



GCDCC GAZETTE

JUNE 2012 EDITION

Executive Council

Officers:

- Chairman ~ Dr. Gene Shelby
- Vice -Chair ~ Kathy Allen
- Secretary ~ Katie Gibson
- Treasurer ~ George Hozendorf
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- District 1 ~ Dave Reagan
- District 2 ~ Thomas Anderson
- District 3 ~ Gertie Watson
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- District 5 ~ Ada Gerlach
- District 6 ~ Betty Jo Schrader
- District 7 ~ Elizabeth Alderman
- District 8 ~ (vacant)
- District 9 ~ Dorothy Clark
- District 10 ~ Leon Davis
- District 11 ~ (Vacant)
- District 12 ~ Sylvia Chudy
- District 13 ~ Dave Welch
- Headquarters: 608 West Grand
- Telephone: (501) 624-0300
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Due to redistricting, polling places may change for June 12th runoff. To be sure our vote will be cast correctly without traveling to several polling places, we can vote early at any one of three early voting locations:

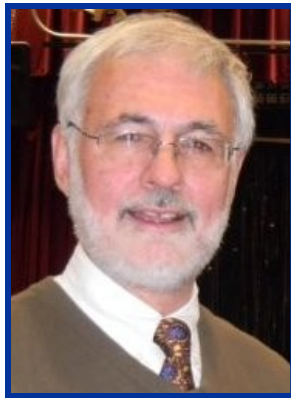
1. Garland County Election Commission. Ouachita St. H.S.
2. National Park Community College Continuing Ed Bldg. (Old Troop K Bldg.)
3. Hot Springs Village Chamber of Commerce

Editor's Box

Please submit articles, calendar events and photos to Dave Reagan; owldave@cablelynx.com by the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ Noon for inclusion in this month's newsletter.

Inside this issue: Runoffs & Delegate Convention

Chairman's Note



JUNE, 2012

With the completion of the primary run-off on June 12th, we will have our full slate of candidates for the Fall general election. While I would like to have Democratic candidates in all the races, I am proud of the candidates we do have and I feel that we are poised to pick up some seats especially on the

Quorum Court. We have decided to manage our campaign with two committees that have distinctly separate tasks. Members voted to allocate \$5,000 to the campaign fund at the May meeting. George Hozendorf will chair the Finance Committee who will interview all of the local Democratic candidates and assess needs of each. It will then make recommendations to the full County Committee about our financial support to each campaign. As chairman, I will head up the Coordinated Campaign Committee and plan to meet with all of our candidates soon to explore ways we can work together to benefit all the campaigns. We will be setting up a training session soon on the use of the Voter Activation Network (VAN), and

we invite and encourage all Democratic candidates to learn and use this valuable tool which helps pinpoint Democratic voters. Of course, all members of Garland County Democratic Central Committee will be invited to VAN training sessions, (tba) to hopefully get involved in one or more Democratic candidate's campaigns. The upcoming 2012 General Election will be pivotal to turn the tide back to Democratic goals and ideals in our county and state. If we all pull together, we can do it.

Dr. Gene Shelby



Coming Events Calendar for JUNE

June 4, Mon. - HQ Committee - 11:00 a.m. @ HQ

June 4, Monday - Brown Bag - 12noon @ HQ

June 5-8 & 11 - Early Voting Runoff Election

Election Commission- 649 Ouachita 8a - 5p

HSV Chamber - 4585 N. Hwy 7 10a - 4p

NPC-109 Mid America Blvd. 10a - 4p

June 5, Tue. GC Dem. Exec. Council - 5:30p @ HQ

June 11, Monday - Brown Bag - 12noon @ HQ

June 12, Tuesday - Runoff Election - 7:30a - 7:30p

Go to Voter-view for your precinct information

<https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/>

www.garlandcountymocrats.org for candidate information

The two candidates on the Democratic ballot are Q. Byrum Hurst & Gene Jeffress.

