



# Democratic Party of Garland County



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## Message from David Welch, Chair, DPGC

### Hello Democrats!

First, let me invite you to a special meeting of the DPGC – our regular monthly meeting (Wednesday, September 21, 5 PM at the ASMSA) will have a Special Guest – Senator Hattie Caraway will visit us for the evening! Dr. Nancy Hendricks will bring her one-woman show of former Arkansas United States Senator Hattie Caraway to life at our meeting. If you have not seen Nancy perform as Senator Caraway, then you are in for a treat! Well, if you have seen her performance, you are still in for a treat!

Next, let me reflect with you a bit on the last couple of weeks on the Presidential campaign. Specifically, on the uproar surrounding the Clinton Foundation and the charge that contributions have been in the nature of a “Pay to Play” bribe to gain access to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton since many of the access to contributions to the Clinton Foundation come from foreign donors. Now here's the legal definition of a bribe:

Bribery in criminal law refers to the improper acceptance by a public official, juror, or someone bound by a duty to act impartially, of any gain or advantage to the beneficiary, including any gain or advantage to a third person by the desire or consent of the beneficiary.

Now it isn't in dispute that people gave money to the Clinton Foundation. In fact, that is its purpose – it's a charity set up to collect and dispense contributions. So the charge is that foreign governments or highly placed officials gave money to gain favor with the Secretary of State. It's a serious charge. But, here's something to consider. First, how would the Secretary of State benefit from contributions to the Clinton Foundation? Hillary Clinton hasn't served on the foundation's board since spring of 2015 and did not serve on its board while Secretary of State. She received no salary for serving on the Board. So the question becomes – what gain would she get from a contribution to the Foundation? Some would argue that if a foreign government gave to the Foundation, then that would gain them access to the Secretary of State – ie, get a meeting with her. The rub here is that was her job. She is supposed to meet with highly placed officials of foreign governments.

So the charge is that a foreign government gave money to the Clinton Foundation – none of which was given to or was for Hillary Clinton – the purpose of which was to gain her schedule, which they already had access to anyway because of her job and there position. And, it is given to an organization which purpose is charitable and with which the Secretary of State no longer served. And this story just keeps on playing while it seems to me that Donald Trump's finances are getting a past from the press. He steadfastly refused to disclose his financial documents while Hillary and the Clinton Foundation are on the front page you can't even find a journalist pushing on Trump's dealings. This in the face of the right wing claim that Hillary has the mainstream press in her pocket!

Well, folks, those are my reflections – confusing as they are. They lead me to a thought. Keep the Faith. We're going to win this one! And, let us keep pushing this year for the U. S. Senate and Connor Eldridge – We have a chance! Let's keep pushing at the State level with Jerry Rephan and Richard Bright – We have a chance! Let's keep pushing at the local level with Judd Ladd, Kenneth Johnson, Denise Marion, Ray Owen, Jr. and Dave Reagan. We have a chance .this year like we have not had in past years. This year our work can pay off!

## Spotlight Candidate



**Kenneth Johnson**  
**Justice of the Peace- District 4**

Served as Country Tax Collector, County Assessor, Justice of the Peace and a Firefighter for the City of Hot Springs.

**A name you know and a face you recognize.**

### Brown Bag Lunch Speakers @ Garland County Democratic Headquarters

Mondays @ 12:00 noon – speakers' series will be focused on some of the many issues important to Democrats:

Monday, September 5 – Labor Day (the HQ will be closed)

Monday, September 19th – Vince Insalaco, Chair of the Democratic Party of Arkansas

Monday, September 26th - Dr. Gene Shelby - “Prescription Drug Abuse Epidemic in Arkansas and Nationally”

Monday, October 3rd – Valerie Claar, Coordinator, Schmieding Home Caregiver Training Center

More information contact Barbara Thexton at the Garland Co. Democratic Headquarters.



**Democratic Celebration Dinner  
September 16, 6:00 p.m.**

Democrats and elected officials from Garland County and beyond will be gathering at the Hot Springs Country Club on the evening of Friday, September 16th, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., for an inaugural Democratic Celebration Dinner. The dinner is a fundraising event to help raise money for local Democratic candidates and to energize and spread the word on behalf of the Hillary for Arkansas campaign in Garland County.

State Senator Joyce Elliott of Little Rock will address the crowd, providing remarks reflecting on the spirit of unity, strength, and hope in the Democratic Party. Elliott, the current vice-chair of the Democratic Party of Arkansas, focuses primarily on K-12 and higher education in her work as a legislator. She is a former State Representative and has served as a member of the Arkansas Senate on behalf of District 31 since 2009.

“Senator Elliott is an outstanding leader in the Arkansas State Senate with over 30 years’ experience as an educator,” says Karen Garcia, Hot Springs resident and secretary of the Democratic Party of Arkansas. “Everybody’s rights matter to her, and she works tirelessly for all Arkansans,” Garcia says. Several other Democratic candidates will make remarks during the course of the evening. Jerry Rephan, local attorney and candidate for State Representative in District 25, will speak to the crowd about his campaign outreach efforts in Hot Springs, along with Richard Bright of Arkadelphia, candidate for State Representative in District 18. Judy Ladd, candidate for Garland County Circuit Clerk, is also scheduled to speak.

“We will be releasing further exciting details about the program’s highlights soon,” says Hayden Shamel, vice-chair for the Democratic Party of Garland County. “The planning committee has been hard at work to ensure that this is a fantastic event for our community, our candidates, and our Party. It’s definitely going to be a night you don’t want to miss.”

The cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m., with the dinner and program to follow promptly at 7:00. Tickets for the dinner are \$50, and tables of 8 are \$400. To RSVP for the event, email GarlandCountyDinner@gmail.com or call Democratic Headquarters at 501-624-0300. Checks should be made payable to the Democratic Party of Garland County and mailed to Democratic Headquarters at 608 West Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, AR, 71901.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

September 5 **Headquarters closed**

September 12-17 Democratic Booth at Garland Co, Fair. **Volunteers needed.**

September 16 Democratic Dinner at HSCC 6pm

September 19 Brown Bag at noon at Headquarters

September 21 DPGC monthly meeting at ASMSA  
5pm social 5:30pm meeting 200  
Whittington

September 26 Brown Bag at noon at Headquarters

September 27 VCK monthly meeting 5pm Social  
5:30pm meeting at Old Landmark  
building 201 Market St.

October 3 Brown Bag at noon at Headquarters

October 10 Deadline for Voter Registration

**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 ---2:00pm

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**

**Hillary for America meets Monday nights at the Garland Co. Democratic Headquarters at 5:30 p.m. If interested please attend.**

(reminder the HQ is closed for Labor Day).

Please see attached order form on your email for t-shirts for Hillary. Deadline is Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

Choice of three styles.