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PRESIDENT'S DESK NOVEMBER 2014

Election Day 2014 has come and gone. It goes without saying that things could have gone better for Democrats in North Carolina, but there were also things that went well and give us hope.

One of our major initiatives this year was our push to educate voters at the polls. Our DWMC t-shirts identified members as part of the "Voter Education Team" and made us visible at polling locations throughout the county. The Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County are proud to have worked hand-in-hand with the Democratic Party to produce and distribute the "[Blue Ballots](#)" that were ubiquitous at the polls this year.

Our voter education efforts made a difference that can be proved by the numbers. An analysis of the 2012 general election shows that 35.7% of Mecklenburg county voters who voted for President Obama failed to also vote for the NC Supreme Court Justice nominee endorsed by the Democratic Party that year. Democrats lost that race and control of the NC Supreme Court. Now flash forward to this year when the ballot included three candidates endorsed by the Democratic Party running for NC Supreme Court Justice. Our candidates won in all three of these contests, thanks largely to the "Blue Ballot" statewide initiative. In the closest of these three contests



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statewide initiative. In the closest of these three contests, Justice Cheri Beasley leads in the unofficial vote count by just 3958 votes. The numbers show that only 19% of "top of the ticket" Senator Kay Hagan's voters failed to vote for Justice Beasley. Had Mecklenburg County voters repeated 2012's performance when one out of three "top-of-the-ticket" voters failed to vote in this important NC Supreme Court race as well, over 25,000 votes in our county alone might have been lost in this race simply because voters did not receive the information that they needed to make an informed choice. That could have been enough votes to hand the victory, and an 8-year term on the NC Supreme Court, to Justice Beasley's Republican opponent.

Of course, this is just one aspect of this year's election results and there is never just one thing that causes a candidate to win or lose. Whether you contributed by volunteering as a poll greeter, a canvasser, a phone banker, a runner, a financial backer, a poll observer or if you helped in any other way to help elect Democrats, please know that you were a part of the team that made things happen. And while the election results this year were not all that we had hoped, we have proven that we can learn from the past and keep moving forward together....and not one step back!

I am proud to be a part of the team of dedicated Democratic Women who continue to lead North Carolina forward. Thank you for your hard work and sacrifice.

Jane Whitley
President

Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County

Annual DWMC Holiday Party

"Kicking Up Our Heels!"

Thursday, December 11, 2014


6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Palmer Building

2601 East 7th Street, Charlotte NC 28205

All food and beverages will be provided at the event.
Cash bar available.

Please note that this year's venue does not allow
outside food.


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If you were planning to bring a dish, please consider instead a voluntary contribution of \$10 to help with food expenses.

The Holiday Party is also a good time to renew your membership dues for 2015!

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.

Membership dues are now being accepted for 2015.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Ginger Walker and Concetta Caliendo on the recent loss of Ginger's mother.

DWMC General Meeting will be held
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
6:30 PM
Asian Library
1339 Baxter Street
Charlotte, NC

Annual election of DWMC officers will take place at this meeting, followed by an informal social hour and networking event.

Please bring goodies to share with your fellow DWMC members!

The Nominating Committee's recommendations for the 2015 Executive Board are as follows:

President: Jane Whitley
First Vice President: Connie Green-Johnson
Second Vice President: Linda Whitley
Third Vice President: Linda Brooks
Secretary: Susan Zach
Treasurer: Belle Leonard
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Hospitality Committee Chair: Virginia McCrary
Ways & Means Committee Chair: Judy Wittman

Nominations may also be submitted from the floor during the meeting.
Nominations from the floor must be in compliance with the DWMC Constitution & Bylaws.

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[Click here for the minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting](#)

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