

# **GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!**

**JANUARY 4, 2018**

## **YOUTH FEATURE: EMILY HOGAN - POLK COUNTY!**



### **A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL IN THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION!**

**During a December 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Reception at the Executive Mansion, Governor and Mrs. Roy Cooper arranged for State Representative Duane Hall and Katie Stanley to be alone in one of the parlors. This moment of privacy was the perfect time for Duane to get on his knees and propose.**

**Katie accepted! They are looking forward to a Spring, 2018 wedding.**

**The couple was actually alone at the time of the proposal. The picture on the left is a re-enactment that friends suggested so a picture could be taken.**



**Governor and Mrs. Cooper joined the engaged couple for this picture. Duane Hall's law office is across the street from the Executive Mansion.**



**Tom West, Julie Daniels, Julia Daniels, and Frank Daniels, Jr. joined the happy couple for a celebratory toast.**



**Raleigh restaurateur Greg Tatem presented the first wedding present to Duane and Katie.**  
**First Lady Kristin Cooper has been a gracious and well-organized hostess to many North Carolinians during a series of Christmas receptions.**



### **TJ CAWLEY INSTALLED AS MORRISVILLE MAYOR!**

**After waging a vigorous campaign to unseat an incumbent Republican, SEC Member TJ Cawley was sworn in as the new Mayor of Morrisville by State Representative Joe John.**



**The Cawley family celebrates the inauguration! From the left they are TJ's daughter Katie (a Junior at UNC-Chapel Hill,) his wife Kathy, his daughter Shannon (a freshman at Green Hope High School,) the new Mayor, his son Ryan who is a sixth grader at West Cary Middle School, and his father, Tom, who knocked on doors with TJ during the campaign.**

**TJ serves as Secretary of the NC Democratic Municipal Officials Board. He encourages all NC Municipal officials to visit [www.NationalDMO.org](http://www.NationalDMO.org). TJ is a man of action: As soon as he was sworn in he signed onto the Sierra Club Clean Energy effort. You can read about this at [www.SierraClub.org/ready-for-100/mayors-for-clean-energy](http://www.SierraClub.org/ready-for-100/mayors-for-clean-energy).**



## **MEET PAM GENANT – NEW BURKE COUNTY CHAIR!**

On December 19<sup>th</sup> the Burke County Executive Committee elected Pam Genant to be their new County Chair. She succeeds Mark Vitrone who relinquished the position because his new job requires him to be out of the county about half the time.

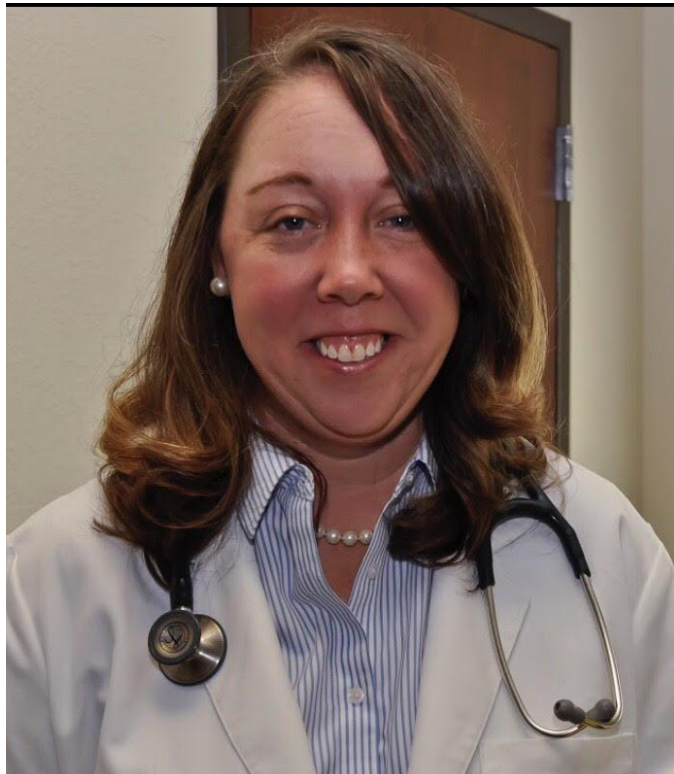
Originally from Maine, Pam has a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and she joined the United State Army Nurse Corps in 1990. She met and married her husband at Fort Bragg, North Carolina while she was assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> MASH.

