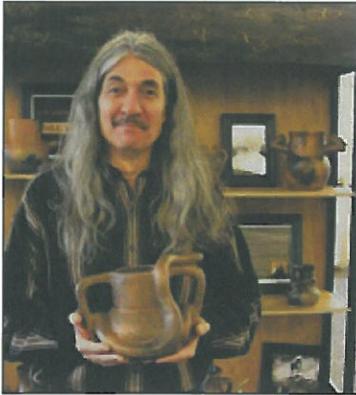


# Catawba 2015 Election



## Candidate Bios

# RE-ELECT CHIEF BILL HARRIS



Leading the Catawba Nation is not an easy task, but I have been honored to represent each of you as Chief over the past 4 years. Serving as your Chief has taught me that in order for the Tribe to be successful, we must work together to create a **STRONG FOUNDATION** that will support us as we build a **STRONG NATION**.

I have dedicated over 20 years to the advancement of the Catawba Nation. During that time, I have served in various roles and I have always worked hard to serve the best interest of Catawba citizens. I am proud of our rich heritage and of the importance of our great Nation in history. One of my greatest pleasures is sharing our impressive history wherever I go, whether I'm meeting with representatives of federal and state governments or speaking to civic organizations and schools. Something that I hold most dear is the the 6000-year tradition of our beautiful Catawba pottery, and I am always eager to teach our Catawba youth the pottery skills taught to me by my grandmother, Georgia Harris.

During my term as Chief, the dedicated tribal staff has shared their vast knowledge with me, giving me a firm grasp of the complex world of federal grants and contracts. Working closely with our great staff, I've been able to establish priorities and implement goals for the Tribe. Together we have made progress in many areas, such as:

- Reopening Catawba Bingo in July 2014 after many years of working with the SC Department of Revenue
- Expansion of the Job Training and Development program
- Creating the Catawba Teen Center on the reservation in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of York County
- Starting the Catawba Wellness Initiative with funding for fitness and gardening
- Expansion of our environmental, emergency management, public works, roads and transit programs

As a great Nation, we have huge potential. Let us not limit ourselves, but instead let us seek creative solutions. My goal for the next four years is to build a **STRONG NATION** by first building a **STRONG FOUNDATION**.

Together, we will achieve this goal by:

- Adopting a new constitution to better govern ourselves
- Creating tribal courts and governing ordinances
- Addressing the injustices in the 1993 Settlement Agreement
- Focusing on Economic Development
- Increasing educational opportunities
- Working to preserve our rich Culture



A **STRONG FOUNDATION** will empower us to create successful government programs and thriving businesses. There is no limit to what the Tribe can achieve if we work together. You can help build a **STRONG CATAWBA NATION** by voting for 4 MORE PROGRESSIVE YEARS with **BILL HARRIS** as YOUR CHIEF.

For more information, photos and videos visit  
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## Elect Jason Harris for Chief ~ A CHIEF FOR THE PEOPLE



My name is Jason Harris and I have served as an Elected Leader for you and our Tribe for 9 years. I am a graduate of York Technical College with a degree in Business Management. I successfully completed Public Health Training through the University of South Carolina. I attended University of North Carolina School of Business to learn to write Business Plans. I have attended BIA Grant/Budget Trainings with the emphasis on being compliant on grant reporting and the importance of having regular scheduled audits. I have 25 years experience in Management and have owned and operated 2 successful businesses as a Distributor and as a Franchise Owner. I have extensive training in Emergency Management, EPA programs, Grants Management, Fraud/Ethics training, Accounting/ Audits and Constitution Reform. My experience in running an effective and efficient Tribal Government is one of my most valuable assets in running for the Chiefs position. My wife, Melissa, and I have 6 children and we reside on the old reservation. I enjoy playing guitar and singing old Rock n Roll and Country music. I enjoy coaching our youth, serving my Tribal Members, making pottery, spending time with my family and serving in my church callings. Both of my parents were Catawba. My father was Cleadous Harris and my mother was Lougene Sanders. My Grand Parents were Theodore and Artemis Harris and Willie and Verdie Sanders.

Our time is CRITICAL as a Nation! Our Government stability is in serious danger. We have had non-compliance issues with Grants and we are 2 Years behind on Audits! The last audit was submitted in 2011! We cannot continue going in this direction. It is the Chiefs responsibilities to make sure that Audit's are done and that we stay in compliance with our Grants.

