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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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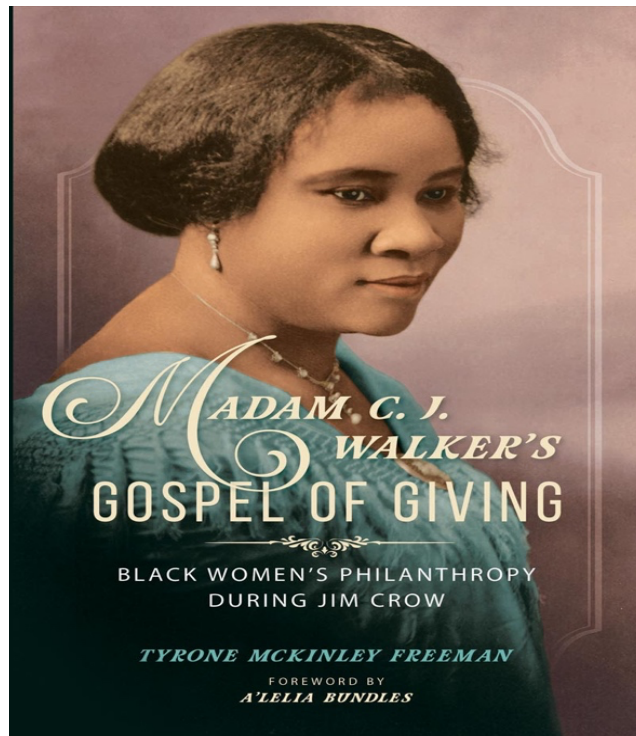
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## Our Mission Statement

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

## Madame C. J. Walker



**ENTREPRENEUR. ACTIVIST. PHILANTHROPIST**

**(December 23, 1867 – May 25, 1919)**

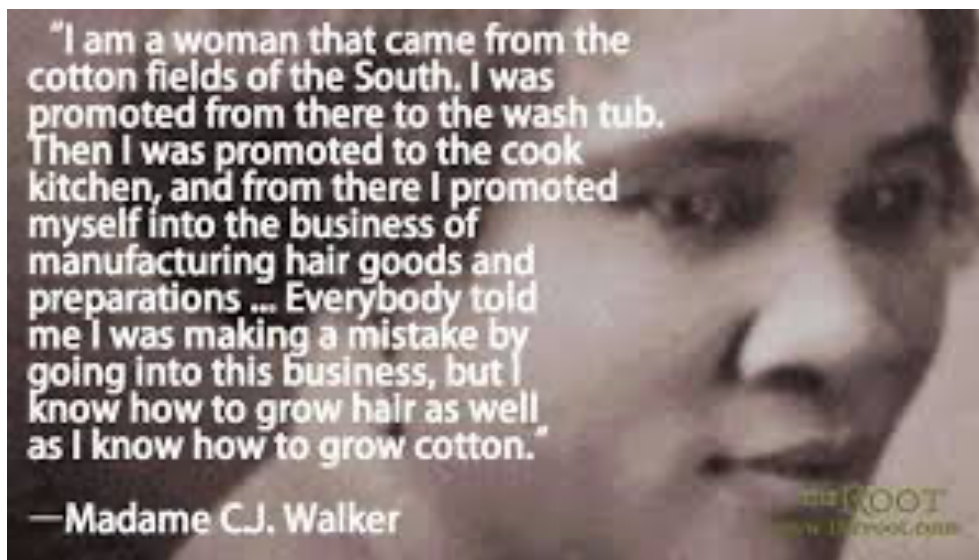
**By DonnaMarie Woodson**

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To uplift us in these times of stress, September's Spotlight focuses on the strength of our ancestors who not only survived but thrived during the Jim Crow years. Sarah Breedlove, aka Madame C. J. Walker, is just that spirit. With no formal education, she successfully became the first Black female self-made millionaire in America!