After finishing her commitment to the United States Army, she moved with her

husband to Germany. Upon returning to the States they decided to raise and homeschool their two sons in Burke County, North Carolina. She has been a resident of North Carolina since 1998 and because of her love of the Burke County area she volunteers her time within the community.

If you would like to welcome Pam to her new position, her email is [genant2@gmail.com](mailto:genant2@gmail.com).

At the same December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Marcus Key was elected County Party Treasurer and Jarrett Patrick was elected Third Vice Chair.



## **DR. KYLE HORTON ANNOUNCES**

### **THREE UPCOMING TOWN HALLS!**

Seventh District Democrats are excited about Dr. Kyle Horton's campaign for Congress!

Dr. Horton invites everyone to come visit with her at these Town Hall Meetings:

#### **PENDER COUNTY TOWN HALL**

6:00PM – 8:00PM, January 22, 2017

Burgaw Train Depot

#### **DUPLIN COUNTY TOWN HALL**

6:00PM – 8:00PM, January 24, 2017

Warsaw Recreation & Wellness Center

#### **BRUNSWICK COUNTY TOWN HALL**

6:00PM – 8:00PM, January 26, 2017

The Brunswick Center, Leland



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Candidate for NC Supreme Court

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**<https://orangedems.ngpvanhost.com/form/-4172037928590964736?midqs=&>**



## **YOUTH FEATURE – EMILY HOGAN – POLK COUNTY!**

**Emily Hogan is a 17 year old Polk County High School senior who is passionate about bringing positive change to North Carolina. She is the founder and President of the Polk County Association of Teen Democrats and she is the Youth Adviser for Indivisible Foothills Carolina.**

**In October of 2017 Emily met Governor and Mrs. Roy Cooper and their daughter, Natalie, at a reception at the Governor’s Western Residence in Asheville.**



**As a child Emily attended Democratic Breakfasts and meetings with her parents and she canvassed for Hillary Clinton. However, it was the night of the General Election of 2016 when she became more fired up about working to make a difference. The next day she started the Polk County Association of Teen Democrats at Polk County High School and she hasn’t looked back – or slowed down.**



**Emily and another Democrat created this sign and hung it on the front of the Polk County Democratic Headquarters in Columbus, NC.**



**In January, 2017 Emily and her mother, Susannah attended the historic Women's March on Washington. She then attended the NAACP Moral March in Raleigh. Later she met Reverend Dr. William Barber at a community organizing training event at Furman University. Cindy Walker and Mary Prioleau are in the picture with Dr. Barber.**

**In March, 2017 Emily attended the Young Democrats of NC Convention where she met South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg.**



**In June Emily was selected to be a Girls State representative where she met Attorney General Josh Stein and spoke to him about issues pertinent to North Carolina.**

**Emily spent a weekend campaigning for Jon Ossoff in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District knocking on almost 200 doors in the pouring rain.**

**In between all of this, she routinely attended rallies and marches in Asheville, Greenville, and Charleston.**

**Polk County Democratic Party Chair Pat Salomon says: "I am happy to tell you what a refreshing lift Emily has given to the Polk County Democratic Party by establishing and leading the Polk County Teen Dems. Her enthusiasm, hard work, and "can do" attitude are inspiring.**

**"This was evidenced in the fundraising Rubber Duck Race down the Pacolet River at our County Party's Fall Rally."**



**Emily made an uplifting talk at the 2017 Polk County Democratic Convention. She frequently calls her state and local representatives about issues that concern her. She sends weekly postcards to various individuals and groups.**



**This picture shows Emily with a group of Polk County Democrats as they call their state and national Representatives.**

**She has helped to teach a Facebook class to adults, mentored young students through a ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE tutoring program, helped execute a countywide school supply drive.**

**Here Emily is discussing legislation at a Ice Cream Social and school supplies drive that her precinct and the Polk County Teen Democrats organized.**