IT IS TIME FOR REAL CHANGE. We need a Chief FOR the people. I will be honest with our people, I will be accountable, responsible and a good steward of our Tribe and its assets. I have the wisdom and experience that is needed to lead our Nation as Chief. I have served in three administrations as Secretary/Treasurer and as Council Member. I WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN!

### MY PRIORITIES:

1. Get Audits that are 2 years behind current
2. Renegotiate our Settlement Agreement
3. Enhance relationships between our Local, State and Federal Agencies
4. Support services and facilities for our Children and seniors
5. Sustain Cultural Interest within our communities

VOTE JASON HARRIS "EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP"

VISIT MY WEBPAGE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION AT [WWW.VOTEJASONHARRISFORCHIEF.COM](http://WWW.VOTEJASONHARRISFORCHIEF.COM)  
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## **Candidate for Chief - Denise Bryson Williams - Experience, Leadership, and Transparency**

### ***About Me;***

I have worked serving our people for twenty plus years in many capacities; housing improvement program, construction project manager, economic development administrative assistant, real estate, tribal rights, and transportation.

I have lived on the reservation for going on twenty four years working, mingling, and learning from our people of all ages. I have been married for almost thirteen years to a wonderful man, Russell Williams. I have one daughter Trisha Bigham and three beautiful grandchildren Veronica Bryson, Richard Bigham III, and Christian Barnes.



### ***My Views;***

- Real transparency does not mean putting forth only what the executive committee wants the people to know;
- Grant and contract budgets for all departments, programs, and tribal entities should be available to our people;
- Budgets for non-programs; Space cost, indirect cost, and general fund should also be made available;
- Audits (constitutionally mandated yearly), financial reports, yearly indirect cost rate proposal, vendor/contractor/credit card payments should never be allowed to be overdue;
- When there is a lien, judgment, or suit against our tribe it affects our people not only financially but the tribe's reputation and the people deserve to know;
- Executive committee members should be held to the same code of ethics as they expect the staff to follow;
- Executive committee members need to understand the role of liaison to a department, program, or entity. Their role is to mediate, promote communication, and encourage working together for the good of our people;
- The settlement agreement between the tribe and state has been a hindrance to obtaining self-sufficiency for our tribe. There are four areas listed within the agreement that allows amendments and I as Chief would strive to amend these. It is essential to start somewhere in amending this document and I view these four areas as an opportunity to begin the real changes our people desire;
- I trust it is time for our tribe to move from self-determination to self-governance with our Bureau of Indian Affairs funding stream. We as a people need to stop allowing others to control our ability to govern ourselves and operate as an independent instead of dependent tribal nation;
- It is my fervent belief that twenty years of tribal government and programs experience translates to immediate assumption of leadership no delay necessary to acquire knowledge of our government structure and program responsibilities.

### ***My Beliefs;***

- It is our right to have an open, accountable, and honest government;
- Every individual and family deserves the same benefits and respect others receive;
- Our Chief must be a leader that stands up, speaks out, and leads our Great Nation into the future; yesterday is gone, today is soon to be gone, tomorrow and the days after is where our future survives;
- Our elected officials need to vote what is best for the tribe as whole not personal agendas;
- We need profitable economic development that's not completely dependent on gaming;
- Our lands and natural resources need to be respected, preserved, and protected to ensure they continue to exist for future generations;
- Our culture should be preserved and promoted, it's time to bring back our pow wow to our lands;
- Our children's education should be taught here on our lands to include K-12, we do this through creation of an education department with a board of education that focuses all their attention on educating our children traditionally and culturally;
- Our elders should be honored and respected, they need an expanded facility along with additional services and opportunities;
- Our children age 6-18 should have their own boys and girls club facility;
- Recreational opportunities are needed to encourage canoeing, fishing, hunting, and gathering as our ancestors have done for thousands of years;
- Sports fields are needed to create and support tribal sports teams, I see tournaments being held on our fields;
- It's time to come together as a Nation/Family/Community to fight for our rights as a federally recognized tribe to obtain the rights conferred on other tribes;
- We should not only strive to change our restricted settlement agreement, but rise up in protest against it to become the sovereign nation that is essential to our perpetual future.