June 13, Wednesday - Garland County Convention - 5:30 p.m. at the ASMSA.

Election of Delegates to the State Delegate Convention on June 16 & 17th

Election of Delegates to the State Party Convention on August 18

June 16, Saturday - Democratic Party of Arkansas State Delegate Convention Robinson Center, Little Rock, Registration, 7:30 a.m., Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

June 18, Monday - Brown Bag - noon at the HQ

June 22, Friday - Garland County Young Democrats - Meet the Candidates Time & location TBA.

June 25, Monday - Brown Bag - 12noon @ HQ

Guest Editorial



Walt Kelly's
'Pogo'

The Teabaggers have absconded with the VIP status of Garland County and Hot Springs politics and government. These rowdies snuck up on us. We let them. The warning signs were there. We laughed; we joked; we thought they'd fizzle out. We were wrong; they are winning. We were passive. We continue to be passive. How are we not responding to the Teaparty crisis? Let us count the ways. Democrats are: Not in attendance at county government meetings; Missing in action at city government meetings; Not attending Democratic meetings; Leaving the few remaining Democrats in office in the lurch, out on the limb; Giving meager campaign donations to Democratic candidates; Squabbling among ourselves; Not speaking up; Not writing letters to the editor; Throwing in the towel; Giving in to depression; Not aggressively confronting the Tea party squawks. The Tea party is forceful, even hostile, in city and county governmental meetings and in the

local press. Yes, they're still taking over and disrupting meetings. Two or three polite, well-mannered Democrats in a room chuk full of the disruptive Teaparty bunch are outnumbered. Perhaps by supporting our local governmental and political institutions and our local Democrats, we can make a difference on the national political scene before our nation has a permanent limp. Let's stand up, buckle up, knuckle down to work together to silence this bunch. My 14 year-old son taught me a lesson. He was bullied in his new school. Believing that I was protecting him, I cautioned him just to ignore the bullies and to avoid fights at all costs. One day he came home and said, "Mom, you were wrong." Of all the nerve, I thought; but then, maybe, I ought to listen. He had learned to wrestle and beat the stuffing out of the bully. After that, they were friends. My teenager taught his mom a lesson of a

lifetime. Let's defy the bullies! In 1813, after defeating the British fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie, Commander Oliver Hazard Perry dispatched to Major General William Henry Harrison the message "We have met the enemy, and they are ours, two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop." Cartoonist Walt Kelly drew on this famous quote in 1970 when he mourned the sad state of the environment in an Earth Day poster that featured characters from his long-running comic strip Pogo. Warning to all Democrats: this writer intends to do what she can to: cajole, coax, persuade, wheedle, entice, sweet-talk, guilt-trip Democrats, twist arms, whatever it takes. We can all do something. Let's do it together. Yours in good faith,

Barbara Thexton

From the Desk of Will Bond, Arkansas Democratic Party Chairman



The 2012 Democratic National Convention is just a few months away. This memorable experience is open to all Arkansas Democrats who wish to file to run for delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and the filing period begins next week!

In order to run, all interested candidates must complete [the delegate filing form here](#) and return it to the DPA with a contribution form and a voluntary contribution of \$25 to help defer the cost of participation. Required paperwork can be submitted in person or via mail at 1300 W. Capitol Ave, Little Rock, Ark. 72201,

via fax at (501) 376-8409, or via email: nationalconvention@arkdems.org. You won't want to miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity, and we encourage all registered voters who consider themselves Democrats to run for delegate or alternate to the Democratic National Convention. There are two paths to becoming a national delegate. District Level delegates are elected in the morning by their respective congressional districts. At-Large Delegates are selected in the afternoon by the whole convention. Be sure to note that candidates running for district-level delegate or alternate may only run within the congressional district in which he or she is registered to vote for the upcoming election in 2012. To verify which district a voter is registered in, please contact the county clerk in

your area. Delegates will be voted on at the DPA State Convention on June 16 at the Robinson Center in Little Rock, so be sure to mark your calendar with this important date.