**In this picture Emily happily poses with her fellow Polk County Association of Teen Democrats Officers:**

**Vice President of Membership – Evan McCarthy**

**Executive Vice President – Luke Collins**

**Ninth Grade Membership Representative – Itzel Avellnada**

**What a talented young lady! Emily is the Woodwind Captain for the Polk County Cadets Marching Band, where she plays first chair alto sax. She is a champion sport rock climber and climbing coach. She was the youngest certified rock climbing coach in the United States.**

**She lives in Tryon, NC with her parents, Sean and Susannah Hogan, both of whom are teachers. She has two siblings – her brother, Miller, and her sister, Julia.**

**Emily will attend Appalachian State University in the Fall where she plans to major in Political Science with a minor in Spanish. She is looking forward to playing in Appalachian's marching band.**

### **EMILY REALLY CARES!**



**In the picture on the left Emily is speaking about the importance of the DREAM Act at a town hall. She is trying to get her message to the two Republicans who are pictured in the background.**

**Emily made the picture on the right at a protest following Trump's immigration ban. The child is holding a sign which says: "WE ARE AN IMMIGRANT NATION."**

**Democrats may write to Emily at: [Emily.Grace.egh@gmail.com](mailto:Emily.Grace.egh@gmail.com).**



**JUSTICE MORGAN INSTALLS STATE AAC OFFICERS!**

**Justice Mike Morgan of the NC Supreme Court administered the Oaths of Office to the full slate of Officers of the African American Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party in an impressive ceremony at the Goodwin House on December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**From the left the Officers are:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – John Moore**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Phyllis Perry**

**State President - Linda Wilkins-Daniels**

**Justice Mike Morgan**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Natalie Murdock**

**Treasurer – Linda Johnson-Spence**

**Secretary – Sandra Cooley**

**Parliamentarian – Corey Gee**



**A rising star: 19 year old John Moore of County received his Oath to continue as First Vice President of the State AAC.**



**Phyllis Perry posed with Justice Morgan after being sworn in for her second term as Second Vice President.**



**Past State AAC President Willie Fleming, State AAC Political Director Gwen Wilkins, and Assistant District Attorney Norlan Graves.**



**NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes and Second Congressional District Candidate Linda Coleman addressed the AAC meeting.**

**AAC members filled the Goodwin House for the Installation Ceremony.**





### **WAYNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN!**

**The Democratic Women of Wayne County held a toy drive at their Christmas Dinner. All the toys shown above were taken to a Goldsboro women's shelter for children whose families are in crisis.**

**From the left these Wayne Democratic Women are: Toy Drive Event Coordinator Jill Gurley, Joyce Joyner, Wayne Democratic Women President Judy Harrison, Lois Mooring, and Pat Hokett.**

**Wayne County Democratic Party Chair Barbara Dantonio says that she and all Wayne Democrats "are proud of this effort!"**

**Seventh  
Congressional  
District Chair  
Francisco Rivas-Diaz  
brought happiness to  
children in  
Brunswick & Onslow  
counties during the  
Christmas Season!  
What a great  
Santa!**





**KEN ROMLEY IS RUNNING FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT SEAT IN CONGRESS!**

**Ken Romley is a high-tech entrepreneur who has founded four companies in North Carolina and employed hundreds of people. Trumps' election and the dangerous policies of the Republican Congress pushed Ken into the political arena. He says: "We need a government that creates opportunity for all Americans and we currently have a Congress and President who are focused on helping the wealthy and the powerful."**



**Ken Romley and his wife Di with Governor Roy Cooper**

**Ken believes America needs a new class of leaders who are more accountable to the people than to special interests. He says: "We also need people who will stand up to Donald Trump. Trump has not just harmed the office of the presidency, he has harmed our national reputation and used the office for personal and financial gain for his family and his cronies. We need more candidates & leaders willing to call him out." His website: [www.KenRomley.com](http://www.KenRomley.com)**



**LINDA COLEMAN IS RUNNING FOR  
THE SECOND DISTRICT SEAT IN  
CONGRESS!**

**Linda's daughter Kionna and  
her grandson Sebastian joined Linda  
for this campaign picture at the State  
Capitol in Raleigh.**

