

# Democrats of Garland County

Newsletter for the *Garland County Democratic Central Committee*



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Have you thanked and hugged a candidate today?

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## Garland County Democratic Central Committee

**Wednesday, August 20th**

**5:00 p.m. – gathering time**

**5:30 p.m. – gavel time**

Arkansas School for Mathematics,  
Science and the Arts (ASMSA)

## Calendar



**Wednesday, August 20, 5:30 p.m.**

GCDCC meeting. @ ASMSA

**Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.**

Democratic Party of Arkansas  
State Convention in Little Rock  
and Jefferson Jackson Dinner

**Tuesday, August 26, 5:30 p.m.**

Virginia Clinton Kelley meeting @ HQ

**Tuesday, September 9, 5:30 p.m.**

GCDCC Executive Council meeting  
@ Democratic Headquarters

**Wednesday, September 17, 5:30 p.m.**

GCDCC Meeting @ ASMSA

## Candidates to Speak:



**Monday, August 18, 12 noon @ HQ**

St. Representative David Kizzia, Dist. 26  
Damon Daniels, st. rep. candidate, Dist. 18

**Monday, August 25, 12 noon @ HQ**

St. Representative John T. Vines to interpret  
two newspaper pages of [ballot]  
amendments referred by the legislature.

**Monday, September 8, 12 noon**

Nate Steel, candidate for Atty. General

**Monday, September 15, 12 noon @ HQ**

John Burkhalter, candidate for Lt. Gov.  
[Full schedule of speakers is attached.]

**Monday, October 6**

Deadline to apply to register to vote.

**Friday, October 17**

VCK – Annual Golf Tournament  
Contact: Norma Newman 318-2103

**Monday, October 20**

First day of Early Voting!

**November 4 – Election Day** (at last!)

## Politics and Us

Editor

Politics: *activities that relate to influencing the actions and policies of a government or getting and keeping power in a government.*

We Democrats have already lost too much of our influence and power in local, state, and national governments. Unless each of us uses her or his mental and physical assets, we Democrats will lose our remaining influence to persuade our government(s) to find common sense solutions to daily challenges. Let's win!

Remember when we had a balanced budget and a surplus?

So – how can we Democrats reveal our brilliant aptitude? Each of us, if we spent only one or two hours a week, will make the difference. We have over 100 members and, that's, say, 150 hours per week (for the next 9-10 weeks) spent to elect the best Democratic slate we've seen in a long time! Sure, the Coordinated Campaign and the field organizers for each of the candidates are paid to work until they fall over on their desks from fatigue –not paid much for all those hours. It's our county. It's our state. It's our responsibility to get our Democrats elected.

We'll be ecstatic if we win the whole slate? We don't have nearly as much money as The Other Party. We outwork them, we'll win!

We hear: "I hate to make phone calls?" [me, too!] or "I'm too busy?" [(me, too)] By phone calls and knocking on doors, we find more volunteers; we educate voters about the importance of voting the straight Democratic ticket; remind them of the Democratic benefits they enjoy.

**Job openings:** phone banking, door-to-door canvassing, writing postcards, staffing the desk, showing up for rallies. Phoning and canvassing with exuberance win us votes! So take a deep breath and dive in. We'll win!

Please call Barbara Thexton: 276-3837 for job placement and we'll match your volunteering specialties to campaign opportunities. If you don't call us, we'll probably call you. We'll win.

[GCDCC Chair Jerry Rephan has been ill caused by reactions to medication. so I didn't request a column from him this month. Heal fast, Jerry.]

**Tribute: The Garland County Democratic Committee and Headquarters dedicated June as Betty Henderson Month.**

## Rave Reviews

**7/10:** HS Chamber of Commerce forum for Candidates, US Congress, District 4. The Republican opponent early in the week had an audience of 16 (according to a famous spy). OUR **James Lee Witt**, Democrat, attracted and held the captivated attention of over twice that many – standing room only. JLW was at his very best yet! He was informative and, well, Witty!

**7/11:** **Damon Daniels**, candidate for state representative, District 18 (western edge of Garland County) had a fundraiser at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Huge success! Good music, good food, good crowd, good speakers. Governor Beebe gave a vigorous talk and he is depending on D. Daniels' election to help him in his final 2 years of governance of our great state.

**7/14:** A fundraiser for **Karen Garcia** (the next AR state treasurer) was held at Forest Lakes clubhouse which was packed! **Mike Ross** gave Karen a strong endorsement.

**7/24:** **Susan Inman**, the next AR secretary of state, spoke after a Supper of Simple Summer Salads. Great candidate. Great food!

**7/25:** HSV Democratic Club met. **Vince Insalaco**, chair of the Democratic Party of Arkansas, gave a fiery speech.

**8/11:** **Senator Hattie Caraway, aka Dr. Nancy Hendricks**, visited the HS HQ as she reenacted Caraway's recuperation from her exhausting campaign in HS in 1932 and educated us about some Arkansas history.

**Didn't we have fun? If you weren't there, oh, my, you missed the joy!**

Garland County Democratic Website:  
<http://www.garlandcountymocrats.org/gc-home.html>

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