
THE COALITION OF UNITED PROGRESSIVES CHARMECK CHRONICLE



Greetings!

**We truly appreciate everyone's involvement.
This War on Oppression will only be won as one
mass movement.**

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Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible starting at the local level and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

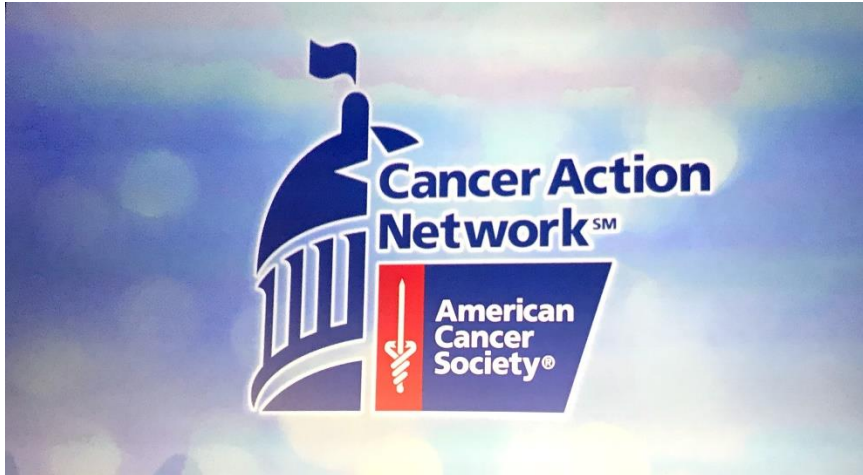
Spotlight

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Leadership Summit “Lights of Hope” 2018



By

DonnaMarie Woodson



As a 3-year Survivor of both Colon and Breast Cancer, I'm extremely proud to be a Member Advocate for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and for my 2nd year representing

NC District 12 at the 2018 Lobby Days and Leadership Summit – Lights of Hope.



DonnaMarie Woodson

Being an Advocate is one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had and I'm excited to

I'm honored to be a voice for the voiceless and use my advocacy power to affect legislative change. As Advocate Ambassadors we educate our Representatives and serve as their liaison for Healthcare and Cancer issues. An exciting surprise for me at this years' Summit was being the recipient of the 2018 Ambassador Leadership Award.



North Carolina Member Advocates

**announce that because of our voices, in May, the Childhood Cancer STAR Act was signed into law and Congress just passed our request for a 2 billion dollar increase in Cancer Funding and Research!
Tremendous accomplishments that reinforces the fact that:**

Every Voice Matters!

The crown jewel of our 4 days in Washington, D.C. for the ACS CAN



Lincoln Memorial

Lobby Days and Leadership Summit is The Lights of Hope Ceremony. It's a beautifully moving reflection of why we do what we do; finding a cure for this dreaded disease so we never again have to hear the words, "You have cancer."

We were totally spent after our Summit but wouldn't

have it any other way. It's an incredible opportunity to celebrate our successes and learn about innovations in research from the experts in their field. This year we were lucky to have Ned Sharpless, M.D, Director of the National Cancer Institute as a Keynote Speaker.

Lights of Hope History

- LIGHTS of HOPE began in 2011 at the National Leadership Summit and Lobby Day. That year 1,200 bags lined the Capitol's Reflecting pool celebrating ACS CAN's 10th anniversary.
- In 2012, 7,000 Lights of Hope bags lit up the Capitol in honor of cancer patients, survivors, and loved ones lost across the U.S.
- 2013 gave way to a record 14,000 Lights of Hope and during the ceremony ACS CAN honored the American Cancer Society's 100th year with a birthday cake recognizing the many accomplishments achieved together.



- 2015 marked the 5th Anniversary of Lights of HOPE, featuring a display of 20,000 lights. Even though it was a very

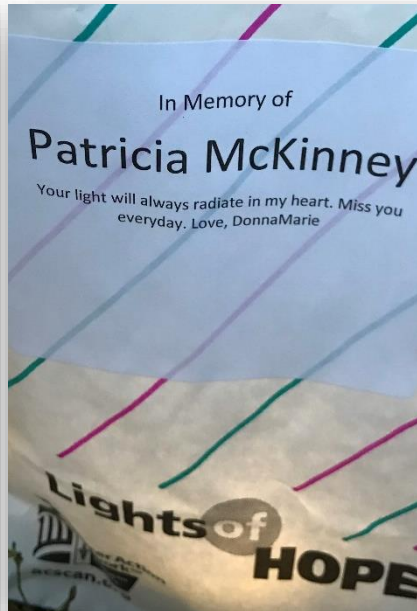
rainy event, hundreds braved the elements to honor and celebrate friends and loved ones.

- In 2017, the location changed to the steps in front of the historic Lincoln Memorial, displaying over 25,000 Lights of Hope around the Washington Monument Reflecting Pool.

