



Democratic Party of Garland County



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Message from David Welch, Chair, DPG

Hello Democrats!

Here's a list of accomplishments since January to let you know that the Executive Committee hasn't been idle since our last meeting!

- Chair appointed "Public Relations" Chair – Barbara Thexton
- Chair appointed By-Laws Committee: Mary Lowe, Chair; Mark Toth; Barbara Thexton to review 2010 By-Laws and new DPA Rules and bring them into agreement
- Chair met with previous GCDCC Chairs
- Chair participated in Conference Call with other Country Chairs and DPA Staff to discuss new County Manual
- Sentinel-Record and Village Voice published articles on name change and new officers
- Chair attended County Committee Boot camp conducted by DPA
- Chair contacted new President of VCK and HSV Democratic Clubs to schedule a meeting to discuss upcoming election and cooperative endeavors
- E-Mail request was sent to previous members to renew membership
- Letter mailed to all Democratic Candidates outlining support available from County Committee
- Two events at HQ –
- Garland County Election Commission demonstrated new voting machines -Iowa Election Watch
- Created Member E-Mail list
- Created Position on Executive Committee for Past President
- Created Ex Officio Positions on Executive Committee for President, VCK, President, HSV Democratic Club; President, Young Democrats
- and the Triple "T" changes at the Headquarters – we have a new Telephone system, a new Thermostat and a new Toilet Seat!
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That's what the Executive Committee is doing. We are moving into an election year and now is the time when we need Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers. Because the Democratic Party of Arkansas (DPA) developed a new set of Rules for County Committees, the newly named Democratic Party of Garland County (DPGC) has had to undertake a revision of our by-laws and a reorganization of needs within the county party. We have some old committees and some new committees and so there are several ways you can become more involved. You probably received a summary of the Executive Committee meeting of February 9 – look those over and you can see the places where we need you to step up and volunteer for fundraising, membership, be a Hero of the Headquarters, or sign up to work in the upcoming campaign!

Finally, feel free to call me (651-695-1515) or e-mail me ([idwelch@msn.com](mailto:dwelch@msn.com)) with ideas, suggestions and even gripes. My goals for the year are: Support the Candidates; Build Membership and Involvement; Fundraising; and to Maintain and Enhance the Headquarters.

I need your help!



Submitted photo

DPCC OFFICERS: Newly elected officers of the Democratic Party of Garland County, previously called Garland County Democratic Central Committee, are David Welch, back left, Mark Toth; front, Dorothy Clark, and Mary Lowe.

WHO ARE WE

THE DEMOCRATS

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

President John F. Kennedy

FOR MORE THAN 200 YEARS, DEMOCRATS HAVE REPRESENTED THE INTERESTS OF WORKING FAMILIES, FIGHTING FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND JUSTICE FOR ALL AMERICANS.

OUR PARTY WAS FOUNDED ON THE CONVICTION THAT WEALTH AND PRIVILEGE SHOULDN'T BE AN ENTITLEMENT TO RULE AND THE BELIEF THAT THE VALUES OF HARDWORKING FAMILIES ARE THE VALUES THAT SHOULD GUIDE US.

WE DIDN'T BECOME THE MOST PROSPEROUS COUNTRY IN THE WORLD BY REWARDING GREED AND RECKLESSNESS OR BY LETTING THOSE WITH THE MOST INFLUENCE WRITE THEIR OWN RULES. WE GOT HERE BY REWARDING HARD WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY, BY INVESTING IN PEOPLE, AND BY GROWING OUR COUNTRY FROM THE BOTTOM UP.

TODAY DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING TO REPAIR A DECADE OF DAMAGE AND GROW AN ECONOMY BASED ON THE VALUES OF MAIN STREET, NOT GREED AND RECKLESS SPECULATION. DEMOCRATS ARE FOCUSED ON RESCUING OUR ECONOMY NOT JUST IN THE SHORT RUN BUT ALSO REBUILDING OUR ECONOMY FOR THE LONG RUN --- AN ECONOMY THAT LIFTS UP NOT JUST SOME AMERICANS, BUT ALL AMERICANS.

Headquarters Update
By Mark Toth

Over the Christmas holidays, a new computer and large screen monitor were installed in the headquarters. The monitor measures fifty-five glorious inches from corner to corner and offers bright LED live-action color--no nostalgia-inducing monochrome monitor for us democrats who prefer to see the world as it is in all its splendid colorful glory!

The computer and large monitor can be used for streaming internet video or PowerPoint presentations. Since this is an election year, we expect there will be numerous opportunities for us democrats to meet and watch live streamed events. In fact, a few weeks ago our new chair Dave Welch hosted a lively watch-party for the Iowa caucus. There was good food, a chance to watch the results as they came in and listen to the news analysts as they offered their commentary.

As the year progresses, we expect there will more such events, so watch your email for upcoming announcements. Drop by the Headquarters - it's neater, cleaner and less cluttered with more improvements promised!

Plus, a new telephone system has been installed to more reliably answer and respond to telephone contacts.

Next meeting of the DPGC February 17th
At ASMSA classroom first floor 200 Whittington Ave.
5:00 p.m. Social 5:30 p.m. Meeting
Candidates will be present for Meet and greet.

JOIN US 2016 CANDIDATE OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016
6:00 PM NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE
MARTIN EISELE AUDITORIUM IN
THE FREDERICK DIERKS CENTER AT NPC
FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF CANDIDATES,
VISIT OUR ONLINE EVENT PAGE AT
WWW.NP.EDU/SCA/EVENTS

VCK Champagne and Chocolate
Celebrating Women Democrats
February 16- 5:30 PM to 7PM
106 Camelot Point, Hot Springs
RSVP to Ann: 501-520-0224

IMPORTANT DATES

February 15	Early Voting Starts
February 16	VCK Champagne and Chocolate 5:30PM
February 17	DPGC 5 p.m. Social 5:30 p.m. Meeting
February 23	Candidate Forum at National Park College
February 23	VCK Meeting 5pm Social 5:30 meeting
March 1	Primary Elections
March 4	Fisher/ Schackelford Dinner - Little Rock
March 5	State Committee Meeting- Little Rock

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The Democratic Party of Garland County is by Arkansas state Law, the governing body of county Democratic activities. We are one of only three counties in the state that maintains a year round office. Our office is staffed Monday through Friday from 10AM to 2PM. Drop by anytime to visit.

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<http://www.garlandcountymocrats.org/>

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