

NC-11 April 2022 Newsletter



North Carolina Congressional District

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Hello NC11 Democrats!

Spring has officially arrived here in NC11. The weather is turning warm and beautiful, everything is in bloom, and we are less than a month away from primary day! With that in mind, it is time for us to start focusing on our Get Out The Vote effort ahead of May 17th. The weekend of April 30th and May 1st is being recognized as NCDP's "Weekend of Action", a time for we as a party to get out and work to spread the Democratic message and the need for folks to go to the polls ahead of next month's primary. I have asked the county parties to assist in this effort by using next

weekend (and any other time leading up to the primary) to circulate some materials that NCDP has put together on the importance of the judicial elections in North Carolina this year, as well the importance of making a plan to get to the polls on primary day. But this is not just a county party effort! As an active Democrat in NC11 you are the backbone and foundation of what we do, and we want your help as well! If you would like some of these materials to distribute around your community and those close to you, let us know and we will get them to you!

The District Convention is coming up! We will be holding this year's NC11 District Convention on May 21st at 11 AM at Tuscola High School in Waynesville. We are excited about the opportunity to get back to doing business in person, and we can't wait to see everyone in one place to dispense with the business that we have before us.

We are also in the final stages of planning for a very exciting upcoming event. We will be holding an NC11 Democratic Gala in June! This will be an evening event where we will have the opportunity to gather as a party for dinner and drinks, awards and recognition of those who have worked so hard across this district over the last year, and to hear from some fantastic speakers. Details will be announced soon, and we hope that you can join us for this chance to fellowship and celebrate all of the effort that is being put into Democratic values here in WNC!

Lastly, thank you for all that each of you do. I don't think that I or the Executive Committee of NC11 Democrats can ever express how grateful we are for the way that each and every one of you live out and promote the Democratic cause in our region. I know that it feels at times like an endless uphill battle...but what you do matters. It has an impact. And we are better as a party because of it.

Keep fighting the good fight, and let's get to work as we head toward May 17th!

Matt Ballance

Mark Your Calendars

Western NC Young Dems Regional Conference

Young Democrats of Western North Carolina are holding the annual [Western Regional Conference](#) in Asheville, NC at Circa 29 on March 26th from 2-4PM.

District 11 Messaging Team Zoom

March 28 6:30 PM

County Parties - Send a representative by [requesting a link here](#)

April Bi-Monthly Meeting

NC 11th Congressional District

Wednesday April 13, 2022 7:00PM

Please check nc11democrats.org/events for more details.

District 11 Convention

May 21 - 10AM Delegate Check in 11AM Convention

Tuscola High School Auditorium,

564 Tuscola School Rd, Waynesville, NC 28786

[Register Here](#)

Convention Documents will be posted at the District 11 website Convention page. Open to all Democrats

Primary Election

Tuesday, May 17th. 2022 Primary Election date

Visit [The North Carolina State Board of Election's website](#) for more updates.

Please [click here](#) for further candidate filing information.

Listen B Ramsey Gala Event - June TBA

Unity Dinner and NCDP State Convention

June 18

County Events

Please visit our website [Events page](#) to learn of many meetings, and special events offered by our counties.

Counties please send us your events using the [submission page](#).

KEEP US INFORMED!!!

**WE WILL POST YOUR COUNTY EVENTS AND
CAMPAIGN DEBATES/FORUMS ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE**

[Use this submission form to send](#)



All Things Training

In Case You Missed It

On April 13, at our bimonthly Executive Meeting, we featured a panel discussing Fundraising ideas. On the panel, we had Matt Balance, Jeff Rose, Sam Edney, Amanda Huber, and Lorna Barnett. Each of them had fantastic and unique ideas for raising money in your counties and we appreciate their contributions. If you missed it, you can still view it. The panel starts about 1 hour into the meeting, which is now on our YouTube Channel. There was lots of important information in the first hour of the meeting as well.

Link: [YouTube channel](#)

More trainings to come soon.
If you have any ideas for training, expert speakers, comments or questions,
please contact me, Denise Marecki, 2nd Vice-Chair, Training
at denise@nc11democrats.org

Much appreciation for all you do!

Denise Marecki,
2nd Vice-Chair, Training

From 3rd Vice Chair: Communications



County Party Information Updates

Hello Everyone
I am busy updating our website with the new county officer information. Please
visit your county page on the District 11 website (nc11democrats.org) and send
any updates such as website URLs, FB, Twitter, Instagram addresses, postal
and physical addresses, phone numbers and County officer's names positions,
and contact email addresses (or phone).

County officers: Please also visit the state website NCDP.org and make sure
they have the correct information for your county posted there.

Suggestion to County officers: Have two people on your CEO team maintaining

a list of all the usernames and passwords for the digital accounts you have for your county. That way if someone is unreachable the other person has the info.

Candidate Events: During the period from the NC primary until the general election in November candidates may submit posts of events for the District website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Please send detailed requests with pictures for addition to the District 11 Events Calendar. Pictures with captions of events that have recently happened in our counties are also welcome. Please try to get permission from people before taking photos. It's respectful.

[Submit your events for our Website Events Calendar](#)
Karen Albig Smith, 3rd VC Communications
communications@nc11democrats.org

Look for our next newsletter in May

Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is May 20, 2022 5PM

VOTER REGISTRATION SEARCH

Counties - Please republish this link in your monthly newsletters to help all registered voters check their registrations. With so many voter suppression efforts underway by the GOP and the NCGA we need to help voters stay on top of their voter registration this cycle.

