



## Message from David Welch, Chair, DPGC

### Hello Democrats!

June 7 – the California primary election will likely put the seal on the the Democratic Party's nominee for President of the United States. And while the dust hasn't settled, the outcome seems clear. But, before I get into that let me digress a bit.

For me, if Hillary Clinton is our nominee, then I'm going to vote for her. If Bernie Sanders is our nominee, then I'm going to vote for him. Why say that? Because, I'm a party voter when it comes to national elections. I have had a lot of arguments over the years with my right wing friends about character issues and politicians. They have pointed an indignant finger at me and lamented my low moral standards and lack of anger at decisions, policies and occasional personal blunders of Democratic national figures. "How can I vote for such flawed people," they ask.

Now, comes Donald Trump. And my right wing friends are all getting in line, after much bluster, to now support the presumptive nominee of the Republican Party with all sorts of justifications such as "he's the people's choice," "he won it fair and square," and "He's the Republican nominee and he's better than Hilary." I don't exactly know where all their family values, religious convictions and fiscal responsibility talk went but there it is. So, now, they are going to hold their respective noses and vote for Trump, the Republican. Well, truth be known, I don't have any problem with Republican's voting for Republicans. Turns out Republicans are pretty much just like those of us who are party voters at the national level. Parties actually do stand for something and regardless of the nominee that general directional trend that represents the Democratic and Republican parties will be followed.

So that digression out of the way, let me get back to the Democratic race. I just read an editorial on the Web with the opinion that if Sanders wins, then Clinton backers will vote for Sanders. But if Clinton wins, then 20% of Sanders voters say they will vote for Trump! I sure hope you noticed the exclamation point at the end of that last sentence. My head is spinning. Twenty percent! As I said, I understand Republicans lining up for Trump. I do not understand Sanders supporters lining up for Trump. Sanders has said in no uncertain terms that he will work seven days a week to defend Trump. And frankly, the contrast between the two candidates could not be more clearly drawn. Sanders and Trump overlap to about the extent that football and baseball do – that is to say, not much. Well, some folks say they are just mad and want a change. The whole political thing is just a mess and needs to be changed – like a stinky diaper. Maybe so. But, here's a thought. When you change the diaper, it makes a difference what you use as a diaper..



## Spotlight Candidate



### For Justice of the Peace District 8

Retired Captain from Hot Springs Fire Department, Owner Jim's Pawn Shop. Served in the U.S. Army and past Justice of the Peace District 8, for 10 years. Served on the board of 70 West Fire Department. At present running for Justice of the Peace District 8. Graduated from Lake Hamilton High and Garland County Community College. Married to Sharyn Harmon.

## Heroes of the Headquarters by Mark Toth

We continue to work to improve our Headquarters. Over the past few months Dave Reagan, an active supporter of the Democratic Party (and Garland County Justice of the Peace for District One), has greatly aided in our ongoing efforts to make the Headquarters a better place.

As you may recall, around the beginning of the year the planter boxes in front of the building were damaged. Once the planters were repaired, Dave volunteered to maintain them, taking it upon himself to buy new plants and faithfully trim and care for them. Dave relocated the thermostat which controls the heat and air conditioning at the Headquarters. Lastly, Dave repainted the podium at the Headquarters. The wooden dias was functional but the tan color was worn. Dave expertly remade the podium with "Democrat" blue paint, which compliments our ongoing efforts to tidy the Headquarters.

So a very special thanks to Dave Reagan, this month's "Super Hero of the Headquarters!"

Also we want to give a special thanks to Mary Lowe and Gloria Dupree. Gloria paid to repair the front door lock. The lock would sometimes stick making it difficult—if not impossible—to unlock the door from the inside (imagine being locked inside the Headquarters without any way out and you will quickly appreciate the need to repair the door lock). And Mary donated a new-to-us drip coffee maker. The new-to-us gently used coffee maker will automatically shut off after a few hours. So "thank you" to both Gloria and Mary for helping to make the Headquarters safer.

We continue to work to enhance the Headquarters. So drop by and see the changes. And with your continued support, there are more improvements yet to come!

