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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

“In Due Season”

Healthcare is a Right, Not a Privilege!

Join ACS CAN's Black Volunteer Caucus

for a virtual screening of In Due Season and panel discussion.

Wednesday, August 7th
7:30 pm ET
RSVP Today!

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Black Volunteer Caucus

BACK VOTERS MATTER

**VIRTUAL SCREENING OF
IN DUE SEASON**

By
DonnaMarie Woodson

Advocating for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is my passion. And I'm proud to share with you this special Project, co-sponsored by the ACS CAN Black



Volunteer Caucus (BVC) of which I'm a member. And Black Voters Matter.

Last year, North Carolina passed Medicaid Expansion, and over 60,000 North Carolinas are now able to access the care they need and deserve.

In the states that have not yet expanded Medicaid, the majority of those caught in the coverage gap are people of color. This film highlights the ongoing racial health disparities that contribute to health care policy decisions for Black Americans in the coverage gap and how increasing access to care by expanding Medicaid is a way to advance health equity and improve health outcomes.



ACS CAN and Black Voters Matter partnered with filmmaker Ashley O'Shay to create In Due Season which centers the lived experiences of Black Americans caught in the reality of the coverage gap as well as experts who can speak to the history of racial bias and discriminatory practices within America's health care system

that continue to exacerbate health disparities in Black communities.

After the screening of “In Due Season” a virtual panel featuring the storytellers from the film, and Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Chair, ACS CAN Board of Directors, Dr. Karen Winkfield, ACS CAN Board Member, and Fenika Miller, Black Voters Matter.

I invite you to please join us on **Wednesday, August 7, 2024**, for this very special nationwide screening and help us to continue to expand Medicaid across the country.

Register TODAY: <https://fightcancer.org/induseason>



North Carolina Cancer Action Center SHARE

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network of North Carolina supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top legislative priority at the local, state, and national level.

Connect with North Carolina

For more information on The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, what we do and how to Volunteer check out our Website at: <https://www.fightcancer.org/states/north-carolina>

Work Cited

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Editorial

“Moving Forward or Moving Backwards”

By
Tarik Kiley
7/28/2024



In the United States of America, we have a very real history that is based on racial hierarchies. Much of the material wealth of America is and has been distributed according to racial

hierarchies, with African Americans living much poorer lives than White Americans. It can also be argued that Black politicians and Black participation in the electoral system of the USA, at least since the Civil Rights era, has not necessarily improved the standard of living, and quality of life for African Americans on a large enough scale.

Observation will tell you that the inner city areas of the Industrial Age were in fact left neglected as the USA moved towards the Information Age, and that we are far from the full integration of infrastructure and communities necessary to continue towards a more perfect union.



But though we have much to live up to, all hope is not lost. Former President Barack Obama’s famous refrain, “Yes, We Can,” definitely demonstrates that the United States of America continues to have potential, and that we should believe in our potential.

While some people argue that racial equality is a myth, it is only a myth, when we don’t act on it. While it is undeniable that Black communities have been neglected through redlining, exclusion from homeownership, underfunded schools, police brutality etc., many have still persisted in realizing the idea of the more perfect union, which is the United States of America.

This brings us to the presidential candidacy of Kamala Harris. Vice President Kamala Harris represents the multiracial solidarity



we need in order to move into a post-racial democracy. Vice President Harris comes from a multiracial background being of Black and South Asian descent.

Her mixed ethnic background is important because she is representative of America as it actually looks, and not as it used to be. The USA is a very diverse nation, and representation matters. The USA is simply not a nation of only older White men.

In our current political context, Ms. Harris’s presidential campaign is a symbol of what is to come. Either we move forward with her being elected, or we move backward with former President Donald Trump being re-elected. Do we embrace who we actually are? Or do we embrace a dying, archaic notion of White Supremacy?



Americans are a multicultural bunch. We drive Japanese cars, and dance to Black music. We take for granted our access to the global economy, and the free flow of information and ideas. More importantly, our culture(s) in the USA are moving toward more balanced imagery in the media.

We have Black superheroes, and we are moving away from the type of racial caricatures that pervaded film, television and other media throughout the 20th century. “The Birth of a Nation” isn’t the only type of imagery you see in contemporary media.

The fact that American imagery has become much more balanced, also has had a potentially revolutionary effect on the psyches of American born children. Just by running for the highest office in the land, Kamala Harris has opened up the idea of having a non-White male president, who is a woman and multiracial in a very real position of power in our country.

Needless to say, this is historical. While former President Barack Obama opened up the door of having a non-White president, Kamala Harris will walk through that door and make it a reality for years to come. This moment in history is a realization of the American dream and for the self-actualization of American children for all of posterity.

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Announcements



Democrats of North Mecklenburg

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, August 1st, 6:30 pm

North Regional Rec Center

18121 Old Statesville Cornelius

**Guest speaker—Raemon Suber, Coordinated
Campaign for North Mecklenburg**

"Women Rock for Women's Rights"

Sunday, August 11th 1:00pm -6:00pm

Resident Culture Brewing Company Plaza Midwood

Six amazing local female fronted acts rock the stage for an incredible cause. This event is a rallying cry for Women's Rights. Every note played will help raise awareness and funds for Charlotte for Choice, who are dedicated to women's healthcare and rights in North Carolina.

Purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/wrfwr24>

Announcements



Democratic Women of North Mecklenburg County

“Paint the Town Blue Fundraiser Gala”

Thursday, August 15th, at 6:30 pm

The Palmer Building

2601 E. 7th Street

Charlotte, NC 28204

Join us as we congratulate the 2024

Doris Cromartie Recipient:

The Honorable Alma Adams


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Happenings!





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