

Democrats of Garland County



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Garland County Democratic Central Committee

Wednesday, July 16th
5:00 p.m. – gathering time
5:30 p.m. – gavel time

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

Featured Speaker:
**Karen Garcia, Candidate for
Arkansas State Treasurer**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

— Margaret Mead

We have that small group at work. Now, are you too busy? Too busy to help change the leadership and political climate? Please think again. We have the tools to make a difference – altogether now – let's all participate. We ask people to run for office. The least we can do is to support them by attending their meetings and fundraisers and by giving as much as we can to their campaigns.

Democratic Campaigns - 2014

We've welcomed to HS the Coordinated Campaign for Senator Mark Pryor and Mike Ross, candidate for governor, and the James Lee Witt campaign for US Representative ... now let's get to work and help them win our races! This is our county, our state!

Coordinated Campaign office
3634 Central Ave., HS (behind Perkins)

James Lee Witt, Democratic candidate for Congress, District 4,
3400 Central Avenue, HS

WANTED and NEEDED: volunteers to make phone calls to recruit volunteers, to act as receptionists, to knock on doors, to register voters.

HELP! Call 760-3837 or 276-3837 to offer your talents/expertise which will be matched with the needs of the campaigns

Zealots vs. Progress

Jerry Rephan, Chair, GCDCC

Is America a nation in decline? Is Arkansas a leader of a progressive South or a backwater bastion of Tea Party principles? And what do we Garland County Democrats have to contribute to electing the better alternative?

Truly right wing zealots like Rush Limbaugh are backed by major corporate sponsors, the Koch brothers being the most noted example recently. Their money talks especially loudly if we Democrats fail to engage our families and community in common sense politics.

I am proud that Arkansas private option has expanded healthcare to nearly 200,000 more Arkansans. Why the outrage? I am encouraged that unemployment rates have plummeted. I am hopeful for an increased minimum wage in Arkansas November election. All these hopes and gains require renewed democratic activism over these next months. Let us spread the word and the energy.

Representative Tom Cotton stands ready to go to war with Syria or Iraqis or the flavor of the month, it seems. War is a thriving business enterprise, lobby and employer. Meanwhile, expanded healthcare, education and minimum wage increases are a peacetime alternative choice for a better economy. In spite of the zealots' voices, let us spread the word that we have the better choice for families and small businesses. Yes, a healthier worker is a better employee, too. Whom are they trying to fool?

Garland County Democratic website:

<http://www.garlandcountydemocrats.org/gc-home.html>

GCDCC still has only 103 members. We still need only 97 more to reach the goal of 200. Bring a new member!

Editor's Note: If you have not completed the GCDCC Communications and Speakers Series Survey, please do so and bring to the meeting or HQ 608 W. Grand, HS 71901. The 29 responses have some interesting ideas! Those who have not returned their surveys most likely will receive a phone call. Survey attached form attached.

If you change your address, telephone number, or e-mail address, please notify the editor, Barbara Thexton: 760-3837 or email bthexton@cablelynx.com.

Calendar



Wednesday, July 16, 5:30 p.m.

GCDCC meeting @ ASMSA

Tuesday, July 22, 5:30 p.m.

Virginia Clinton Kelley meeting @ HQ

Friday, July 25, 4:00 p.m.

Hot Springs Village Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 9 – 5:30 p.m.

Clark County Democrats' 19th Annual Clinton Day Dinner @ HSU

Speaker: Mike Beebe

The Democratic Committee and VCK have reserved two tables. Let Jerry Rephan (321-1551) know if you want to attend and send him \$30/person.

Thursday, July 24, 5:30 p.m. @ HQ

Susan Inman, candidate for Arkansas Secretary of State – Speaker.

The HQ Committee also will sponsor a Simple Summer Salads Supper.

Monday, August 11, 12 noon @ HQ

Senator Hattie Caraway, portrayed by Nancy Hendricks, visits the HQ.

In 1932, having won the primary election, Senator Caraway would have been recuperating after a grueling campaign around the state...a fitting tribute to a woman who had the courage to run for office 82 years ago!

Tuesday, August 12, 5:30 p.m.

GCDCC Executive Council meeting
At Democratic Headquarters

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

Brown Bag Lunch

Mondays @ Noon @ HQ
608 W. Grand, H.S.



Watch for announcements of speakers invited to give campaign speeches or to enlighten us about issues or simply to enhance our lives with a bit of lightheartedness.

Friday, October 17

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

November 4 – Election Day (at last!)