With warmest regards,

Will Bond, Chairman, Democratic Party of Arkansas

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"Banks create money out of thin air and lend it to the people and governments at interest. If governments borrowed from their own banks, they could keep the interest and save a lot of money for the taxpayers."

Victoria Grant, 12
Years Old

The Republican Party is the second oldest existing political party in the United States. When the Republican Party was created in 1854, it was considered a third party group by the Democrats and the Whig Party who were the major political parties of the time. The Republican Party was formed to oppose the Kansas-Nebraska Act that would have allowed the expansion of slavery into Kansas. The party name "Republican" was chosen over suggested "Jeffersonian" and "Nationalist" because the term republic denoted rule by the powerful economic or monarchical families and it represented the belief of civic virtue. At the time, the Republican Party represented opposition to aristocracy and corruption while encouraging progressive thoughts emphasizing higher education, banking, business and industry. Republicans vehemently defended their theory that the "Free Market Labor" was superior to slavery and was the very foundation of civic virtue and was at the cores of true American values. The Democratic Party is the oldest existing political party in the United States and it could be argued the oldest existing political party in the world. The Democratic Party came into existence in the early 1790's and evolved from several different political factions that opposed the fiscal policies of

Alexander Hamilton. The Democratic Party was founded on the principles that citizens have a civic duty to aid the state and resist corruption of monarchy and aristocracy. They believed that the farmer best exemplified the virtue and independence from the corrupting influences of cities and government policies. They felt that state rights should not be violated by a centralized federal government. These early Democrats felt that a standing army and navy were dangerous to individual liberty, and should be avoided in favor of economic coercion such as embargoes and sanctions.

As we move toward another election cycle, we can gain some insight into the origins and evolutions of political ideas. The things we all share regardless of political affiliation, the environment (water, air, soil, weather), protection under the Rule of Law, Education for children, health care for children and the elderly are issues where government is not only necessary but very effective and efficient as well. The GOP/TEA party think it should be every man for himself. Democrats believe we're all on this little blue marble **together.**



Healthy Food Amendment-

Senator Gillibrand (D-NY) has introduced an amendment that will limit the amount of federal subsidy payments to crop insurance companies and restore the drastic cuts to vital nutrition programs, redirecting \$500 million dollars to healthy food programs. As the Farm Bill is currently written, it gives away billions of taxpayer dollars in subsidies to corporate mega-farms, while slashing food stamps and neglecting healthy food programs. Sen. Gillibrand's amendment will cut these outrageous crop insurance subsidies, limiting the amount of taxpayer money that private crop insurance companies could receive to cover arbitrary "administrative and operating costs", which would **save the American public billions of dollars** over the next decade. The 2012 Food and Farm Bill should be about creating health food for America's citizens, providing safety nets for family farmers and protecting our soil, land and environment for the future, not larding agribusiness and corporate lobbyists with billions in government handouts. Call in your support to Mark Pryor (202) 224-2353 and John Boozman (202) 224-4843 for Food Democracy Now.

Republicans	Democrats
<p>Generally believe it is the responsibility of citizens to run the government.</p> <p>Believe in free markets, bail-outs and strong international alliances.</p> <p>Believe in the right to bear arms.</p> <p>Favor the death penalty.</p> <p>Believes abortion is wrong.</p> <p>Believe that people determine their own destiny and do not support welfare programs.</p> <p>Believe in separation of church and state, but some on the far right feel it is okay to pray in</p>	<p>Generally believe that it is the government's responsibility to care for the citizens.</p> <p>Believe in structured, regulated markets and minimal external entanglements.</p> <p>Believe in strong gun control.</p> <p>Oppose the death penalty.</p> <p>Believes in a woman's right to choose.</p> <p>Believe that people should share economic burdens and generally support welfare programs for aid to the poor.</p> <p>Believe in separation of church and state.</p>

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