This year over 33,000 Lights of Hope were displayed around the Washington Monument Reflecting Pool!



Lincoln Memorial



My incredible Nurse Navigator



Mom and Me

The truth is we're all only "1 Degree Way" from a cancer diagnosis. If you're interested in becoming a member of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, please let me know. I'd be happy to welcome you to our family whose mission and dedication is to finally find a cure.



To learn more about the issues we're working on.

Visit: www.fightcancer.org

Editorial

The Reason Why Tariffs Don't Work

By Tarik Kiley
September 25, 2018



So, Mr. Trump has imposed tariffs. When I heard this, I did a face palm. In my mind, placing additional taxes on imports is the bane of free trade. I get it. I really do.

Increasing the price of imports, by placing a tax on them, is supposed to provide an incentive for consumers to buy American made products. But, the problem is the retaliatory nature of tariffs. Let's look at an historical example, provided by Aaron Miller, in an online article in "The Republic."

To bolster the U.S. economy during the Great Depression, Congress passed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act after the stock market crash of 1929. The legislation increased tariffs on farm products and manufactured goods. Many economists at the time feared the impact of the new tariffs. Despite his own concerns, President Herbert Hoover approved the increased tariffs. Other nations countered by

raising tariffs on American goods, bringing international trade to a standstill. Unemployment increased, making the Great Depression much worse (Aaron Miller).

So, why do we need international trade?

International trade is good for the world. Therefore, you can drive a Japanese car while living in America. If companies can trade internationally, then they must compete with any other company on the global market. The increased



competition forces companies to make goods which people demand and are willing to purchase. This means that companies must make better quality goods, or at the very least, cheaper goods. The desire to stay competitive also forces companies to innovate. The fact that companies must produce cheaper and better goods increases the choices available in a market. If I am forced to buy American, because foreign goods are made prohibitively expensive to purchase, then this reduces my selection.

Really, when you think about it, people simply want to buy the cheapest and best quality products. This is how Japanese cars became popular in the early 1980's. The Japanese took a product which they did not invent, the automobile, and perfected it. Because of this, many Americans started buying Japanese cars and continue to do so until this very day.



This argument is different than the argument to protect American intellectual property. I am not talking about cheap knock offs. I am talking about having the ability to make a rational choice of which product to purchase due to its price and quality, rather than being forced to buy a particular product because it has been made artificially cheaper through tariffs.

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Announcements



Candidates' Forum: A Woman's Perspective on Issues

Thursday, October 4th, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

501 N. Tryon

Charlotte, NC 28262

Democrats of N. Mecklenburg Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 4th, 2018 7:00 PM

MAGNOLIA WOODS

12125 STATESVILLE ROAD

HUNTERSVILLE, NC 28078

(SHARED DRIVEWAY WITH CAROLINA VETERINARY SPECIALISTS)

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Raising Wages CLT and NAACP Charlotte-Mecklenburg Branch

County Commission Candidates Forum

Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

232 Skyland Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205

Announcements



North Mecklenburg Progressives Monthly Dinner

Tuesday, October 9th, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Famous Toastery

12715 Conner Dr., Huntersville

(Off Gilead, in front of Earthfare)

Special Screening of America To Me

Hosted by Braxton Winston

Wednesday, October 10th at 5:30 PM

150 N College St, Charlotte, NC 28202

(Screening and discussion of STARZ America to Me, a 10-part docu-series on race & equity in America's public schools at 1BAC Auditorium. Reception - 5:30pm. Screening - 6:30pm.)

<https://america-to-me-charlotte.eventfarm.com/>

Early Voting Kickoff Party!

Hosted by Representative Kelly Alexander Campaign

Friday, October 12, 2018, 7:30 PM – 11 PM

Petra's

1919 Commonwealth Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205

Announcements



Senator Jeff Jackson's Gameplan Phone Bank

Advent CoWorking

933 Louise Ave, Suite #101, Charlotte, 28204

Purpose: Targeting voters in flippable districts across the state and letting them know there's an election this November 2nd.

- **They've got a great challenger running in a competitive race who deserves their support as a voter and a volunteer.**
- **This challenger could be one of the keys to unlocking the governor's veto which would dramatically shift the political landscape.**

Sign up here <http://www.jeffjacksonnc.com/gameplan-phone-bank>



Please submit your group events to donnamarie93@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.

Happenings Gallery



AMPD STEERING COMMITTEE MEET AND GREET

(Deb Zahn, Cynthia Perry, Sam Todd, Rev. Rodney Sadler, Former Mayor Jennifer Roberts, J.L. Seymour, Joel Segal, Esther Ramirez-Pevney, Dimple Shah, Cate Strickland DeMallie, Gordon B. Douglas, Rhondra Simpson, Evelyn Maben-Hall)

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