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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Friends:

First, I would like to thank you for the great honor of serving you as the Chair of the Democratic Party of Garland County. I am looking forward to the progress that we will make over the next two years as we rebrand, recruit, and rebuild in our community. I am thankful for the mentoring and prudent leadership of Dave Welch and Barbara Thexton, both of whom have served our community, state, and Party with unwavering loyalty and steadfast dedication.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "The true test of a man's character lies not where he stands in times of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy." There is no doubt that we are living in challenging times. I know that many of you are distraught at the onslaught of challenges that seemingly plague us every day from the new administration. However, Martin Luther King, Jr. also told us that "It is only in the darkness that we can see stars." Remember, you are the stars that will light up our community in a very dark time. You have the power to make a difference.

President Obama told us in his farewell address that the "most important word in a democracy is citizen." The time has come for us to put his words to the test. When our voices are united, we will never be divided. We must stand strong. We must resist, we must speak out, and we must "rage against the dying of the light."

In this newsletter you will find the contact information of our federal and state legislators. The most important thing that we can do at this point is to communicate to those in office our positions on any pressing legislation. The phone messages can be brief and will typically take fewer than two minutes of your time. Set a personal goal of five phone calls or five emails per day; this can and will make a difference. Join us this Saturday, February 4th, at 10:00 a.m. at Headquarters for "Letters to Legislators," a coordinated phone bank, email, and postcard writing event where you will learn tips about how to effectively communicate your position.



2017-2018 DPGC Executive board

Chair: Hayden Shamel, Vice-Chair: Dave Reagan,
Secretary: Elizabeth Alderman. Treasurer: Mark Toth

Message from Chair Continued:

If you haven't done so already, please like and follow our Facebook page at the Democratic Party of Garland County. One of the best ways to get out daily alerts is through social media. Share our posts and events to get the word out to other like-minded individuals in our community. We are growing our outreach efforts on Facebook at a very rapid rate, and you can help us by inviting your friends to like our page. I will be sharing with you other social media strategies and tips at our next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 15th, at 5:00 at ASMSA.

Finally, remember to take a break every once in a while from social and other forms of media. Enjoy the company of your friends, family, and loved ones. Step outside and breathe the fresh air. Enjoy that doughnut. Savor the laughter of your kids and grandkids. Hold them a little tighter and laugh just a little longer. After all, those precious moments are the only ones that really matter.

With hope, unity, and strength,

Hayden



Letters to Legislators:

Join us this Saturday, February 4th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at our Democratic Headquarters at 608 West Grand Avenue for "Letters to Legislators," a coordinated letter, email, and phone banking event as we reach out to state legislators concerning pressing legislation that will affect our community's most vulnerable residents! Bring your laptop, phone, or personal device if desired. We will have postcards available for you. Our voices WILL be heard.

Contact Your Legislators:

Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we consistently contact our federal and state legislators to let them know our position on critical issues that will affect the health and well-being of our community's residents. Please program the following contact information into your phone, and call, email, or write as often as possible. Be sure to tell them you are their constituent if you live in their district. Feel free to share this information with other interested individuals. The cornerstone of American democracy is the citizenship of its people.

Tom Cotton, U.S. Senator
DC Office: 202-224-2353
Springdale Office: 479-750-0879

John Boozman, U.S. Senator
DC Office: 202-224-4843
Little Rock Office: 501-372-7513

Bruce Westerman, U.S. Representative
DC Office: 202-225-3772
Hot Springs Office: 501-609-9796

Richard Womack, State Representative, District 18
866 North 12th Street
Arkadelphia, AR 71923
870-403-6287 Richard@richardwomack.com

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377 N. Hwy 7
Hot Springs, AR 71901
501-623-1100 micky@mickygates.com

Bruce Cozart, State Representative, District 24
420 Rock Creek Road
Hot Springs, AR 71913
501-627-3232 bruce.cozart@arkansashouse.org

Les Warren, State Representative, District 25
140 Forest Lake Blvd.
Hot Springs, AR 71913
501-623-5165 les@leswarrenforarkansas.com

Laurie Rushing, State Representative, District 26
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Our website page:

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

- February 4 Letters to Legislators at 10:00a.m. at Headquarters 608 W Grand
- February 7 Headquarter Volunteer meeting at 5pm
- February 15 GPGC Meeting and Elections 5pm Social and 5:30pm meeting. ASMSA 200 Whittington
- February 16 Not 'Yo Mama's Civics Classes" First of series at Garland Co. Library (See article for more information). 10am and 6pm
- February 27 Brown Bag lunch and Discussion Headquarters 608 W Grand
- February 28 VCK monthly meeting 5pm Social 5:30 pm meeting Hot Springs Henderson Education Building 201 Market St



DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS Democratic Party of Garland County

Hours:

Monday – 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. **Fourth Monday only Brown Bag**

Lunch and Discussion (Please call before arrival)

Tuesday – 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please have patience with us – this office is staffed by volunteers and we're working on new scheduling!

