

Democrats of Garland County



Newsletter for the *Garland County Democratic Central Committee*

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**Garland County Democratic
Central Committee Meeting and
County Convention** (to elect
delegates to State Convention)

Wednesday, June 18th

5:00 p.m. – gathering time

5:30 p.m. – gavel time

*Arkansas School for Mathematics,
Science and the Arts*

Featured Speaker:

Ginna Watson, Election Commissioner

GCDCC Officers 2013-2014

Chair	Jerry Rephan	501/321-1551
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Secretary	Dorothy Clark	501/760-1264
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Welcome to Hot Springs!

The Coordinated Campaign office – 3634 Central Ave. (behind Perkins) is officially open and ready for battle.

James Lee Witt, Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative, Congressional District 4, will open his Hot Springs campaign office @ 3400 Central Avenue Thursday, June 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Thank you!

Even though George Hozendorf has moved to Little Rock and is no longer a member of the Garland County Democratic Committee, he continues to monitor, adjust and enhance the Garland County Democratic website: <http://www.garlandcountymocrats.org/gc-home.html> Thank you, George!

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

While campaigning in Providence, RI, in 1964, Lyndon Baines Johnson roared through a bullhorn: "We're in favor of a lot of things and we're against mighty few". THAT attitude has not changed in fifty years?

Loyal Opposition – or No Jerry Rephan, Chair, GCDCC

America's system of government is based on our two-party system. The national interest is served by the scrutiny of the loyal opposition – in principle. Yet the Republican Party of the last 5½ years certainly brings that "[no]tion" into serious question.

Our illustrious U.S. Representative Tom Cotton spent his brief tenure on 40 debates and voted against the Affordable Care Act. He and the Republican Congress shut down our national government. They now launch repeated "full-inquiries" on the four Benghazi murders and trumpet their concerns over the Veterans Administration scandals. Yet Cotton and company vote against federal emergency disaster funding, veterans and public health funding and foreign aid. They don't seem to connect the dots joining public funding to program results.

With a policy of pure opposition, the New Right can condemn President Obama for failing to gain the release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl and then for gaining the POW's very release.

They can bemoan the very loss of our constitution even as they limit Americans' right to vote – our most precious right.

When loyal opposition turns to fanatical opposition, then our two-party system has broken down. We Democrats cannot control the choices being made by the Republican agenda. But if our community and nation are to prosper – we must stand up proudly as Democrats and we must win the 2014 general election.

Losses

We regret the loss of two of our exceptional members, good people – good Democrats: Jeanie Carter in May and Betty Henderson in June. Each, in her own way, contributed to our society and to our Democratic Party. Jeanie and Betty are missed. Our thoughts are with their families as they heal.



Calendar

Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m.
GCDCC meeting.

June – NO Meeting - VCK
Virginia Clinton Kelly Democratic Women's Club is **not meeting in June.**

Tuesday, July 8, 5:30 p.m.
GCDCC Executive Council meeting
At Democratic Headquarters

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

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.

Mondays & Thursdays 5-7:30 p.m.
Phone Banking: Coordinated Campaign office – 3634 Central
Looking for volunteers! Still looking for volunteers! Help!

Tuesday, August 19 – 5:30 p.m.
Clark County Democrats'
19th Annual Clinton Day Dinner
@ HSU – Speaker: Mike Beebe

After Labor Day: Candidates' yard signs will become plentiful. Stop by the GCDCC Headquarters to stock-pile yours to display. We know: "yard signs don't vote" – but your neighbors, friends and family will!

Friday, October 17
VCK – Annual Golf Tournament
Contact: Norma Newman 318-2103

November 4 – Election Day

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