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PRESIDENT'S DESK MAY 2014

*"The quality of mercy is not strained.
 It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
 Upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed:
 It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.
 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest. It becomes
 The thronèd monarch better than his crown.
 His scepter shows the force of temporal power,
 The attribute to awe and majesty
 Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings,
 But mercy is above this sceptered sway.
 It is enthronèd in the hearts of kings.
 It is an attribute to God himself.
 And earthly power doth then show likest God's
 When mercy seasons justice."*

Shakespeare's famous lines about the qualities of mercy and justice have been on my mind lately, no doubt because of the ubiquitous TV ads attacking NC Supreme Court Justice Robin Hudson. These scurrilous ads, fueled by an infusion of \$650,000 in cash from a dark-money PAC funded by corporate interests, attack Justice Hudson for taking a stand against retroactive punishment. The Raleigh News & Observer states that Justice Hudson ["made her call based on her interpretation of the Constitution, exactly what a justice is supposed to do."](#)

The ferocity of the attack on this good woman was a call to action. And

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May 2014 Agenda

like many of you, I felt a duty to answer this call this past Tuesday on primary election day. I spent the day traveling from one polling location to another, putting up signs for Justice Hudson, delivering palm cards and preaching the gospel of the importance of keeping fair and independent judges on the bench. And I was heartened by what I encountered. Poll greeters working for opposing candidates in the Democratic primary enthusiastically agreed to work together for the cause of justice, and for this particular Justice. I found that people were not misled by these false allegations, and instead were sickened by the false attacks on Justice Hudson. Justice prevailed with Justice Hudson carrying the day with the highest statewide vote total. The attacks on her backfired.

But we still have a lot of work to do. Justice Hudson won statewide, but she did not place first in Mecklenburg County. Voter turnout in Mecklenburg for primary day was under 10%, which was well under the 14% voter turnout reported statewide. The same corporate interests who pollute our air and water will be polluting our airwaves again this fall with deceptive advertising. Republicans currently hold power in our state's executive and legislative branches. They are trying to consolidate their power by taking over our judicial system and they will spend vast amounts of money to accomplish their goals. We need to be more organized and more focused in our approach if we are to succeed. We have a lot of work to do. Let's get to work.

Jane Whitley
President
Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE NORTH CAROLINA

May's program will be presented by Nurse-Family

Partnership on Preventing Child Abuse in North Carolina. Nurse-Family Partnership is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. Their goal is to build safe, stable, nurturing, and healthy relationships for children in communities across North Carolina.

[Click here to access the minutes of the April 9, 2014 DWMC meeting](#)

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DR. MOLLIE DAVIS RECEIVES THE FIRST ANNUAL PAT

[Click here to apply for a Mecklenburg County Advisory Board](#) or call 704-336-2472 for an application.

THE FIRST ANNUAL PAT PATTON AWARD

Sharp Wit, Powerful force, Speaks out, Made thing happen, A caring person, Steadfast, Mentor, A motivator, Good Democrat.

These are a few words that come to mind when Pat Patton's name comes up. Pat made us all better more attentive Democrats - even if it was partially because she spoke loudly not matter where she was. Many of us cut our Democratic teeth while listening and learning from Pat.

Pat Patton passed away in 2012. Today we honor Pat's Legacy by establishing the Pat Patton Democratic Woman of the Year Award.

The Inaugural Presentation goes to a Democratic Woman who embodies and reflects the values and dedication Pat always brought to our attention. She is a formidable advocate for Women's equal rights, a civil rights for all people activist, honored as a Star of Democratic Women,

the first recipient of the Rosa Parks Award, A lifelong Democrat and a woman Devoted to the Cause!

The 2014 Pat Patton Democratic Woman of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Mollie Davis on April 12, 2014 for her loyal and dedicated support of Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County.

Mollie was in the hospital and was not there to received the award in person. Concetta Caliendo and Ginger Walker to it to her in the hospital. Mollie is at home now and doing much better. If you would like to contact her, her number is 366-2187.

Congratulations Mollie and thank you for all you have done for Democratic Women.

SUMMER LUNCHEON

Join us for our Summer luncheon at Heaton Hall at Myers Park Baptist Church, Saturday June 14. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend. More

sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend more information to follow.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Annual dues are \$30. Members age 60 and over may pay senior dues of \$15. Dues payment covers membership until December 31, 2014. Checks may be made payable to "DWMC" or "Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County". Our mailing address is: DWMC, PO Box 470712, Charlotte NC 28247-0712.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Albritton
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Peggy Duncan
Maxine Eaves
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Yvonne Stafford
Joyce Townsend
Yolanda Trotman
Betty Washington

Associate Members:
Dondhi Burrell
Hon. Rodney Moore
Hon. Gregory Phipps

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6 - Primary

May 17 - Congressional District Conventions - No further info is available at the current time, but you can refer to <http://www.ncdp.org/> for more information when it is available.

June 7 - NCDP State Convention and Jefferson Jackson dinner at the Raleigh Convention Center, more info as it becomes available at <http://www.ncdp.org/>

June 14 - Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County Summer Luncheon. Heaton Hall at Myers Park Baptist Church.

~ **September 19 - 21** ~
DWNC 54th Annual Convention in New Bern

DWMC General Meeting will be held
WEDNESDAY, May 14
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