If you view and believe as I have stated above there is only once choice on your ballot;

**Chief Denise Bryson Williams**  Fill that symbol in and make you vote count for the future of our Nation!!!

*Your vote does count!!!*

*The Right Woman at the Right Time!!!*

*General Election July 25, 2015*



## Vote Jered Canty for Assistant Chief

My personal mission has always been to work hard to become the best individual I can be, so education is of utmost importance to me. I have attended several colleges and have earned two degrees. At present, I am working toward earning my Masters Degree through online graduate school, and I also work full-time in the Economic Development Department of the tribe. I have always faced the obstacles in my life head-on.

I have persevered with one goal in mind, and that is to gain the knowledge and skills to prepare me to become a good mentor for other Native American youths. I aspire to give back because I have been blessed to have had the positive experience of other good role models who took interest and made the time to mentor me.

### ABOUT ME:

- Educated with three degrees in Teleproductions, Native American Studies/Museum Studies, and Liberal Arts
- Experience working in Indian Country
- Networking with different Tribal Governments
- Natural Public Speaker
- Supporter of Culture Awareness
- Driven by the Catawba's Nation for success

### ISSUES:

- Job Dependency for Tribal members
- Casino & Bingo continued existence
- Limited educational opportunities for the younger generation
- Relationships between Tribal departments
- Per cap
- Tribal voices ignored

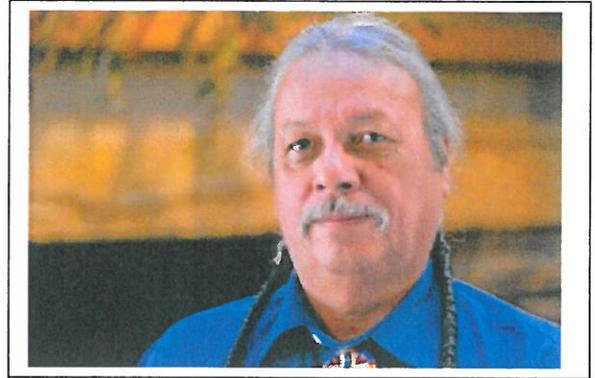
Personal experience has taught me the value of multi-tasking, and I use my high energy level to work with fast-paced intensity and enduring drive. I am able to work independently and make decisions, but I also know the importance of being a positive team player. I can be flexible to take on any role and assignment, and I do so with enthusiasm and determination. My position within the Economic Development Department involves working with the scholarship. I am most proud of this part of my job because I realize how important education has been in my own life. Prior to this position, I was also privileged to have been involved with government-to-government relations across tribal boundaries, and for two years, I served as Educational Coordinator for The Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center. I attribute my preparation and training to Fort Lewis College, from which I received my Bachelor's Degree in Native American Studies.

I have developed leadership skills and am comfortable in the public eye—speaking to crowds and fielding questions from students, colleagues, leaders, and elders alike. My goal continues to be to better tomorrow within Indian country. While I am proud of my accomplishments, my thirst for knowledge prompts me to go further. I believe that my personal strength and dedication will enable me to reach my goal. I am intrinsically motivated to succeed, and I will continue to strive be the best individual I can be. I am mature, independent and aspire to be a positive role model for those around me. I learned valuable lessons from my working with other youths, and from my elders, I learned that our culture will endure because of the strength of the bridges we build along the path of education and experience. I know that my positive directions will not only benefit me, but also enrich the lives of those around me. That is my passion—to give back because others have given me!

*If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email me:*

*(803)367-8282 cantyjered@yahoo.com*

## VOTE Wayne George for Assistant Chief of The Catawba Indian Nation



My name is Wayne George and I am running for the position of Assistant Chief of the Catawba Indian Nation. I am the youngest of 10 children born to Marvin and Evelyn George. I am married to Cindy Plyler George and am blessed to be the father to 6 children and 19 grandchildren. I was born and raised on the Catawba Reservation and currently reside on John Brown Road. My family and I have been active in the Catawba Culture and Heritage representing our proud nation at countless Pow-Wows up and down the east coast. During my career I worked for the tribe for over 10 years on many projects. I am a proud Marine Corp Vietnam Veteran who was Honorably Discharged after serving in the Vietnam War.

