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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Happy May!

In literature, spring symbolizes renewal and rebirth. How fitting it is that we are in the process of remodeling and renovating our Headquarters at 608 West Grand Avenue in order to be ready for the 2018 campaign season. The office has received a new coat of paint, and the carpet will be replaced this month. This is only thanks to all of you who have generously donated your time and money to help make these improvements. We will be hanging a plaque with the names of all carpet sponsors at our June 21st Fiesta Fundraiser. Please reserve that date on your calendar now - we will enjoy street tacos and blue state margaritas at what is sure to be a fantastic event!

Don't forget to take some time to pat yourself on the back this month - you managed to survive 100 days of the current tenant temporarily residing in our house in Washington. Like the phoenix that is reborn from the ashes, we all survived - and we are ultimately stronger because of it. We now must commit to doing whatever it takes to regain Democratic representation in 2018. I firmly believe that we must focus our efforts where we have the most influence, and we have the most influence here in Garland County. Like the Tea Party did after President Obama's election in 2008, we must systematically and strategically regain our control, and that starts with local boards, commissions, and elective offices. We are looking for people ready and willing to run. Contact us today if you or anyone you know is interested in running for office.

Finally, we have some great individuals heading up our subcommittee efforts! If you haven't already, I hope you will join a subcommittee and put your talents and skills to good work. We have a variety of groups to choose from - food and events, membership, community outreach, candidate recruitment and leadership, and communications and technology. These groups need you! We can no longer afford to sit back and think that someone else will do the work for us. It will take all of us working together to achieve our goal of turning Arkansas blue again. Don't forget to like DPGC on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. I will look forward to seeing all of you on May 17th at 5:00 at ASMSA for our May meeting!

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Volunteer of the Month Vicki Garner

The Democratic Party of Garland County would not be what it is without the hard work and dedication of all of our wonderful volunteers. This month, we would like to recognize volunteer Vickie Garner for her outreach efforts and the time she spends devoted to our local Party. In addition to chairing the membership and food and events subcommittees, Vickie works tirelessly recruiting new members, creating buttons, and setting up for events. "Vickie works hard," says Gloria Dupree. "She does what needs to be done, and she cares." Thank you, Vickie, and thank you to all of our hardworking volunteers for everything you do!



The DPGC Membership Committee May meetings will be Monday, May 1 and again May 15 at 5:30 at the Democratic Headquarters, 608 W. Grand Ave. Our purpose is to create fun ways to attract members to the DPGC. We had so many ideas at the first meeting we had to vote on which ones to work on first. I'm pretty sure it's going to involve a party, come join the fun! Questions? Contact me at vickiegarner2016@gmail.com



The DPGC Food/Event Committee is already planning the "Fiesta Like There Is No Manana!" fundraiser, June 21st! The menu will be chicken & pork Mexican street tacos, creamy, street corn casserole, drunken beans, chili lime watermelon and Texas chocolate sheet cake with pecan icing. Everything will be home made and fresh, even the Blue State Margaritas! The next Food/Event Committee meeting will be May 11th at 4pm at the Democratic Headquarters at 608 W. Grand Ave. If you like to cook, create events, decorate or even bartend come join us! Questions? Contact me at vickiegarnier2016@gmail.com



Civics Classes Offered at Library:

The Democratic Party of Garland County in partnership with Moving Forward 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 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, May 18th 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m State Government 101 Speaker Larry Williams
 Thursday, June 15th 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Political Parties 101

Previous educational civics classes and the March meeting presentation on public policy lobbying are available for viewing under the "Education" link on our website: www.movingforwardhotsprings.org

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 10th at 5:30 at HQ - Executive Board Meeting
 May 17th at 5:00 at ASMSA - DPGC Meeting with guest speaker Akau Anyieth
 May 18th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Library - Not 'Yo Mama's Civics Class, State Government 101 with Larry Williams
 May 22nd at 12:00 at HQ - Brown Bag Lunch
 May 23rd at 5pm VCK Democratic Women at 201 Market

May Subcommittee Meetings:

Monday, May 1st - 5:30 at HQ - Membership Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, May 9th - 6:00 at HQ - Candidate Recruitment Committee Meeting
 Thursday, May 11th - 4:00 at HQ - Food/Events Committee Meeting
 Monday, May 15th at 5:30 at HQ DPGC Membership Committee
 Thursday, May 25 - 6:30 at HQ - Community Outreach Committee Meeting

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 – 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm
 Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday_ 10:00a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
 Friday – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This office is staffed by volunteers and we're working on 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

Monthly meetings are educational



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Congressman Bruce Westerman
invites you to his 2nd annual



DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2017
TIME: 8:30am-10:00am

PLACE: Balboa Pavilion
476 Ponce de Leon Drive
Hot Springs Village

SPECIAL GUESTS:
Congressman French Hill
Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
Land Commissioner John Thurston

 This is a pet-friendly event.
Dog biscuits provided.

ENTERTAINMENT: Hot Springs Village Big Band

We hope you can join us for this FREE breakfast event to visit with Congressman Westerman and enjoy time with his other grassroots supporters.



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