

NC-11 March 2022 Newsletter



North Carolina Congressional District

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Hello NC 11 Democrats!

I hope that each of you are enjoying the beginning of spring, and that the warmer weather and longer days are helping to feed your energy and enthusiasm as we move ahead!

The last month has seen a flurry of activity within the NC11 Executive Committee. Candidate filing deadline was a whirlwind earlier this month, but I am extremely happy with the slate of candidates that we have for our NC House and Senate races as well as the candidates that we have running for our local races as well. There are some top-

notch individuals running for office in NC11! I highly encourage you to learn more about the candidates running in your individual districts, and to volunteer and donate to their campaigns. These folks can make a huge impact in November!

As I am writing this, we are in the midst of County Conventions. A huge thank you to each of you who have attended or are planning to attend your County's Convention, and for the diligent work that you perform to conduct our Party's business. Your work at the Precinct and County level is the backbone of what we do as NC 11 Democrats.

While we are on the topic of conventions, I am pleased to announce that our District Convention for 2022 will be held on May 21st at 11 AM! We are still working on confirming the final location. This will be an in-person event, with registration beginning at 10 AM and lunch catered. We know that there are still concerns regarding in-person events and COVID risk, but the Executive Board has talked extensively about this issue and we feel that the time is right to transfer back to in-person events. For over 2 years we have not been able to gather together. While it has been imperative in terms of public safety, there is no doubt that the inability to fellowship and work together in person has hurt morale, energy, and enthusiasm. We will never be back to "normal", but we have to make the best out of the new normal that we have. Case numbers are down, and we are the party that is on the side of caution and science with the majority of our people being vaccinated, boosted, and willing to wear masks. These factors lead us to believe that the time is right to go back to an in-person convention. If the numbers and situation change between now and May, we will of course drop back and look at a virtual convention. But as of now we feel confident that this is the best path forward.

We are also looking at a modified way of conducting our annual District awards this year. The Liston Ramsey Awards and Mountain Democrat of the Year awards have previously been given at the District Convention. With the amount of business that we will have before us, and the wish to make in-person awards

truly special after our time apart, we are proposing the following: We would like to hold an NC 11 Democrats Gala in June, location to be determined, where we will have the opportunity to fellowship, enjoy a wonderful meal and beverages, have a marquee keynote speaker, and make the focus of the evening the awards and the chance to truly celebrate who we are and what we are working towards here in NC 11. We will be bringing more information on this to you all shortly.

As always, thank you for what each and every one of you do to promote Democratic values and causes across our region. You are the backbone of this party, and we could not do a thing without the hard work that each of you give.

Stay safe, and keep fighting the good fight!

Matt Ballance

NC District 11 Chair

Mark Your Calendars

March NCDP Opportunities

Sign ups, NCDP Digital Department Office Hours, Training and Organizing Office Hours and County Convention Office Hours.

[North Carolina Mobilize Events](#)

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

[More Details TBA](#)

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

VoteBuilder/Mobilize Training Recordings

Many thanks to Kathie Kline, 1st Vice-Chair of Buncombe County Democrats, who completed VoteBuilder Training Part 2 on March 16. Julia Buckner, NCDP Training also jumped on board to assist. If you missed this training, here are the You Tube links. There are 2 videos for this training due to a technical problem. Many thanks to Kathie Kline for spearheading these trainings!

Part 1 <https://youtu.be/EaM6cpoysBc>

Part 2 <https://youtu.be/r905VNRCHJw>

Note: VoteBuilder Training Part 1 is also on our YouTube channel.

Fundraising

Panel

Discussion

At our next Executive Committee Meeting on April 13 at 6:30pm, we will be having a Fundraising Panel Discussion. This part of the meeting will feature Matt Balance (D-11 Chair), Jeff Rose (Buncombe Chair), Sam Edney (Transylvania Chair), Lorna Barnett (D-11 Secretary) and Amanda Huber, former Eric Gash Campaign Chair. These experienced folks will be sharing their best practices in the vital area of fundraising. Please join us.

Under

Consideration

We are considering offering a training on deep canvassing and getting out the rural vote. We are happy to invest in the training by Chelsea White-Hoglen but would like to get a commitment to have at least 1 person attend from each county. In our next letter and in a separate email, I will be sending out more

information. Please let me know if this is something your county would find as valuable.

If you have any other 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,

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Vice-Chair,

From 3rd Vice Chair: Communications



County

Party

Information

Updates

Hello

Everyone

Now that we have had the county Conventions [please send me and new 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.

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 Albright Smith, 3rd VC Communications
communications@nc11democrats.org

Look for our next newsletter in April

Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is April 22, 2022 5PM

Treasurer's Corner



Money Makes the World Go Around ...

On top of all our volunteers' outreach efforts, it does also take funds to Get Out The Vote. So here are a few shout outs.