I have enjoyed serving as Assistant Chief of the Catawba Nation the past four years. While in office I have worked closely with the transportation and public works departments. During this time we have been able to successfully negotiate with the City of Rock Hill so that the tribe can service the water and sewer lines in Green Earth. This has helped build the department and saved money for the tribal members who live there. Also, we have completed a project to loop the dead-end waterlines on the Old Reservation, which gives all those residents cleaner drinking water. Through the transportation program we have been able to reconstruct two residential roads on the Old Reservation, Cemetery Road and Wade Harris Road, which provides safer access for those that live there. I am proud to be part of these projects.

I am the liaison for the tribe's Environmental Services, Emergency Management, Natural Resources, Air and Water Quality, Homeland Security, Real Estate, Forestry and Transportation programs. I have worked with the Economic Development department on Catawba Bingo, especially helping to oversee the construction of the building to get it ready to open. I have also been involved in helping the tribe move forward on the composting project.

I would like to continue serving you for 4 more years. If elected, I will work hard to push our land-into-trust application forward with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the land in NC. This will bring much needed Economic Development to the tribe. I will focus on other opportunities to help the tribe economically. I will also continue to support our existing programs and look for new programs and services we can bring to the tribe. We have many great programs like Head Start and the Boys and Girls Club, and we want to make sure they are here for a long time. I also want to push for restructuring the settlement agreement so that it better serves the tribe in the future. The future is bright for the Catawba Indian Nation.

**VOTE WAYNE GEORGE FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF !!!!!**

Hi, I'm Thomas Sanders, known as Butch, and I'm seeking Your vote for Assistant Chief of this great Nation. Having served as Executive Member 2004---2011, worked with a great team to restore our (ATG), Aid to Tribal Government and dissolve the (13) thirteen million dollar debt to (BIA) Bureau of Indian Affairs, allowed us to function as Your Tribal Government.

As Council member I served as liaison to our Senior Center, Cultural Preservation Board, Water Dept., Roads Dept. and ISWA Board. I held Environmental Hazard Certification and served as Grants Management and Fraud Prevention Officer, reporting to D.C. Monthly. I also served as our Ethics Official as a result of the Nation being at risk because of Compliance issues.

I Served as housing chairperson when our first homes were built on World Changers lane and in the Circle. I was first elected to Tribal Council July 2004 in the Blue administration and again in July 2007 in the Donald Rodgers administration. When I came into office, the Nation had lost our ATG638 Grant and were 13 million dollars in debt to BIA. Along with a devoted group of tribal members such as Donna Curtis, Shawnte' Troxel, Evie Sewart and Sherry Smith, Jason and I were able to produce documentation to satisfy the debt with BIA. We were able to create a relationship with the Central Division of BIA, enabling us to continue operating as Your Tribal Government.

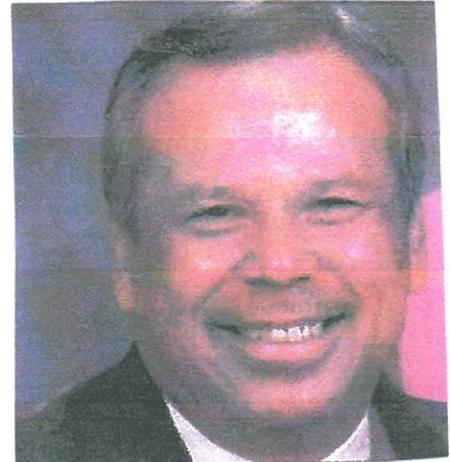
During the Donald Administration we were able to get the debt entirely wiped out. I was given a position as Ethics, Grants Management and Fraud Prevention official reporting to D.C. Each month for period of (4) four years. These reports enabled us to operate as Tribal Leaders of the Catawba Nation. During the next four years I was liaison to our Senior Center, Cultural Preservation Board, Water and Roads Dept. and ISWA Board. Jason and I dug many final resting places for tribal members. I worked with Tribal members who wanted to split their assignments with family members. I also worked with our Fish and Wildlife Grant Committee and Mr. John Hoitt to stay in compliance with the grant. We planted hardwoods and pine to bring it back to what the grant specified. I was the first contact with Fema for the trailers before we turned it over to ISWA. I went to D.C. With Chief Rodgers to talk with our state Senators and Representatives and sat at the council table during IMPACT week in D.C.