T3 Program to begin in May

The DNC Best Practices Institute is excited to announce the launch of our 2022 Train the Trainer (T3) Webinar Training Program! T3 trainings will be held every Tuesday

and Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET, beginning on May 24 and concluding on June 30. All trainings will be recorded and made available following each session via a weekly wrap-up email, delivered on Fridays.

IMPORTANT:

- Participants MUST register by Sunday, May 22, 2022, and must complete all sessions in order to receive certification.
- Registering for the program automatically registers you for the webinar sessions via Zoom. You will receive more information on the program, as well as your Zoom webinar log-in links (directly from Zoom), on Monday, May 23. If you do not receive the email, please check your spam and/or promotions folder.
- All training sessions will include a skills test to track retention and participation.
- Participation is tracked using your email address, so all participants must use the same email address used to register below when completing training session quizzes in order to receive certification.
- All webinar trainings will be recorded and made available following each session in a wrap-up email sent on the following Friday, so participants may still complete the program, even if they are unable to attend the live session.

[To Register](#)

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Invite your fellow Democrats to join us also.

County News

Haywood On April 7, internationally acclaimed prosecutor Dr. David Crane spoke about "Aggression in Ukraine" during a public forum hosted by the Haywood County Democratic Party at the USDA Center in Waynesville. A captivated audience of 125 people listened intently as Dr. Crane outlined how Vladimir Putin can be held accountable for the invasion of Ukraine. Crane explained if Putin is indicted, an international criminal court would have jurisdiction over the war crimes and crimes against humanity, while the United Nations would need to create a special court for the crime of aggression. Putin can be charged and prosecuted, just as Dr. Crane did with Liberian President Charles Taylor -the most powerful warlord in Africa. In his role as Founding Chief Prosecutor of the UN Special Court of Sierra Leone, Crane guided the efforts to convict and imprison Taylor. "Vladimir Putin is done for politically, militarily and legally," Crane said. I know of no dictator or tyrant who has retired peacefully. Crane and his wife Judi are members of the Ivy Hill Precinct in Maggie Valley. He also serves as one of Haywood County's delegates to the NCDP State Executive Committee. Visit the Haywood County Democratic Party [Website](#)

Jackson Pictured above is Jenifer Montsinger, our go-to person for all things related to voter registration. She set up voter information stations at our library and at party headquarters as well as staffed a voter registration information table the past several Saturdays. She will also provide one-stop voter information during Sylva's Greening Up the Mountains on Saturday, April 23. We have continued to sign-wave in support of Ukraine and will be sign-waving for Earth Day on April 22. Our local Democratic Women will hold a purse preview sale on April 23 and a pavement sale on April 30, our first post-pandemic fundraising effort. Postcards will be going out to our turf target audience at the end of April (approximately 1,400 of them) and we will begin our five contacts with that group in May. Cashiers held an 11th-congressional district candidate forum on April 9th. We're busy in Jackson!



Macon The Earth Day 2022 theme “Invest in Our Planet” has spurred the Democratic Women of Macon County offered a very successful, delicious opportunity for folks to do their part – a Potato Supper. The April 22 fundraiser at the Carpenter Community Center, 1288 Georgia Road, solved the Friday night dinner dilemma with a baked potato, all the fixings, a dessert and a drink. Environmental information and opportunities to talk with local and congressional candidates added to the celebration. All the 15 Macon County precincts were represented at our March 19 County Convention. There were 73 people in attendance. Our guest speaker was Judge Roy Wijewickrama, Chief District Court Judge for the 30th Judicial District Court of North Carolina. Visit the Macon County Democrat Party [website](#).

Invest in our planet - eat a potato



Join us for our annual **Potato Supper**



Friday, April 22, 5-6:30pm

Carpenter Community Building

1288 Georgia Rd. Franklin

**Food, environmental information and
local and congressional candidates**

TICKETS: \$12 | \$6 FOR KIDS 12 & UNDER

Hosted by the Democratic Women of Macon County

McDowell After installing a new slate of Executive Officers in February, the MCDP has undertaken an ambitious agenda and is working on several major projects. Several of our members are becoming proficient with VoteBuilder and Mobilize and have begun training other key people on how to use this valuable tool. Our Voter Registration Committee is conducting registration events, sometimes in cooperation with minority church groups and local Community Forums. The MCDP website (mcdems.com) has been updated with voter information, convenient donation and volunteer links, upcoming events, candidate information articles of interest. In conjunction with our revamped website, we added Twitter, Instagram, Reddit and Linktr.ee social media accounts to our communications toolbox to help us reach out to Democrats across our region. On April 12th the MCDP successfully held our first-ever Congressional Candidate Debate at McDowell Technical Community College. Dr. Chris Cooper, Director of Public Affairs at WCU, moderated a lively discussion with

Congressional Candidates, Jay Carey, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Katie Dean, Bo Hess
and Bynum Lunsford.
Visit the McDowell County Democratic Party [website](#).



Polk Seventy people turned out on Saturday March 26th for the Polk County Democratic Party Convention. In addition to conducting party business, participants heard in-person from 5 candidates for County Commissioner (2), NC Senate (1), and U.S. Senate (2). Additional candidates provided videos for viewing. The quality of our candidates gives us hope. Visit the Polk County Democrat Party [website](#).



Swain The SCDP met for our convention. It was a hybrid meeting both in person and via Zoom. We were also excited to have Cheri Beasley join our April monthly

meeting. Gearing up for the primary this week we are mailing out postcards with the early voting information. They passed an ERA resolution.



Want your county news in the next newsletter?
Send 150-200 words with ONE picture to
communications@nc11democrats.org by May 20 by 5PM

[Events](#)

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