HEADQUARTERS  
Democratic Party of Garland County

Hours:  
Monday – Open from 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.  
For Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion  
Every other Monday. (Please call before arrival)  
Tuesday – 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Wednesday – 12:00 pm. – 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday - 10:00 am -12:00 noon  
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

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

Brown Bag Lunch – Presentation on Monday, June 13, 2016 @ 12:00 noon.

Tuesday, June 14th, is Flag Day. On the day before – Monday – We are offering handouts which remind us of protocol in displaying the flag of the United States, suggested dates to fly the flag, and a pictorial (in color!) history of United States flags, beginning with the First Colonial Flag. At the conclusion of the presentation, time is allowed for a question and answer session.

The featured speaker will be Beverly Newsom Salisbury, an English professor at Southwest Tennessee in Memphis prior to retiring and moving to Hot Springs Village. [A newspaper release will be in the Sunday, June 12, Sentinel-Record.]

Long may our flag wave! Questions? Call Barbara Thexton, 760-3837.

### Good News—Support for Local Democratic Candidates

For the past seventeen months, the Democratic Party of Garland County (DPGC) has been solicited funds to aid local Democratic candidates. Last month, thanks to the generosity of our members, the DPGC provided financial support to our Democratic Nominees. All of the candidates took the time to express their appreciation.

- Jimmie Harmon, JP Candidate District 8, wrote: "Thank you, members of the Democratic Party of Garland County, for your support."

- Denise Marion, JP District 3, wrote: "Thank you Garland County Democrats for your generous support to my J.P. campaign. You all are the best! ...knowing that there is the Democratic Party standing with me gives me the strength and courage to stand up and do what needs to be done."

- Richard Bright, State Representative Candidate District 18, wrote: "I was blown away.... It means so much to see and feel the support from you.... I look forward to the chance to be a voice for Garland County.... This is a winnable race. Thank you so much for your help pushing us onward and upward!"

- Judy Ladd, Garland County Circuit Court Clerk Candidate, wrote: "I am very appreciative of [your support] ...towards my campaign. It will certainly help get my name out in front of the public.... Thanks again. I love you all."

- Jerry Rephan, State Representative Candidate District 25, spoke at our May 18th meeting and said, "I just wanted to thank everyone in the Party for their support.... Even at this early date, we're planning our media buy in the newspaper and your contribution will be put to good use...."

[Note: contributions were made only to Democratic Nominees in competitive races; Kenneth Johnson, J.P. Candidate, District 4 is self financing, and asked that monies he would otherwise receive be directed to other candidates.]

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- June 10 Arkansas Democratic Fundraiser at 5:30 pm  
Argenta Community Theater in North  
Little Rock Speaker: Congressman James  
Clyburn of South Carolina
- June 11 Special State Convention The convention to  
elect delegates will be held June 11 at 8am  
registration 9am gravel on the campus at the  
University of Central Arkansas in the Farris  
Center in Conway.
- June 13 Brown Bag Series at Noon at Garland Co.  
Democratic Headquarters. 608 Grand Av.  
Beverly Newsom Salisbury "The Flag of  
United States of America"
- June 15 Monthly GCDP meeting at ASMSA 100  
Whittington 5pm Social and 5:30 pm  
gravel. Campaign Kick-off Speaker:  
Representative Clarke Tucker
- June 24 VCK monthly meeting 5pm Social 5:30 pm  
meeting Hot Springs Henderson Education  
Building 201 Market St
- June 27 Brown Bag Series at Noon at the Garland Co  
Democratic Headquarters 608 Grand Ave.  
Speaker Terry P. Diggs "Mountain Forklore"
- July 25-28 National Democratic Convention

## SAVE THE DATES

- July 15 35<sup>th</sup> Annual JJ Dinner Verizon Arena  
North Little Rock
- July 16 VCK We Love Democrats BBQ and  
Candidate Fair at Family Park
- July 22 Hot Springs Village Democrats Meeting  
Coronado Center

Sad to say goodbye to Mary Lowe our Vice Chair, who has moved to Texas to be closer to family. A big shout out and welcome to Hayden Shamel our new Vice Chair. Introduce yourself to her at the next meeting.