolina's "COLLEGE DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR."**

**He is continuing to succeed and achieve.**

**He has just earned his Masters of Arts in Education Degree from East Carolina. The focus of his degree was Adult Education.**

**Uriah earned this degree on a long distance basis. He is currently living in St. Paul, Minnesota.**



### **STATE CHAIR WAYNE GOODWIN STARS ON "HARDBALL!"**

**On December 14<sup>th</sup> NCDP Chair Wayne Goodwin gave an excellent analysis of the controversial Ninth Congressional District race.**

**Click this link to see his presentation:**

**[https://www.msnbc.com/hardball/watch/north-carolina-democratic-chair-this-is-a-disaster-for-democracy-1398534211915?fbclid=IwAR0DdDiSfwKAbK76fh-ef8MTkJIqJbOHsPiuSwv\\_RGLL0\\_LveqUKDhXQtos](https://www.msnbc.com/hardball/watch/north-carolina-democratic-chair-this-is-a-disaster-for-democracy-1398534211915?fbclid=IwAR0DdDiSfwKAbK76fh-ef8MTkJIqJbOHsPiuSwv_RGLL0_LveqUKDhXQtos)**





### **NERVAHNA CREW INSTALLED IN WAKE COUNTY!**

**Ardant Democrat Nervahna Crew of Raleigh was recently sworn in as Wake County's new Soil and Water Supervisor. Her son, Randall, held the Bible as Judge Ashley Dunston administered the Oath of Office.**

**Nervahna won the November 8<sup>th</sup> election by receiving 113,471 votes. She has been Secretary of the Wake County Democratic Party, SEC Member, and active in all activities of the Democratic Party.**



### **DORIS WALLACE HELPS FEED HUNGRY PEOPLE!**

**Johnston County Democratic leader Doris Wallace helped spread Christmas joy by supporting the GENEROSITY FEED PROGRAM at Smithfield Middle School.**

**In this picture she is joined by Jaden and Jamal Dawes.**

**Democrats are goodhearted people!**



### **LESTER BUSSEY SALUTED!**

**The Cumberland County Democratic Party presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lester Bussey for “Donating his time and talent to the 2018 Election Campaign.” In recent years Lester has served as First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Senior Democrats of Cumberland County. He is also past Treasurer of the Cumberland County Democratic Party. Lester enjoys boosting the Democratic Party and our candidates!**

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**Melvin Williams, State Secretary  
North Carolina Democratic Party**