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**Madam C.J. Walker (born Sarah Breedlove; December 23, 1867 – May 25, 1919) was an African American entrepreneur,**



**philanthropist, and political and social activist. She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America in the [Guinness Book of World Records](#).**

**Sarah was born on the same Delta, Louisiana plantation where her parents, Owen, and Minerva Anderson Breedlove, had been enslaved. Born two years after the end of the Civil War, Sarah was the first child in her family born into freedom.**



**This child of sharecroppers transformed herself from an uneducated farm laborer and laundress into one of the twentieth century's most successful businesswomen.**

**Breedlove Cabin, Delta, Louisiana**

**Walker made her fortune by developing and marketing a line of cosmetics and hair care products for black women through the business she founded, Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company. She also became known for her philanthropy and activism. She made financial donations to numerous organizations, such as the NAACP, and became a patron of the arts.**



**Madam C. J. Walker's  
Wonderful Hair Grower**

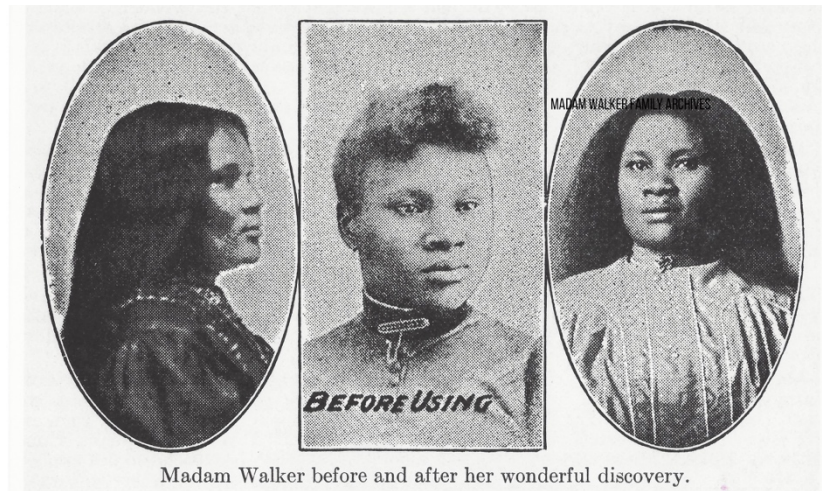
## **Becoming Madame C. J. Walker**

**Orphaned at age seven, Sarah often said, “*I got my start by giving myself a start.*” At 14, she married Moses McWilliams to escape abuse from her cruel brother-in-law, Jesse Powell. She and her older sister, Louvenia, survived by working in the cotton fields of Delta and nearby Vicksburg, Mississippi.**

**Her only daughter, Lelia (later known as A'Lelia Walker), was born on June 6, 1885. When Sarah's husband died two years later, she moved to St. Louis to join her four brothers, who had established themselves as barbers.**



**Working for as little as \$1.50 a day, she managed to save enough money to educate her daughter in the city's public schools. Friendships with other black women members of St. Paul A.M.E. Church and the National Association of Colored Women exposed her to a new way of viewing the world.**



**Sarah suffered severe dandruff and other scalp ailments, including baldness, due to skin disorders and the application of harsh products to cleanse hair and wash clothes. Other contributing factors to her hair loss**

**included poor diet, illnesses, and infrequent bathing and hair washing during a time when most Americans lacked indoor plumbing, central heating, and electricity.**

**Initially, Sarah learned about hair care from her brothers, who were barbers in St. Louis. Around the time of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904), she became a commission agent selling products for Annie Malone, an African-American hair-care entrepreneur, millionaire, and owner of the Poro Company. Sales at the exposition were disappointing since the African-American community had low attendance.**

**While working for Malone, who would later become Walker's largest rival in the hair-care industry, Sarah began to take her new knowledge and develop her product line. In July 1905, when she was 37 years old, Sarah and her daughter moved to Denver, Colorado, where she continued selling Malone products and developing her own hair-care business.**

**A controversy developed between Annie Malone and Sarah because Malone accused Sarah of stealing her formula, a mixture of petroleum jelly and sulfur that had been used for a hundred years.**



**1912**

**Following her marriage to Charles Walker in 1906, Sarah became known as Madam C. J. Walker. ("Madam" was adopted from women pioneers of the French beauty industry.**

**Sarah marketed herself as an independent hairdresser and retailer of cosmetic creams.**

**Her husband, Charles, her business partner and newspaperman, provided advice on advertising and promotion; Sarah sold her products door to door, teaching other black women how to groom and style their hair.**

**By the time she died at her estate, Villa Lewaro, in Irvington-on-Hudson, New York, she had helped create the role of the 20th Century, self-made African-American Woman entrepreneur. Sarah established herself as a pioneer of the modern black hair-care and cosmetics industry and set standards in the African-American community for corporate and community giving.**

**Tenacity and perseverance, faith in herself and God, quality products, and “honest business dealings” were the elements and strategies she prescribed for aspiring entrepreneurs who requested the secret to her rags-to-riches ascent. “There is no royal flower-strewn path to success,” she once commented. “And if there is, I have not found it, for if I have accomplished anything in life, it is because I have been willing to work hard.”**

