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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

The Power of Women and the Resistance



(From left to right) Rashida Tlaib, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Sharice Davids, Ilhan Omar and Ayanna Pressley.

Historic 2019 Midterm Elections

By

DonnaMarie Woodson

One of the main tenets of The Reistance is record everything. If it's not documented, it didn't happen. So, following these principals I have some wonderful photographs and videos of friends I've marched and rallied with since the Women's March in 2017.

We've come a long way in our journey although we still have a long way to go. I'm so proud of all the women who took their anger from the streets of Charlotte and in January will take to the halls of the State Capitol.



*Women's March and the Black Women's Caucus Celebration.
Congratulations to the dynamic women in our State who ran and
Won!*

Over Christmas my daughter reminded me of this quote from the Steven Spielberg blockbuster, Jurassic Park:

Ian Malcolm: God creates dinosaurs. God destroys ... Man creates dinosaurs.

Dr. Ellie Sattler: Dinosaurs...eat man. Woman inherits the Earth. ☺

Nationwide, the 2018 Midterms are historic not only for the largest majority since 1974, but also for the diversity and women candidates who will be sworn in as members of Congress on January 3, 2019.



Among the notable names on the new House roster: Deb Haaland of New Mexico and Sharice Davids of Kansas are the first Native

American women elected to Congress, and Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar will be the first Muslim women in the House. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Abby Finkenauer of Iowa, both 29, will become the youngest women to serve in the House.

Other firsts: In Texas, Veronica Escobar and Sylvia Garcia became the first Latinas to represent the state in Congress. Jahana Hayes of Connecticut and Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts also became the first women of color elected to represent their respective states.

In the Senate, Kyrsten Sinema was elected as Arizona's first female senator. She is also the first openly bisexual person to serve in the Senate.



The 2018 Midterms resulted in a larger gain than Democrats had in the wave elections of both 1982 and 2006.

We can go back even further and see how unusual it

is that Democrats picked up these many seats. If you go back all the way to first election of the post-World War II era (1946), there have only been three elections in which Democrats net gained more seats than they did in 2018. Put another way, this was the fourth best performance for Democrats in the 37 general House elections since President Donald Trump was born.



Now that's what I call a Tsunami!

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Editorial

Speaking about Congressional Priorities for 2019

By Tarik Kiley

November 25, 2018



What are the Democrats going to do now, that the US House of Representatives has been won in their favor?

Well, according to Alana Abramson, from *Time* magazine, “The first major legislative effort will be an ethics reform package that is expected to incorporate proposals for campaign finance reform, voting rights and ethics and accountability. The bill is still being drafted, but Democrats are expecting to introduce it early in the new Congress.



Other top priorities include infrastructure and reducing prescription drug prices.” In addition to this, the incoming chairs of House committees plan to hold President

Trump’s administration accountable by focusing on investigations which the Republican majority mostly ignored. Abramson goes on to elaborate, “This effort will largely be led by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which will likely be chaired by



Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings.

This work, however, will almost inevitably broaden to include all committees that

have a section solely devoted to oversight. The intelligence and judiciary committees will also probably find their work in the spotlight, as will Ways and Means, which has the authority to request President Donald Trump's tax returns from Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin."

This is all to say that the House Democrats will strive to hold President Trump accountable, particularly to the



rule of law and to the values of the majority of the American people. There is no way that such a scandalized White House should be allowed to continue to operate with what appears to be impunity. In no way, should a president be allowed to assume that his staff and administration are required to be loyal to himself, when loyalty is actually supposed to be to the US Constitution, not any one person.

Also, issues of infrastructure improvement have been neglected due to what appears to be the incompetence of President Trump. There



are so many infrastructure concerns and emergencies across this nation which are being neglected. There have been the fires

out west, the water crises in Flint, damage from late summer hurricanes in the coastal southeast, etc. Additionally, America's infrastructure is becoming antiquated. Instead of the poor decision making now plaguing the USA, there should be investment in high speed trains, clean energy, self-driving and fuel-efficient vehicles, etc.



Additionally, healthcare is a very important issue. America has some of the best healthcare in the world, but a large portion of the healthcare is too expensive. Many times, the average wage earner cannot afford medical bills, without some type of assistance outside of the household. This means that a purely for-profit system of healthcare actually prevents people from getting healthcare, and then makes good health a privilege of the few.

While I do not argue for socialism, the idea that some people should be given unfair chances, while others do not share a fair chance, seems quite undemocratic and cruel. This is why the access to healthcare which the Affordable Care Act has provided, for so many, remains essential to the quality of life of so many Americans.

Whatever is done, it will require bipartisan support and effort.

According to Hadi Sedigh of *CN County News*, “The day after the election, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) expressed willingness to work with Democratic House leadership on a new infrastructure package, which President Trump has cited as a priority throughout his administration.”



Hopefully, this will hold true, and hopefully the Congress will *not* use the opportunity in order to create additional gridlock. This is important to note, because the Republican Party still controls the Senate and the White House, and both parties will need to work together to get anything done.

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Announcements



Democrats of N. Mecklenburg Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 7:00 PM

MAGNOLIA WOODS

12125 STATESVILLE ROAD

HUNTERSVILLE, NC 28078

(SHARED DRIVEWAY WITH CAROLINA VETERINARY SPECIALISTS)

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Educate to Engage, LLC

'New Jim Crow' Winter Dialogue Series (6 classes)

(Please only register if you can commit to the entire series)

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 5:45 PM – 8:00 PM

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - Hickory Grove Branch

5935 Hickory Grove Road

Charlotte, NC 28215

Click to [Register](#)

Announcements



North Mecklenburg Progressives Monthly Dinner

Monday, January 14th, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Famous Toastery

12715 Conner Dr., Huntersville

(Off Gilead, in front of Earthfare)

RSVP – Email: n.meck.progressives@gmail.com

The 16th Annual Legacy of Black Women Film Showcase

Friday, January 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM

McGlohon Theater at Spirit Square

Charlotte, NC

Women Leaders Legacy Breakfast

Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 8:30 AM – 11 AM

Hilton Charlotte University

8629 J M Keynes Dr.

Charlotte, NC 28262

Tickets: [Act Blue](#)

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Hidden Bias & Why it Matters

Hosted by Temple Beth El

Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 2 PM – 3:30 PM

Temple Beth EL

5101 Providence Rd.

Charlotte, NC 28226



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

Special Thanks

*The greatest comfort
during our sorrow
was the expressions of sympathy
conveyed to us in many ways.*

*We deeply appreciate your
thoughtfulness
and thank you most sincerely.*



*I feel so blessed to have such wonderful friends. We
are indeed a community of Love.*

DonnaMarie, Kevan, Jason, Daryn Woodson



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