I have enjoyed working for our Nation and seeing it grow into something great. If you choose to elect me in July, I promise to give you the utmost dedication I gave in the years I served when we worked our rear ends off to become compliant with all GOVERNMENT AGENCY'S. IT can be, we have proven if you work as a Team good things will happen.

I want to see a SCHOOL here to serve our Little People that is safe and something we can all be proud of. These kid are our future, lets teach them our CULTURE as well as giving them the best education we can. I promise to support our HEAD START program as I always have. Our Seniors will also have my support, they are why we all are here.

I want our Nation to be in compliance with all Grants and I will support our STAFF, You do the work that keeps us compliant and able to be a Tribal Entity. I will be truthful and transparent as your leader, treating everyone with respect and fairness because you deserve it.

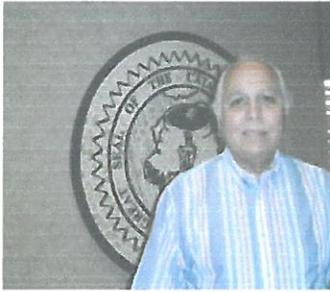
Thank you for reading this if you are and I hope You choose me as Your next Assistant Chief on July 25<sup>th</sup>



*Butch*  
Butch Sanders

## Re-Elect Roderick Neil Beck for CIN Secretary/Treasurer

My name is Rod Beck and I thank you, the CIN General Council for the nomination for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.



My parents are the late Samuel Beck and the late Margaret Helen Canty Beck. My parents lived on the old Reservation at my birth. I live on the land that was part of the 1960 division of assets. I have lived at the same location since 1974. My wife Lynn and I have three children Jason, Kimberly and Jeremy. We have two grandchildren Cheyenne Beck and Dakota Fields.

I attended the Indian School on the Reservation for four years and graduated from the Rock Hill Schools. I graduated from York Tech College three times: Industrial Electronics, Associate Electronic Technology and PC Technical Support.

I am an Elder of the Catawba Ward LDS Church. Past duties have been Cub Master, Assistant Ward Clerk and Financial Clerk Charlotte North Carolina South Stake and at present serves I serve as the Bishop's Executive Secretary.

I served four years in the U.S. Navy with an Honorable Discharge in 1972. I have worked as an Electrician for the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company. I retired after 34 years with Continental Tire NA. I have a Master Electrician Card with the City of Rock Hill and owner of Beck and Beck Electric. I am a past board member of the York County Fair Association and Chief Electrician. I am a member of four labor unions.

I am the only Catawba to attend all of the Court Sessions and Hearings during our land claim suit. I was in attendance at the first meeting in 1973 to reorganize the CIN Government and have been at every General Council Meeting. After 1975 I worked on updating the tribe's roll. Past duties with the Tribe: a member of the CIN Constitution Committee and the CIN Oversight Committee.

I currently serve as the CIN SECRETARY/TREASURER, while serving the Tribe, an accounting of the Tribe's finances has been presented to the General Council at each General Council meeting.

I would consider it an honor to continue to work for the Tribe. I will do everything to make sure our money, lands and other assets are protected. We have a duty to take care of our seniors, the one's that made it possible for us to be where we are today and enjoy the entitlements that Tribal Members have. They are the ones that have paid the price for our benefits. We have a civic duty to make sure our children and grandchildren will have a reservation and be cared for.

We are a strong people. None of us are as smart as all of us. Working together there is nothing that we can't accomplish. NOW IS THE TIME LET'S DO IT!!! SUPPORT THE TRIBE.

**Thanks for your support,  
Roderick Beck**



Hello, I'm **Sue Brown-Gunderson**, running for Secretary/Treasurer. I am the daughter of the late Mary Ann Ayers Gibson and the late Richard Brown. My Grandparents were Chief Early Brown and Edith Harris Brown. I am married with twin daughters and three Step children and a member of First Baptist Church. I attended York Technical College and a graduate from Rock Hill High School. I have experience in financial management, customer service, purchasing and Real Estate.

I've worked with the Catawba Indian Nation since March of 1996. I began as the assistant to the Executive Director; during my tenure with the Tribe and ISWA I've had the honor of developing the First Time Home Buyers program. Currently, I am the Client Service Manager for ISWA Development Corporation and I serve as the liaison for the Section 184 Loan program and the Housing and Budgeting Counselor. I've helped in many areas including boards and committees, helping prepare budgets and fully understand tribal grant policies and grant management.