Meanwhile, you may call 501/624-0300 and leave a message.

We'll return your call as soon as possible

We still need volunteers. Please call Gloria Dupree 501-624-1743

Civics Classes Offered at Library:

The Democratic Party of Garland County extends an open invitation for all local citizens to a series of civics classes in 2017 that will be free to the public. "Not Yo Mama's Civics Classes" will be held on the third Thursday of every month in conference room C of the Garland County Library. All community residents interested in learning more about city and county government, local political parties, and grassroots activism and community issues are invited to attend. The schedule for the first five classes in the series is included below. For more information, like and follow the Democratic Party of Garland County Facebook page, email GarlandDems@gmail.com, or call 501-624-0300.

Thursday, February 16th	10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Intro to County Government
Thursday, March 16th	10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Intro to City Government
Thursday, April 20th	10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Intro to State Government
Thursday, May 18th	10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Intro to Neighborhood Associations
Thursday, June 15th	10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Intro to Political Parties

FYI

These are the candidates for Democratic National committee Officers
Candidates for Chair

Sally Boynton Brown: Executive Director, Idaho Democratic Party & (<http://wethednc.org/>)

President, Association of State Democratic Executive Directors

Ray Buckley: Chair, New Hampshire Democratic Party & (<https://www.rayfordnc.com/>)

Chair, Association of State Democratic Chairs

Pete Buttigieg: Mayor, South Bend, Indiana (<https://petefordnc.com/>)

Keith Ellison: Congressman, Minnesota's 5th Congressional District (<http://www.keithfordnc.org>)

Jehmu Greene: Fox News Political Analyst (<https://www.jehmufordnc.org/>)

Jaime Harrison: Chair, South Carolina Democratic Party (www.jaimefordncchair.com)

Tom Perez: Secretary of Labor (<https://www.tomperez.org/>)

Candidates for Vice Chair

Michael Blake: New York State Assemblyman (79th District)

Melissa Byrne: Former National GOTV Digital Director, Bernie 2016

Mitchell Ceasar: Former Broward County Democratic Party Chair

Grace Meng: Congressman, New York's 6th Congressional District

Elizabeth Jaff: Head of Business Development and Campaigns for Crowdpc, Inc.

Lorna Johnson: Honorary Consul for Jamaica in Los Angeles

Latoia Jones: Assistant Director of Human Rights, American Federation of Teachers

and Co-Founder of Black & Engaged

Rick Palacio: Chair, Colorado Democratic Party

Adam Parkhomenko: DNC National Field Director 2016 & Founder, Ready for Hillary

Candidates for Vice Chair of Civic Engagement & Voter Participation

Karen Carter Peterson: Chair, Louisiana Democratic Party

Melissa Fazli: Executive Board Member & Delegate for the California Democratic Party

Candidates for Secretary

Ana Cuprill, Wyoming Democratic Party Chair

Roberta Lange, Nevada Democratic Party Chair

Jason Rae, DNC Youth Council Chair

Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, DNC Secretary & Former Mayor of Baltimore

Candidates for Treasurer

Joyce Amico, President of JPCM Incorporated

William Derrough, Managing Director of Moelis & Company

Candidates for National Finance Chair

Henry Munoz III, DNC National Finance Chair

The voting delegates from Arkansas are

National Committee Woman - Kasey Summerville

National Committee Man - Dustin McDaniel

Chair - Vince Insalaca

1st Vice Chair - Senator Joyce Elliott

Their e-mails are below if you want to share any thoughts regarding National Officers:

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DPGC Goals for 2017-2018

- 1) Re-brand our local image: "Fighting For You!"
- 2) Identify all open positions for 2018.
- 3) Recruit and groom candidates for offices.
- 4) Raise funds for candidates.
- 5) Plan quarterly "good works" series.
- 6) Implement a strategic marketing plan, integrating the use of local press with social media.
- 7) Offer civics classes at the Garland County Library in partnership with the newly formed progressive group in town.
- 8) Plan candidate support efforts for the 2018 election.
- 9) Utilize Headquarters to its full potential.
- 10) Fully embrace the skills and talents of each member of DPGC and the executive board.



State Committee Meeting and Officer Elections

Candidates announced for Chair include

Denise Garner

Michael John Gray

Drew Pritt

The State Committee meeting will be held on March 25, 2017, at the Argenta Community Theater located at 405 Main Street in North Little Rock. Among the agenda items will be elections for chair, first vice chair, vice chair of counties, vice chair of auxiliaries, and secretary. To appear on the ballot, please reply to this email with your name, address, phone number, and the office sought. Additional information will be sent out regarding the rules governing the election soon.