



Henderson County North Carolina Democratic Party Fall 2011

IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED

Over the past several years it has become obvious that the Republican leadership throughout our country will do everything in their power to serve corporate America without regard to working families. They give lip service to; citizens out of work, the economy, and the deficit, all the while insisting that tax breaks for corporations encourages them to put more employees on their payroll.

Then, when those same corporations don't hire more employees, the same politicians blame "an unsure future." Can the truth be that they are not being honest with us? The greatest financial benefit to these corporations is to simply take advantage of George W. Bush-era laws and keep their profits in savings instead of putting new employees on the payroll?

Meanwhile, C.E.O. salaries continue to reach record highs while workers lose jobs and homes, and file for bankruptcy. At the same time, tax loopholes allow corporations to make even greater profits by firing even more employees and moving more jobs overseas.

On the local level, state and municipal governments are waging war on public employee unions,

falsely blaming them for the recession, and legislating away their collective bargaining rights.

AND... in North Carolina, the Republican controlled General Assembly has drawn much of Asheville out of the N.C. 11th United States Congressional District in hopes of an assured Republican victory in 2012.

Couple all that with a Supreme Court majority who (legislating from the bench) have decreed that corporations may donate unlimited funds to political activities. As an end result, protecting the rights of working class Americans has become far more difficult.

We *must* preserve democracy, not only for the many who need it now, but for our children... and for their children (who are the ones who will pay the greatest price for the glutony of today's corporations) from those politicians who are so obviously on the corporate payroll.

Please join the fight against the corporate buyout of America. The time to get involved is NOW! There are many opportunities, from door-knocking, to phone-calling, helping with mailings, writing letters to editors, and much, much more. Join us... the Henderson County Democratic Party needs YOU! Make the call NOW!

Monthly Breakfasts a Winner

Beginning in June, our monthly "Raise the Rent Breakfasts" have been a financial and social success.

There is no doubt that the additional cost of operating our new office on Greenville Highway has been more than met in this manner.

In addition to the income, the opportunity for our members to "schmooze" with each other over breakfast has been a delightful unexpected benefit. It's good to see folks hanging around, getting to know each other and catching up on the latest gossip.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who have made this venture possible, especially Jim Kingsley (professional chef) for his leadership in the kitchen.



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Just go to <http://www.hendersoncountymocrats.com/newsletter.html>

and fill out the form to receive our newsletter (and e-blasts) from our website

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Apple Festival Booth a Success

By all units of measurement, our booth at the Apple Festival was a successful venture.

For those who haven't heard, we purchased one thousand 2 1/2" buttons and a button maker. Nancy Thomas, professional print lay-out designer, created about a dozen designs and printed several hundred images with her color laser printer for us to turn into buttons... which we had great fun doing, and our volunteers sold a good number of them at the festival.

Speaking of Volunteers (please notice the capital "V"), would everyone who contributed to our entire festival experience; from baking apple breads to set-up and tear-down, opening every morning and closing at the end of the day, manning the booth, talking to the many passers-by, selling our goods... all of you please take a bow for the wonderful work you did.

It's only through such generous and selfless investment of time and energy that we can turn this country around.



Bill Cutler signs up a couple to receive our newsletter by e-mail.

Clubs, Groups, Meetings & Items of Interest

Henderson County Senior Democrats

Monthly meetings of the Senior Democrats are the third Wednesday of every month at the Party's office. Brown-Bag lunch beginning at 11:30 am. Meetings start at Noon. Discussion topics include local, national, political and non-political subjects. Our meetings and topics address all ages. Please join us.

Henderson County Democratic Women

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 4:30pm to 6pm at 3 Chopt Sandwich Shoppe on East 3rd Ave. Our business meeting is followed by an invited speaker.

Henderson County Democratic Youth

This group meets at the Henderson County Democratic Office. For information, e-mail Stephanie Staton at stephanie.staton@aol.com.

Office Volunteers Needed

Duties involve answering the phone, welcoming visitors and handling resale items. Volunteers work one shift every other week. Additional (fill-in) volunteers are needed. *Note:* During the 2012 election season we hope to be open from 11:00am until 6:00pm including Saturdays, with two shifts daily. This means we'll need more than twice as many office volunteers. Please join us.

Lawn and Building Maintenance

Throughout the year, volunteers are needed to maintain our lawn and property. Please call the office and sign up to help.

A Message From The Chair

Hello fellow Democrats! It appears autumn has made it's grand entrance and the long hot days of summer have been replaced by cooler temperatures and the promise of a spectacular leaf season.

Speaking of change, our chairman, Rich Brinegar, has resigned. He and his lovely wife, Irene, have moved to California to be with their families. Rich has done a wonderful job of bringing us together and smoothing the transition from our old headquarters to our new place. Even though becoming the chairman was a surprise to him at first, he did the job with a calmness and cheerfulness that endeared him to us all. Thank you Rich. We hope to see you and Irene soon.

So, I have become the new chair of the HCDP. I will tell you a bit about myself. I am originally from Chicago. My family and I have lived in Hendersonville for 13 years. I have a wonderful husband, two great sons, and assorted critters. When I'm not working as a server at a local restaurant, I'm busy with the Democratic Party.

On to more important things! The monthly breakfasts have really caught on. Every month we see familiar faces and also some new ones. Aside from "raising the rent" the breakfasts have become a social event with great conversations and lots of laughter. If you haven't yet come to experience it, please stop by soon. We would love to see you!

