



Democratic Party of Garland County



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Message from David Welch, Chair, DPGC

Hello Democrats!

It's an election year! It's a crazy election year. On the republican side it is as SC Senator Lindsay Graham-R is quoted as saying - "Our party has gone bat-s*** crazy." Powerful forces on the republican side are frantically trying to find a way to stop Donald Trump from gaining the nomination. There reasonable alternative now is wait for it ..

Ted Cruz! The Republican senator from Texas who another republican described as having "a thick coat of people repellent."

The Democratic candidates, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, both have run campaigns which far better reflect the seriousness and importance of a presidential campaign. Yet, both of our candidates too have issues which make this election far from a sure thing. It has become something of a political cliché to say that this election defies past political wisdom and the talking heads on political shows are throwing up their hands in dismay when their predictions go so far a field.

What to do ? There is a saying that all politics is local. There is another that reminds us to think globally but act locally. When the Executive Committee and I set the goals for this year we focused on supporting our candidates – our financial resources and our time are focused on re-building the Democratic Party in Garland County and our state representatives in the senate and in the house. What can you do?

Here are 3 immediate ways you can be involved immediately in with impact:

Join a Committee – we have openings

Volunteer to help staff the Headquarters – call Gloria Dupree – 501-624-1743 she will call you back!

Sign up as a Volunteer to help candidates in their campaigns. We will have a Volunteer Campaign Coordinator to work through the HQ to provide volunteer help when requested by candidates.

And, see I didn't even mention money! I know you received your annual appeal letter from DPGC and letters are already being returned.

Each month when I send you the invitation to attend our monthly DPGC meeting I include a list of the past months accomplishments. It's a way to let the membership know that the Executive Committee are working on your behalf. I know the reactionary right is fond of saying that they want to take our county back – I've been confused by that – but in our case let me say that our focus is that we do want to take our county back and then our state. We really do need your help to do it.

We will not meet at our regular meeting date this month due to our County Convention. Meeting and Convention will be held March 23 at 5 pm Social and 5:30pm meeting at AMSA.



David Welch, Chair, DPGC , Dr. Gene Shelby, Jean Lacefield and Dave Reagns, J.P District 1 and Cindy Rogers at the Clinton Presidential Library attending the Fisher/Shackelford Dinner.



WE WANT YOU!

Our Headquarters is one of the treasures of the DPGC. It provides a meeting place for Democrats, a symbol of the Democratic Party in Garland County and a source of information for the community.

We have made a commitment to have the office open Monday - Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Right now we aren't able to keep our commitment because we have lost some of our volunteers who have moved, have health concerns or have other commitments.

We Want You! If you can volunteer, you can do it in two ways. We can have a morning shift - 10 am - 12 pm or an afternoon shift - 2 - 4 pm.

Please give it some thought - Training is available!

Give Gloria Dupree at call - 501-624-1743 -

Gloria says that sometimes she doesn't answer if it is a number she doesn't recognize -- so leave a message and number and Gloria will call you back.

Did I mention --- We Need You!

DPGC MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chair met with Presidents of VCK and HSV Democratic Club
Appointed Presidents of VCK, HSV Dems and Young Dems as
ex officio members of Ex. Comm.

Appointed Newsletter Editor

Appointed Chairs of Finance, HQ, and Membership
Committees

DPGC staffed a Table at the Candidates Forum sponsored by
NPC – staffing were Barbara Butler, Carol Klingbiel, Steve
Lowery and Dave Welch. Candidates from the Democratic side
were Jerry Rephan and Judy Ladd

Sent out the Annual Appeal letter for support of HQ – with the
help of these amazing members: Gloria Adams, Helen Bumpas,
Ada Gerlach, Carol Klingbiel, Judy Ladd and Mark Toth –
Thanks to these dedicated Democrats!

We have a new Vacuum Cleaner for the HQ

Chair attended the Fisher/Shackelford Dinner - About 20 folks
from Garland County Attended.

Chair attended the State Committee Meeting – Norma Newman,
Helen Bumpas, Janet Smith, Karen Garcia and Steve Lowery
also attended.



IMPORTANT DATES

**March 23 DPGC County Convention 5 p.m. Social 5:30pm
Meeting & Election of State Committee & Delegates.
Meetings are held at AMSA 200Whittington Ave.**

March 29 VCK Beans N Cornbread

Every Monday at noon at the Headquarters your invited to Brown
Bag at the HQ. No speakers are scheduled for the month of March.

Headquarters update by Mark A. Toth

I am happy to report on several recent developments at the
Headquarters. First off, as you may know, in December the brick
planter boxes in front of the building were hit by two cars in two
separate incidents. (Apparently one of the drivers claimed, "It
wasn't my fault! The planter box just jumped right out in front of
my car!" So use extra care when driving by the Headquarters so that
you don't fall victim to one of these "roving" brick planter boxes).
My safety tip for the day: once you drive up over the curb, you
should apply your breaks BEFORE you reach the planter boxes!
Just a point for you to ponder. Our landlord quickly repaired the
planters and our very own Dave Reagan has volunteered to trim and
tend the plants—so maybe we'll see some new flowers out front
come Spring!

Thanks to the support of our members, we can now clean the
sidewalk outside the Headquarters. So the next time you come in
and complain about debris on the sidewalk, know that we will
quickly provide you with a our new broom and dust pan--so you'll
have no excuse as to "why doesn't someone clean off the sidewalk
out front?" Remember, we are democrats. We don't tolerate wining
and finger-pointing; we look for solutions (and people to implement
those solutions)!

This month Judy Ladd (our Democratic candidate for Garland
County Circuit Clerk) provided us with a gently-used vacuum. The
"new-to-us" vacuum is a true democratic machine: reliable, efficient
and it knows how to clean up a mess without making much noise!
As you may recall in January, we finally retired our previous
vacuum--which we had affectionately named "Dusty" for its
proclivity to merely suck up dirt and then distribute it around the
room in an extra fine cloud. After "Dusty's" departure, we received
a donated replacement vacuum. But that vacuum--which we quickly
named "The Trumpthought w-inator"--proved to be a nightmare.
Much like its namesake, it was big, hard to avoid and it didn't do
anything other than make a lot of noise. We quickly put it out with
the trash. Just when we e would have to pay ninety dollars for a
decent, new vacuum, Judy stepped forward and donated her vacuum.
So three cheers to Judy, this month's "Gold Star Hero of the
Headquarters!"

We continue to work to make the Headquarters neater, cleaner and
less cluttered. So drop by and see the improvements. And with your
continued support, there are more improvements yet to come!

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VCK BEAN'S N CORNBREAD
MARCH 29 AT 5 P. M. MEAL SERVED AT 5:30 PM

Guest Speakers: 2016 Candidates Invited

Forest Lakes Clubhouse
234 Forest Lakes Blvd.

5:00 p.m. Social
5:30 p.m. Meal

\$20 / admission and One beer or glass of wine

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