



Democratic Party of Garland County



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Message from David Welch, Chair, DPGC

Hello Democrats!

The Democratic Party is exciting, vibrant and alive in Garland County. You know we have had Connor Eldridge as our September program speaker and we followed that up as co-sponsors of a Fundraising Dinner for Connor at the Quapaw Baths. Plus, our September meeting also included Dr. Nancy Hendricks with here one woman show of Senator Hattie Caraway. I hope you got to see that.

DPGC also sponsored a Watch Party at the HQ with lots of cheers and boos as Hillary (cheers) confronted Donald (boos) on his odd and potentially dangers views as a national leader. Right before the Debate the Hillary For America group met for planning and action for the November election.

October promises to be no less an exciting month with more debates, more Brown Bag Speakers, and a minimum of two candidate forums – one at NPC and the other at Union Baptist Church.

On a personal note, I was invited to appear on radio station KZNG, 1340 AM, on the Dick Antione Morning Show to debate the Republican County Chair for a post-debate analysis. Now, that was an experience. The Republican Chair is a Donald Trump supporter and appears to hold even more far right views than Trump himself. In my own self-analysis, I believe I held my own and represented our Democratic Party and our Democratic Values at least adequately.

So far as the first debate went, it is my view that Hillary was the clear winner. She conducted herself well, she was well-prepared, and showed herself as the strong, competent, experienced leader we know her to be. Donald was unprepared, drifted into near incoherence, and appeared to fatigue near the end of the debate. So much for stamina!

Please keep checking your e-mails for updates and information as the election nears there will be a lot going on.

Spotlight Candidate



**Christian. Husband. Father. Prosecutor. Lifelong Arkansan. Your Next U. S. Senator!
CONNER ELDRIDGE**

After nearly five years as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, Conner Eldridge announced his candidacy for the United States Senate on Sept. 9, 2015.

Conner has lived throughout the state. Born in Fayetteville, he spent the first 12 years of his life in Augusta until his family moved to Lonoke, where he worked on the family farm and graduated from high school. He earned a bachelor's degree from Davidson College and a law degree from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where he was a member of the Arkansas Law Review.

Conner married Mary Elizabeth Whipple and the couple moved to Arkadelphia in 2004, where he became vice president and assistant general counsel of Summit Bank. He served as CEO of Summit Bank and Summit Bancorp from 2008 to 2010.

Governor Mike Beebe appointed Conner to the Arkansas Interest on Lawyer's Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Board in 2008 where he worked with attorneys and non-profit leaders to allocate the group's proceeds for justice initiatives, scholarships and other programs.

Conner and his family moved to Fort Smith following his appointment as United States Attorney in 2010 and lived there for two years. They now reside in Fayetteville and are active members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They are raising three young boys: Will, Henry and Tull. In his spare time, Conner is an avid duck and deer hunter and a serious, lifelong Razorback fan.

Brown Bag Update
By Barbara Thexton

2016 Arkansas ballot issues at a Brown Bag Lunch.

I spoke with Representative Vines and he has agreed to come to the HQ to discuss these issues and any other topics we wish – after we understand the issues. Because of court dates on Mondays, we agreed on TUESDAY, October 18th @ 12:00 noon. TUESDAY!!!! I'd like to have a reception for him at that time to thank him for his service to the state at that time. He's danced many a fancy step, trying to reach compromises with The Other Side – even though some Democrats didn't understand why he voted as he did at times...but he's been a true Democrat who knows that compromise is a way to be in the game of politics.

Informed voters want to know details of ballot issues before they go to the polls.

Voters who know how they will vote will prevent long waiting lines at the polls because they want to read and decide how to vote on the issues.

The link below provides arguments for and against each ballot issue and is fairly comprehensive.

An informed voter can make better decisions especially when ballot titles are unclear or deceptive.

<http://uaex.edu/business-communities/voter-education/ArkansasBallotIssuesVoterGuide-2016-Final.pdf>

SGA and Garland County Farm Bureau will host a State and Local Candidate Debate October 25 at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to the community and will be held in the Martin Eisele Auditorium.

The event will begin with a Meet & Greet for all candidates at 5:30 p.m. followed by debates from candidates for State Representative District 25, United States Congress District 4 and United States Senate.



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IMPORTANT DATES

October 9 Debate Watch party at Headquarters

October 10 Deadline for Voter Registration

October 18 Brown Bag at noon at Headquarters

October 19 DPGC monthly meeting at ASMSA
5pm social 5:30pm meeting 200
Whittington

October 24 Early Voting begins

October 25 VCK monthly meeting 5pm Social
5:30pm meeting at Old Landmark
building 201 Market St.

October 25 Local Candidate Debate NPC at 5:30pm

October 28 Hot Spring Village Democrats Quarterly
Meeting Oktoberfest 4pm to 6p
Coronado Center

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).

Volunteers needed to help the candidates phone bank or knock on doors with them. Please call the Democratic Headquarters and sign up.

Democrats' know how to have fun !!!!