My Mission if elected as the Secretary /Treasurer:

- To work for each Tribal member to achieve good communication between the General Council and the Executive Committee.
- To assist in the Tribes budgeting and set of policy and procedures for the benefit of all tribal members and assign accountability for each position held at the Longhouse.
- To have regular scheduled General Council meetings and Informational Meetings to keep all tribal members informed regarding the Tribes finances.
- To personally understand the requirements of Tribal grants and contracts to assist and insure the accounting department meets requirements and grant specifications.
- To work with the Accounting Department to insure open communication with the Executive Committee.
- To help in any area needed to better the business affairs for our tribe.

You as a Tribal member deserve someone who is going to be responsible for the Tribes assets. You as a Tribal member deserve a Secretary/ Treasurer who will ensure accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements of all funds and ensure that audits are done yearly.

I understand that I will work for the general council, and can promise I will dedicate my four years as Secretary/Treasurer into helping and making our tribe prosper and **PROTECT YOUR TRIBAL DOLLARS.**

Please Vote **Sue Brown-Gunderson...** and make a *CHANGE!!!!!!*

## Donald W. Rodgers

For  
Secretary/Treasurer

Hello my fellow Catawba. Many of you know me as I served as Chief from 2007-2011. I am married to Christy and we have three wonderful kids, Ben, Isaac and Emily. I am running for Secretary/Treasurer for the Catawba Indian Nation in the July 2015 Election. I am seeking election because I want to put the tribe back in financial good standing with our General Council, the BIA, and all of the other grantors the tribe has. In the General Council meeting in January, we found that the tribe is behind in its audits, as well as not being given a full accounting of the monies the tribe has received. I believe that it is important to make sure we are compliant with our grants and contracts and that the General Council is informed.

I feel that I am a well-qualified candidate for this position. I know the proper reporting requirements for BIA, EPA, HUD, USDA, DOJ, and IHS as it relates to the tribe. I know the funding systems that the Federal Government uses to fund our tribe. I worked for the BIA in Nashville for almost a year in the Office of Self-Determination, I was trained in the Federal Budget and Management System (FBMS). I learned the system in a very quick manner and was asked to train others. I know the requirements for the Indirect Cost Proposal. I also worked as a Financial Educator for a credit counseling agency before I was elected Chief. My educational background is in Business Management with emphasis in accounting. I am currently enrolled in BYU-I seeking my bachelor's degree in accounting and finance.

As Chief, I worked very hard to follow the guidance in OMB Circular A-133, The Single Audit Act. We had our audits done on time each year. I also worked numerous hours seeking forgiveness of debt from BIA and IHS. The work was successful as the BIA forgave \$884,000 of debt. IHS debt was negotiated to a small percentage of what the tribe was charged with. I worked tirelessly for programs that would benefit our tribe including the Tribal Justice Grant and The Indian Reservation Roads Program.

I have served on numerous committees including; USET Board of Directors, Direct Service Tribes Advisory Council, Catawba Regional Council of Governments Board, Natural Resources Conservation Services Tribal Elder, Commission on Minority Affairs, Rock Hill No Room for Racism, and many others.

Under my tenure as Chief, I oversaw all aspects of the tribe. Many great accomplishments were had. Rivercrest Road was paved and opportunities made available for Economic Development. I negotiated with the South Carolina Department of Revenue to reduce our old Bingo debt from \$2.5 million to just \$200,000. I worked with the Rock Hill School District to ask forgiveness of their debt which led to a cease of collection. I worked with EPA to get us off the High Risk status for receiving Federal Grants.

Beyond all of these things, I love our culture. I love to sing, I love to dance, and I love to tell traditional stories. I love our people. I love my family.

I will do all in my power to get the finance of the tribe back on the right track. This is a job that I would thoroughly enjoy.

I also want to make a commitment to the staff, that you and your work will be appreciated.

I would be honored with you vote to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the Catawba Indian Nation.

JoAnn George Bauer  
Candidate for Committee Member

My name is JoAnn Bauer and I am the daughter of John Marvin George and Evelyn Brown George. I have two children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. I am a candidate to serve on the Executive Committee as a Committee Member in the 2015 July elections. Being retired, I will be able to dedicate time to the Tribe. I attended schools in Rock Hill and I have taken some courses at York Tech.