We have lots of activities planned and we hope to meet every Democrat in the county eventually. A chili cook-off is planned for Friday, November 18 and a Holiday Party on December 10. Keep an eye on our calendar for more activities. It can be found at www.hendersoncountymocrats.com or call our office 692-6424 and ask what's happening.

The 2012 Convention in Charlotte and the election are coming and we need all the volunteers we can get to get us ready. There is something for everyone whether you like to be behind the scenes or talking to the public. We will welcome you with a heartfelt thank you and accommodate you in any way we can.

Dues for 2012 can be paid now. We have new membership levels and perks for each one. Every dollar helps us elect Democratic candidates.

I hope to do a good job for the Democrats of Henderson County. Stop by the office. We'd love to meet you!

Shelly Kingsley

Change of e-mail, Phone Number or Address or - If You Wish Not To Receive Our Notifications

If your e-mail, phone number or address has changed, or if you wish to be taken off our list would you please give us a call at 828-692-6424 and leave a message.

Life Members

Contribution Categories

Beginning January 1, 2012, the HCDP Contribution Category of "Life Membership" will be replaced as follows:

- Gold Donor - \$1,000.00 or more
- Silver Donor - \$750.00 to \$999.00
- Bronze Donor - \$500.00 to 749.00

The names of all donors in the Gold, Silver and Bronze categories will be engraved on a plaque to be mounted in a prominent location on the wall of our office and will receive twelve pairs of "Raise the Rent Breakfast" tickets (Gold), eight pairs of tickets (Silver) and four pairs of tickets (Bronze). You will also be issued a laminated "Membership" card and your name will be listed in that category in our newsletters for that year.

Members who became "Life Members" in the past will have their names engraved on a plaque to be placed in a prominent location on our office wall.

The remaining Contribution categories will continue as follows:

- Sponsor - \$250.00 to \$499.00
- Century Club - \$100.00 to \$249.00
- Booster Club - \$50.00 to \$99.00
- Supporting Member - \$25.00 to \$49.00

Hon. Beryl & Sheila Anthony
George Bingham
Norbert & Joan Blessing
Richard & Irene Brinegar
Cletus Clark Sr.
Brian Evers
Julianne Day-Evers
Paul & Sylvia Donahue
Mary Frank
Douglas & Penny Freeman
Faith P. Galetshoge
Nancy Harrelson
Jack & Betty Johnson
Rusty & Elizabeth Jordan
Leon Lamb

Jack & Kate Lancaster
Joseph Laughter
John Jr. & Bunny Leatherwood
Glover McMurray
Glenn & Beverly Nash
Sam & Nancy Neill
Judson & Dale Reece
Fletcher & Lynn Roberts
Al & Martha Roblee
Matthew C. Rogers
Brent Schaeffer
Mary Page Sims
William & Sarah Strobel
David & Merrily Thomas
Kenneth Youngblood

Chili Cook-Off

Our Chili Cook-Off will be Friday evening, November 18th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Hendersonville's Whitmire Center, 301 Lilly Pond Rd near the busy bend of Kanuga Rd.

We will have entertainment and a prize for best chili.

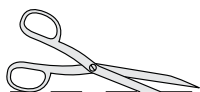
If you wish to bring your favorite chili recipe and compete, please call Rose Stone at 692-5001.

Contestants eat free. For all others, \$10.00 per adult, \$7.00 for children up to 10 years.

Annual Holiday Party

Our 2011 Holiday Party will be held on Friday evening, December 10th, at 6:00 P.M. at St. John In The Wilderness Episcopal Church (*Greenville Highway and South Rutledge*) in the Parish Hall (*building on the south side of Rutledge*).

This event includes a "pot luck" dinner with entertainment to be announced. Please bring your favorite dish and prepare to enjoy the evening.



EVERY DONOR AND VOLUNTEER IS IMPORTANT

You can count on me to support the Henderson County Democratic Party

My donation of \$_____ is enclosed. Check No: _____ Dated: _____

I would like to know more about making monthly donations.

I wish to volunteer. Please have someone call.

N.C. state regulations require contact information accompany all donations.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation/Expertise: _____

Please make check payable to "Henderson County Democratic Party"

Mail to 905 Greenville Highway, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Please Note: Corporate Checks are not permitted (by NC State campaign finance rules)

President Obama Comes To Town

On Monday morning, October 17, many of our members went to the Asheville Airport to watch President Obama's plane arrive and hear him speak.

We wished him a safe journey on his bus tour to encourage passage of his Jobs Bill package.

It was amazing how close we were allowed to him.

photo by Ken Fitch



How To Be Patriotic *be informed...*

VOTE!

Thank You!

We wish to thank those business persons who volunteered their time and tools to improve our building and grounds.

Please consider them for your needs & tell them we sent you.

Stepp Plumbing

Ryan Stepp, owner
Phone: 698-DRIP (3747)

Ted's Stump Grinding & Chipping

Ted Netherton, owner
Phone: 696-2075/243-3326

A logo for 'Two Old Guys With Hammers'. It features two stylized human figures, one in purple and one in blue, each holding a hammer. The text 'Two Old Guys With Hammers' is written in a curved, orange font above the figures. Below the figures, the text 'all types of home improvements call Sam Stone at 828-692-5001' is written in a black, sans-serif font.

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