**Her website is:**

**[www.LindaColemanForCongress.com](http://www.LindaColemanForCongress.com)**

**Linda was joined by  
Congressman G. K.  
Butterfield and  
Knightdale  
Mayor James  
Robeson at  
a recent fundraiser.**



**Linda carried her campaign for Congress to the East Wake Dems Christmas  
Party and the Holiday Party of the Harnett County Democrats.**



### **MECKLENBURG DEMOCRATS TALK WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA IN HAWAII!**

**On December 28<sup>th</sup> Heather McKee and Jane Campbell of Davidson had an unexpected opportunity to talk with President Obama.**

**Heather says: "The President came out to Bellow AFB (where my wife, Jane, and I were staying) to spend some time with his family and friends. He was gracious enough to stop and chat with me and my family."**

**Heather says she thanked him for all he had done for our country. He said to keep up the fight!**

**Jane Campbell was elected a Davidson Town Commissioner in the November, 2017 General Election!**

**The man in the yellow shirt is a Secret Service Agent.**



### **FEEDING MORE THAN 400 IN LUMBERTON!**

**“Christmas is a wonderful time, but it can be tough for many people,” said Pastor Gary Strickland. Following Rev. Strickland’s suggestion for the sixth straight year, Arnold West of Village Restaurant provided Christmas Dinner for more than 400 people on Christmas Day 2017. Rev. Strickland is the brother-in-law of Congressman Mike McIntyre.**

**In the picture above Robeson County’s Democratic Sheriff Kenneth Sealey is on the left, Rev. Strickland is in the middle and restaurant owner Arnold West is on the right. Sheriff Sealey carried out plates to members of his staff who had to work on Christmas Day.**

**The hungry people who came to the restaurant were treated to a sit-down dinner with tablecloths. They ate turkey with dressing, ham, two vegetables, a roll, cranberry sauce and pie. Members of Rev. Strickland’s Kingdom Place church helped serve the delicious dinners.**



### **HENDERSON COUNTY SENIOR DEMOCRATS!**

**This happy picture shows part of the Senior Democrats of Henderson County at their 12-19-17 luncheon at Bay Breeze Restaurant in Hendersonville.**

**Their tireless Chair Tony Wayne is standing at the far end of the table. His wife Gayle is sitting beside him wearing a red dress.**





**JOHN JOHNSON FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 16!**

**John Johnson of Burgaw (on right) is running a dynamic campaign for State Representative in District 16 which includes Columbus and Pender counties.**

**In the picture above John is with Columbus County Democratic Party Chair Franklin Thurman and Mrs. Thurman at the County Party's Christmas Party in Hallsboro.**



**Chairman Thurman and John Johnson were joined by Columbus County's Democratic Sheriff Louis Hatcher in this picture.**

**John's website is <https://ElectJohnJohnson.com>**

**His email address is: [ElectJohnJohnson@gmail.com](mailto:ElectJohnJohnson@gmail.com)**



**HOLIDAY CELEBRATION HONORING WOMEN ELECTED TO OFFICE!**

These pictures were made at Charlotte's "Holiday Celebration Honoring Women Elected To Office." NCDP Executive Council Member Dee Jones is welcoming Keynote Speaker Kristi Jones in the picture on the left above. Kristi is Chief of Staff in Governor Roy Cooper's office.

In the picture on the right above Mecklenburg County's Democratic Sheriff Irwin Carmichael is with Black Women's Caucus President Carolyn Logan and Ingrid Nurse.

The event at the Levine Museum of the New South was sponsored by the non-profit Charlotte Women's March and the Black Women's Caucus of Charlotte.



Charlotte's Democratic Mayor Vi Lyles and Dee Jones with Carolyn Logan. All of us can admire Dee's beautiful strands of pearls!

**State Representatives Mary Belk  
State Representative Becky Carney,  
Ingrid Nurse, and  
former State Representative  
Martha Alexander**





**This picture includes Charlotte Women's March President Jan Anderson, Ingrid Nurse, Jennifer Roberts, Dr. Jessica Schorr Saxe, and Charlotte Mecklenburg School Board Member Margaret Marshall.**

**Your Democratic Friend,  
Melvin Williams, Secretary  
North Carolina Democratic Party**

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