I have been active in the Tribe for many years. In addition to working for the Tribe for 10+ years, I attend the General Council meetings regularly. I have served on many Tribal committees. If elected, I will bring wisdom, maturity, honesty, and a common sense approach to the table. I will not promise you things that I may not be able to deliver, but I will promise that I will work to the best of my ability for the benefit of Catawba people and the Tribe.

Experience:

- CIN Senior Committee, currently.
- Volunteer with the York County Elections Commission as a poll worker, currently.
- Served on the CIN Election Committee.
- Past board member on the Catawba Cultural Preservation Project. Helped with restoration of the old school to the present Cultural Center.
- Worked with Health Care as Health Educator in the mid-1990s and served on the board. Planned and implemented Catawbas' first health fair in coordination with Clemson University.
- Previous board member of the York County Council on Aging. Attended many conferences and seminars on Aging.
- Past board member of the American Red Cross.
- Former Program Director for the CIN Senior Center. Co-wrote the first Title VI nutrition grant for the Senior Program.
- Past member of the CIN Constitution Committee.
- Certified grant writer.
- Certified supervisor—York Tech.
- CIN Culture: Participates in powwows, festivals, and art shows. Helping to keep Catawba customs alive through pottery making.

We need mature, dedicated, and honest females to represent the Tribe on the Executive Committee. Therefore, I am asking for your support in the 2015 July elections. If elected, I look forward to serving you as a Committee Member.

My name is Sam Beck, I have served as a council member of the Executive Committee for the past 4 years after being elected in July 2011. In the 4 years that I have served, the Executive Committee completed several key initiatives. These include creating a job training program which has resulted in full time job placement for several tribal members with corporations in Rock Hill, establishing a Boys and Girls Club, and launching Catawba Bingo. During my 4 year term, I also personally delivered meals as part of the Senior Meal Delivery program when program resources were constrained. If elected for another 4-year term, I will continue the Executive Committee's work to invest in gaming and other economic development opportunities to provide a steady income to the Catawba Indian Nation. With a steady income we will be able to accomplish further initiatives such as developing a school on the reservation, a judicial system, and expanding the senior program.

I am the son of Samuel and Helen Beck and a Rock Hill native. I attended Rock Hill High School and received a 2-year degree from York Technical College. I am also a Vietnam Veteran, having served in the US Navy. I retired in 2000 from Celanese. I am also a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as a council member the past 4 years and hope I am re-elected to continue this service for another 4 years.



# VOTE

**Timothy D. Canty**



**Your vote will be a vote for: Unity, Honesty, Respect, and Equality**

**Your vote will be a vote for: “We the People” (A’we kii Ye’)**

*I will serve the Tribal members (us) by:*

- *Honoring our present Constitution and acknowledging the General Council as the governing body of the tribe.*
- *Ensuring all tribal funds and assets are accounted for and providing this information to tribal members at regular general council meetings.*
- *Working hard to restore all the government funding that the Tribe is entitled to receive for government operations and projects.*
- *Pursuing appropriate economic development that will produce adequate funding for Tribal programs that will benefit all tribal members.*
- *Improve the government-to-government relationship on the Federal, State, and County levels as required by law.*
- *Develop a strong relationship with other Native American tribes by promoting and protecting Native American tribal rights and beliefs.*
- *Ensure that the Catawba Indian Nation will continue to exist and be acknowledged and respected as a sovereign nation.*
- *Encourage our youth to pursue a higher education.*
- *\*Ensure our Senior citizens receive needed programs and benefits.\**
- *Promote learning and preservation of our culture in all areas, particularly in our language, songs, dances and pottery.*
- *Being an honorable servant of “WE THE PEOPLE” for all past, present and future tribal members.*

Hello, my name is Deborah Harris Crisco. I am the daughter of the late Chief Floyd Raymond Harris and Master Potter Nola Campbell. I was born and raised near the Catawba Reservation. I come from a big family, consisting of 5 boys and 4 girls.

I raised four children from my first marriage, their names are Cecil Wilburn, Adam Wilburn, Teresa Wilburn Taylor and Rita Wilburn. I'm proud of the accomplishments that they were able to achieve in their lives.

