



## **GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS**

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### **NASH COUNTY IS 100% ORGANIZED**

Last week Nash County finished organizing all 27 precincts. Congratulations to Laura O'Neal who took this as her personal project. County Commissioner Mary Wells, County Chair Charlotte Mizzelle, and many other Democrats also helped to achieve this goal. It is reported that Nash and Alamance are the only two counties in the state that have all precincts organized. Do you know another county which can be added to this distinguished list?

Monday night the Nash County Executive Committee heard presentations from three candidates to replace the late Barbara Sasser as Register of Deeds. They nominated Anne Melvin who was serving as the acting Register of Deeds.

### **CLEVELAND COUNTY**

Democratic Women's President Betsy Wells hosted the Fay Gardner-Bess Hoey Breakfast on October 22nd at the North Lake Country Club in Shelby. This event honors two of the Cleveland County's most famous women. Fay Gardner was the wife of Governor O. Max Gardner. Bess Hoey was the wife of Governor Clyde Hoey (who was the brother of Fay Gardner.) Betsy points out that "Fay and Bess were strong role models for women in North Carolina who were still figuring out all it meant to have finally gained the right to vote in the 1920s." The Keynote Speaker was O. Max Gardner III who is Fay's grandson. He is an active Democrat and nationally recognized bankruptcy attorney.

### **SENIOR DEMOCRATS**

The Executive Committee of the state Senior Democrats will meet at 11:00AM, October 29th at the Guilford County Party Headquarters in Greensboro. President Raymond Stone reports that the Senior Dems are "making a great effort to organize more chapters for a total GOTV in 2012."

### **BURKE COUNTY**

County Chair Jim Cates welcomed over 125 Democrats to the 26th Annual Senator Sam Dinner in Morganton on October 15th. Tenth District Chair Cliff Moone introduced the Keynote Speaker, State Senator Eric Mansfield of Fayetteville. Burke County's "Democrat Of The Year

Award" was presented to Jim Furr for his many years of service to the Party. County Chair Jim Cates recently won a Blue Ribbon Prize for his artwork at the Burke County Fair.

## **MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

County Chair Aisha Dew and the Mecklenburg Democrats hosted a big "I Voted Fundraiser" on October 20th at the historic Excelsior Club in Charlotte. Admission was \$20 for people who had not voted yet and only \$15 for those who had voted. Many state legislators and city and county candidates spoke.

State Executive Committee Member Carla Cunningham was recently appointed by Governor Perdue to the NC Commission For Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse.

Democratic activist Charlene Henderson is organizing a Community Voters Rally from 2PM to 6PM, November 5th at the strip mall at 115 East Sugar Creek Road in Charlotte. Free haircuts, free hairstylings, and lots of free products will be given to voters who attend. The Rally will provide food, fun, and entertainment. Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Cannon will speak to encourage everyone to vote on the following Tuesday.

## **IREDELL COUNTY**

Shelva Gordon, Second Vice President of the state Senior Dems, reports that Iredell Senior Dems hosted a wine and cheese forum for candidates running in the November elections. The Iredell Senior Dems are going to invite all Iredell Democrats to a big Christmas Dinner in December.

## **SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Seventh District Chair Jim Morgan and all the District Officers enjoyed meeting and eating at the famous Front Porch Restaurant in Elizabethtown on October 21st. They made plans for 2012 and had their pictures made at the Front Porch sign. Jim Morgan was recently elected Head Deacon at the First Baptist Church in Wilmington which has an attendance of about 1,500 people.

## **MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

Congressman Larry Kissell was the Keynote Speaker at the Uptown Democratic Forum at the Levine Museum Of The New South in Charlotte on October 17th. For over 10 years DNC Member Pat Cotham and the Mecklenburg Democrats have had many outstanding speakers at their monthly luncheon meeting.

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