***Villa Lewaro***



**Click the link below for the video of Villa Lewaro**  
**<https://youtu.be/301OFOx-jos>**

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**Let us draw from the inspiration of Madame C. J. Walker and not merely survive 2022 but THRIVE! We will undo these devastating wrongs and ensure Democrats sweep the Midterms and make our ancestors proud!**

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**Cleveland City Planning Commission Approves New Projects.**

**<https://www.theclevelandobserver.com/city-commissioners-approvals/>**

## Editorial

# **Maxwell Alejandro Frost Need for More Youth Participation in Politics**

**By  
Tarik Kiley  
August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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**Maxwell Alejandro Frost is running for office, and he is only 25 years old. He is a remarkable young person who is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in Florida. More notably has won the Democratic primary in the 10th Congressional District. Interestingly, he has won the primary against other seasoned candidates, such as former members of Congress Corrine Brown, Alan Grayson, and State Senator Randolph Bracy.**



**Frost's win is a significant turn of events for a person as young as Maxwell Frost to win the Democratic nomination in his district. According to the Washington Post, "He is among the new class of mold-breaking Democratic candidates this year with working-class roots. On his campaign website, he highlights the difficulties faced by his biological mother, who gave him up for adoption amid what he describes as "a cycle of drugs, crime, and violence." Frost has run on a very liberal agenda and has received support from Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), and Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.).**



Frost is an example of a young person who has channeled their frustration with the political status quo into concerted and effective action. While Frost is at the minimum age to hold a seat in Congress, he is not that new to the political arena. At 15 years of age, he started young protesting gun violence because of the Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting. The Washington Post continues to note, "He became the national organizing director for March for Our Lives, the group organized by students who survived the deadly mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., in 2018. He also worked for the ACLU in Florida, supporting voting rights for formerly incarcerated citizens."



Again, Frost is a young person who is all about action. After the school shooting in Uvalde, TX, he directly asked Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) to do something about gun violence while attending an event in Orlando. Frost was removed from the room. This exchange propelled Frost to

the national spotlight.

Why is it so crucial that Maxwell Frost is running for office?

First, Frost is so young that his mind is open and is not closed to new ideas. He is uncorrupted by big money and big business. Frost is also from a generation that has seen a remarkable amount of neglect from politicians belonging to the status quo. He is motivated to see a change from experiences that directly affect his generation--for example, mass school shootings. And he wants his generation, Gen Z, “to be at the table,” as CNN quotes him.

Having a seat at the table is essential for Gen Z because they will inherit the current political climate, which was generated by older generations. They will have to deal with issues such as climate change, gun violence, Medicare for All, police brutality, and racist policing and will face the consequences of actions taken now on matters such as these. In other words, Frost’s platform is one made up of policies that his generation cares about and that he articulates clearly.

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# Announcements



## Democrats of North Mecklenburg:

**Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 PM**

**Candidate Meet & Greet**

**Location: Cornelius Town Hall**

## N. Meck Progressives

**Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

**Speakers: Christy Clark, candidate for State House,**

**District 98; Janice Robinson, NC Program**

**Director, Red, Wine, and Blue**

**Location: Wynfield Forest Clubhouse, 15722**

**Wynfield Creek Pkwy, Huntersville**

**RSVP [n.meck.progressives@gmail.com](mailto:n.meck.progressives@gmail.com)**

## Senior Democrats of Mecklenburg County

**Monthly Meeting**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM**

**ZOOM**

# **Announcements**



## **Democratic Women of North Mecklenburg County**

**September Membership Meeting**

**“Back Together Again”**

**Wednesday. September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 PM – Meet and Great**

**7:00pm Program**

## **The NCDP Coordinated Campaign (Called “Blue Unity in 2022”)**

- **Helping Cheri Beasley, the statewide judicial candidates, and other down-ballot candidates (including Christy Clark).**
- **Here's a link to see upcoming Blue Unity in 2022 volunteer options.**
- **Virtual phone banking is underway! Visit this link to sign up for a shift or two.**



**Please submit your group events to [donnamarie93@gmail.com](mailto:donnamarie93@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.**



# Happenings Gallery!

## DWMC PAINT THE TOWN BLUE



## Knocking Doors for Cheri Beasley



Coalition of United Progressives-CharMeck

**The Executive Corner:**

**Executive Director - Jade X. Jackson**

**Rev Rodney Sadler, Joel Segal, DonnaMarie Woodson**

**Rev Glencie Rhedrick**

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