I have 9 years of Management experience, was a board member on the South Carolina Indian Development Council from 1998-2006, H&R Block Certified Tax Preparer. I took some accounting classes at York Tech. I work as a volunteer Poll Manager for York County Board of Elections, the last 3 years. During this time I served on the Economic Development Committee and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

I have been active in tribal politics since the 1990's as a result of tribal members not getting answers to the financial situation of how the tribe was being ran. The group I was working with decided it was necessary to file a lawsuit in Federal Court in 1998. This suit brought about the ruling that the tribal roll be finalized to allow our, per capital funds to be distributed among the members.

As a tribal member and a candidate for a Committee seat there have been and continue to be issues which need to be addressed. To give an example; the wording of our South Carolina Settlement Act doesn't allow us to become a full sovereign nation as other tribes in the nation have and are recognized as such. I believe that we should and are entitled to gain our full sovereign rights. The major issue in my opinion is that we need more economic development, better housing and better living conditions for all tribal members. There needs to be put in place an accounting system which can track all monies we receive. How can our government survive without audits. The system of nepotism must stop. I'll be an advocate for seniors and continuing education for the youth of our tribe.

If elected, I will uphold our Constitution, By-Laws. I will stand strong for our rights and work for **ALL** the people. I will be your voice in everything I do, I'll work hard to gain your trust and respect and be honest in all my dealings with the tribe. We all need to stand together and together we can prosper and grow into a tribe we can all be proud of. I'm proud of my heritage.

Contact; 803 817-7699 (P.M.)

Hello,

My name is Heather George. I am 38 years old. I am a single parent of two daughters', ages 11 and 14, named Hope and Olivia. I also have a son who is 21, named Dylan. My Catawba bloodline is Canty, which comes from my grandmother, Alberta, and my mother Lorna. I am also a George, from my grandfather, Howard George and my dad, Tommy George. I grew up on the reservation and remember the day, The Catawba Indian Nation received federal recognition. I have volunteered for many of the tribal programs within the tribe and also within the Rock Hill Community. I am very honored to have been elected by my aunt, Denise Nichols to serve as a council member candidate. I thrive and feel deep in my heart and soul, that I can personally help make a difference within our tribe with my trust worthiness, respect level for the our tribal members, and the college education that I have obtained.



If elected as a council member, I, Heather C. George, promise to uphold, all morals and values and give my all to our tribe. I promise to stand tall as King Haigler did in 1751, at Fort George. The Mohawk forced the Catawbas' to dance with their feathers pointing down in humiliation. King Haigler than sat with King Mohawk, in peace. The six nations presented King Haigler with a wampum belt, the peace was final.

It's time, we the people of Catawba Indian Nation, start coming together and bonding in unity and stop dancing with our feathers down. King Haigler, has already fought for peace and unity. Let's bring it back as a tribe.

Sincerely,

Heather C. George



My name is Theresa Harris Rabon and I'm running for the Executive Committee.

I'm the daughter of Willard Leon Harris and Teresa Ward Harris, my Grandfather was the late chief Floyd Raymond Harris and my grandmother was the late master potter Nola Harris Cambell. I'm married to Tracy Rabon and we are blessed with 4 children and 4 grandchildren. I'm the oldest of 4; we grew up near the Catawba Reservation. We all live on the Reservation at this time. My husband and I have lived on the reservation for the past 16 years. We plan on living on the reservation for the rest of our life. I'm Proud to be a Catawba Indian. I want to do all I can to help and be here for all the Catawba Indians. I believe that what is right for one is right for all. I think all Tribal Members should have the same opportunity regardless of what name you have or what family you are from. I care about all our people from the Youngest to the Oldest. We need to get back into our Heritage and Culture of our People.

I have volunteered on the Catawba Indian Nation Land Use Committee for over 4 years. I have volunteered on ISWA Housing Board. I worked at Iswa Headstart for 3 years. I worked at Little People Academy when they needed me. It was Truly a Blessing to work with children. I currently work from the Catawba bingo. I support the seniors; if it weren't for them we wouldn't be here today. I support out Children, Teen, Education, Housing and Jobs. I support our children at Little People Academy and Headstart for their education. I support 4H Teen Club. I support Housing for all Tribal Members. I support jobs for Catawba People. I have an open mind and if I don't know the answer I will find out what you want me to or at least get in touch with the right person or people you need.

Support and Vote for Me

Theresa Harris Rabon

