



Message from David Welch, Chair, DPGC

Hello Democrats!

Dave is on vacation at time of printing. So, look for his email soon.

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 meet at our regular meeting date this month the third Wednesday. Held April 20 at 5 pm Social and 5:30pm meeting at AMSA. Elmer Beard will be the Speaker.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 20 DPGC Regular Meeting 5 p.m. Social 5:30pm Meetings are held at AMSA 200 Whittington Ave. Speaker; Elmer Beard**
- April 22 Hot Springs Village Democrats Meeting 3 p.m. Social 4p.m. meeting at the Coronado Center Speaker: Hal Bass**
- April 22 2016 Democratic National Convention Fundraiser General Dustin McDaniel's Little Rock 5:30 p.m.**
- April 22 Saline Co. Jefferson-Jackson Dinner Benton Event Center 6 p.m.**
- April 24 DNC reception with Chair Congressman Debbie Wassermann Schultz at 5 p.m. Argenta Community Theater**
- April 25 Brown Bag Meeting Democratic Headquarters Noon Speaker Terry Diggs**
- April 26 VCK Meeting Hot Springs Henderson Campus Building 5 p m. Social 5:30 p.m. Meeting**
- April 27 Miller Mahoney Dinner Little Rock at First Security Amphitheater 6 p.m.**
- May 12-19 Democratic National Convention Delegate Filing Period**

Candidate Spotlight

Jerry Rephan

House of Representatives, District 25



"I've been standing up for Arkansas families and values for my entire career. Working folks need strong voices for healthcare, education and jobs. That's my calling."

Jerry Rephan is running for State Representative, District 25. An attorney with over 20 years experience, Jerry represents children and families in Garland County Juvenile Court. He has served as Special Judge and attended National Judicial College Training. He is a third-generation resident of Hot Springs and graduate of Lakeside High, Tulane University, and the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, School of Law. Jerry gained small-business experience working through the ranks of his family's business, Rephan's Department Stores with locations in Hot Springs, Hope, Mena, DeQueen and other Arkansas towns. Jerry served on the Ethics Committee of St. Joseph's Hospital, boards of the Red Cross, Congregation House of Israel and Arkansas Senior Olympics; president of the Quapaw Community Center and Garland County Bar Association. He coached Special Olympics and Senior Olympics Women's basketball teams to state and national awards. A past president of the Spa Pacers Running Club, he directed numerous races and continues to compete. He was a 2015 RRCA State Age-Group Champion and enjoys the Hot Springs National Park trails with family. He served on the Garland County Election Commission and is a former chairman of his county Democratic Party. Jerry and wife, Fran, have three adult children and welcomed two granddaughters in 2015. Connect with Jerry on Facebook.

HEADQUARTERS
Democratic Party of Garland County

Hours:
Monday – Open from 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.
For Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion
(Please call before arrival)

Tuesday – Closed (until further notice)

Wednesday – Open from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday – 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Friday – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 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



Democrat Dinner in the Spa City: The Virginia Clinton Kelly Democratic Women of Garland County held their "Beans and Cornbread" dinner on Tuesday, March 29, to a packed house of 80 dedicated Democrats at the Forest Lakes Clubhouse in Hot Springs. Featured speakers included our Democratic candidate for House District 18, Richard Bright, candidate for House District 25, Jerry Rephan, as well as Democratic Party of Arkansas Executive Director Ted Dick. The enthusiasm was striking as speakers called Democratic voters to action.

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Heroes of the Headquarters by Mark A. Toth

We continue to work to make the Headquarters cleaner and tidier. The "new-to-us" vacuum Judy Ladd (our democratic nominee for Garland County Circuit Clerk) donated is doing a stellar job. And this month several volunteers aided in our efforts to reduce clutter in the Headquarters. We finished cleaning out the storage closet and tidied up around the computer/kitchenette area. Our previous computer (which was so old its on-screen wallpaper said "Jimmy Carter for President, 1976") was sent out for recycling.

Carol Klingbeil donated two new tablecloths--one white and the other "Democrat" blue. Carol asked that we not make a fuss over her donation but we certainly appreciate her efforts. Previously only one of the tables had a "cloth,"--which, ironically wasn't actually cloth. The previous table covering (nicknamed "Wispy") was made from plastic so insubstantial that touching it would cause it to fall apart. The new tablecloths are made from actual fabric and are a welcome improvement. Thank you Carol!

Otherwise its been a relatively quiet month at the Headquarters. We are planning on replacing the burned out fluorescent bulbs in the overhead lights later this month. Currently we're losing a bulb every few weeks. If we don't install some replacements we'll soon have no working lights--and that simply won't do. We're democrats, after all. Unlike another "unnamed" political party, we won't tolerate stumbling around in the dark just hoping that giving more money to millionaires and billionaires will somehow miraculously "trickle down" into a voodoo "solution." We look for rational, science-based answers (like actually buying and installing new bulbs)!

We continue to work to improve the Headquarters. So drop by and see the improvements. And with your continued support, our Headquarters will only get better!

I'll finish with a few Trump jokes--I know, that's redundant since Trump is a joke, but nevertheless here goes:

Donald Trump's campaign strategy in three sentences. Fear leads to Anger. Anger leads to Hate. And Hate leads to the Republican Nomination. (Sad but true.)

How is Donald Trump going to shut down the Department of Education? By renaming it Trump University.

And finally, a observation by Seth Meyers:
"Donald Trump said mosques need to be 'watched and studied' because they may spread hateful views. In related news, Donald Trump needs to be watched and studied.