In February and March, Matt used the news of Madison Cawthorne's district flip-flopping to email out two quick fundraising appeals. WNC Democrats responded with \$1,802 in new contributions. Big thanks to all who gave generously.

And recurring donations! Currently five District members have monthly recurring contributions set up, which bring us not only funding but added stability. Thank

you so much for making a commitment to sustained support of NC11 District Democrats.

Julie Montanea, Treasurer

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.

What is a County Captain?

Taking our fight local: The best thing we can do is take our fight local. County Captains are the central hub for information within their city, town, or communities. Captains will work the closest with Grassroots Organizers, communicating goals and tracking progress. While County Captains take on a supporting role within their community, they can also have their own precinct assignment! This role decides which options for action their county will be supporting for the month and communicates that with Grassroots Organizers. [Sign up here](#)

Building Blue Update

[NCDP](#) [Daily](#) [Statewide](#) [Phonebank](#) [Mobilize](#) [Link:](#)

We need folks' support for the long haul by asking three friends to make critical calls

with us and signing up for a weekly phonebank shift for Joe, Kamala, Roy, Josh, and all of our NC Democrats between now and the end of April. [Become a Grassroots Organizer](#): To run a successful statewide grassroots organizing program, we'll need strategic partners at all levels! On the website below are short descriptions of the Building Blue for '22 supporting roles needed to build our winning coalition. Please become a Grassroots Organizer, County Captain, or District Ambassador

[NCDP Training & Organizing Office Hours](#): Join the NCDP Training and Organizing Teams every Friday from 2-4pm as we hold open office hours for Democrats from across the state. Drop in as needed to get your questions answered and to learn more about the philosophy behind why and how we organize in every one of our 100 counties.

[NCDP Webinar Series](#): We hope these educational sessions will introduce you to new concepts, give you tools that will help you and introduce you to our staff that will be fighting alongside you this cycle. The webinars are held on Zoom, a video calling platform and will be recorded and posted for you to watch at your convenience.

Did you know that Wikipedia has a history of NC Congressional District 11? [Click here](#) to [read](#).

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County News

Haywood The Ukraine crisis brought Ivy Hill Precinct member David Crane back to the international arena. Crane is an internationally recognized jurist for his work in the Sierra Leone trials. On Tuesday, March 8, Dr. Crane presented a resolution he wrote to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission of the US House of Representatives. The committee will be examining options for accountability for the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine and the commission of war crimes. Crane stated the following: "It must be noted that the United States has led in the creation of all of the international tribunals and courts in the modern era, from Nuremberg and Tokyo, the Former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, the ICC, and various domestic efforts and mechanisms around the world as well. The United States must continue to show leadership in the creation of a justice mechanism to hold Vladimir Putin and his henchman accountable. If we do nothing, then we will surely see other aggression perpetrated by China and North Korea, among others. We have to show tyrants around the world that the rule of law is more powerful than the rule of the gun." The March 8 hearing lasted for about 1 1/2 hours. [Click here to watch it](#) Visit the Haywood County Democratic Party [Website](#)

Henderson Around 40 people gathered at Boyd Park in Hendersonville on Thursday to call out Republican Rep. Madison Cawthorn for his reported comment about Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, his voting record, and what the local Democratic party describes as "criminal activities." They held up signs with messages like "Cawthorn and GOP are traitors to the US" and "Facts do matter." Visit the Henderson County Democratic Party [Website](#)



Jackson We had to cancel our paired 11th congressional district candidate forum on March 12 due to weather, the second such cancellation, We're hoping the third time

is a charm and are working with candidate calendars to set up an alternative. At the moment we're busily preparing the groundwork for a successful GOTV campaign. Our headquarters is open and Volunteer Coordinator Marilyn Davis has already conducted three training sessions for hosts. Our Social Media Volunteer Coordinator, Whitney Kreiling, has held two local orientation events and is ensuring we have an increasingly robust local social media footprint. In addition we sponsored a sign-waving event outside headquarters in support of Ukraine's efforts against Russia and placed a billboard on one of the county's electronic signposts. In the lower right-hand corner it includes one of the phrases we will feature in 2022: "Democracy Lives Here."



Polk Local Polk County Democrats Deliver Meals-on-Wheels - Robbie ter Kuilie put out a call to fellow Polk County Democrats to deliver hot meals to Columbus seniors in need. 12 people answered the call and are now supporting our seniors every week. An article was submitted to the Tryon Daily Bulletin and published on February 21st. Polk NC Dems welcomed Spring and this Midterm Election season by marching in the Tryon St. Patrick's Day parade. Ray Gasperson and Andy Millard, our two democratic candidates for County Commissioner were there. Stephanie Justice our Democratic candidate for N.C. Senate District 48 participated too. Visit the newly updated Polk County Democratic Party [website](#).



Transylvania Check out the latest Transylvania Billboard. Visit the Transylvania
County Democratic Party [website](#).

[Events](#)

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