

# Democrats of Garland County



Newsletter for the *Garland County Democratic Central Committee*

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Barbara Thexton, Editor

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Wednesday, May 21st

5:00 p.m. – gathering time

5:30 p.m. – gavel time

*Arkansas School for Mathematics,  
Science and the Arts*

## **Garland County Democratic Central Committee Meeting**

*Featured Speaker:*

*Zach Nienow, Field Organizer  
Coordinated Campaign*

### **Garland County Democratic Central Committee Executive Council 2013-2014**

Chair Jerry Rephan 501/321-1551  
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District 1 Claudia Leblanc-Reynolds  
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District 9 Barbara Thexton  
District 10 Jim Whitten  
District 11 Barbara Butler  
District 12 Leon Davis  
District 13 Dave Welch

Election Commission: Ginna Watson, Chair  
G. Alan Clark

#### **New Newsletter Editor**

We appreciate Dave Reagan's term as editor. Alas, he says he's become too busy [he's in the early retirement stage] to continue. As new editor, my goal is to distribute one-page monthly newsletters immediately following the executive council meetings to keep the communications up-to-date.

If you change your address, telephone number, or e-mail address, please notify the editor, Barbara Thexton: 760-3837 or e-mail [bthexton@cablelynx.com](mailto:bthexton@cablelynx.com). Thanks!

### Words of Wisdom from Our Chair

*Ring the Bell – VOTE!*

Heavy voter turnout favors Democratic voters – and healthy government policies. Lighter voter turnout favors Republicans and policies that favor the wealthy, big corporations and special interests. Voter I.D. laws and other restrictions on voting access are a frank admission by Republicans that they do not represent America's values.

Garland County Democrats need to stand up proudly. When we speak up for a higher minimum wage, for pre-kindergarten education, for increased access to health care – the we inspire our neighbors to turn out to vote.

When we remind others that Tom Cotton voted for a government shutdown, privatizing Medicare and Social Security, slashing access to food stamps – we burnish the brand of the top of the Republican ticket in Arkansas. Potential voters are encouraged to vote both out of hope and for self-preservation.

### "Nobody's Doing Anything"

Editorial

Perpetually heard is the complaint, "They're not doing anything." Ouch! Each of us can volunteer to do a little something, especially during this critical 2014 campaign. "They" is us!

Our attendance at all the candidates' forums is important – important to our candidates and to us. We beg people to run for office – the least we can do is show up at these events to support them. An elected official recently e-mailed, "Glad to see a friendly face in the crowd on Tuesday night at NPCC." What does that tell you about the need to support our Democratic candidates?

That Other Party is always abundantly represented – in droves and spirited. They seem to be fueled by anger. Where's our anger? Our fear? Are we too sophisticated to beat the stuffin's out of their votes? Let's stop complaining and get to work.

How about it? Will you join us and **do something?**



### **Calendar**

**Early voting** continues through Monday, May 19 at the polling places designated for early voting. **Election Day:** Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at your design-nated polling location. **Warning!** Your polling location may not be where you've always voted. Check your voter registration card for the location or call the County Clerk @ 622-3610 or 622-3616.

#### Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 p.m.

Garland County Democratic Central Committee meeting.

#### Tuesday, May 27 @ 5:00 p.m.

Virginia Clinton Kelly Democratic Women's Club meeting @ HQ

#### Tuesday, June 10, 5:00 p.m.

GCDCC Executive Council meeting  
At Democratic Headquarters

#### Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m.

Garland County Democratic Central Committee meeting @ HQ

#### Brown Bag Lunch

Mondays @ Noon @ HQ

608 W. Grand, H.S.



### **Democratic Coordinated Campaign Hits the Arkansas Ground Racing. Welcome to Zach Nienow and Max Bouril!**

These two young men are well-trained, experienced, and they're enthusiastic! Fun, too! It's our state – it's up to us to work with them to win the 2014 elections and pour the tea party dregs down the dark drain – never to see them again!

#### **Mondays & Thursdays 5-7:30 p.m.**

Democratic HQ – 608 W. Grand  
Phone banking, looking for volunteers!

#### **Tuesday, May 27 – 3-5 p.m.**

Women Calling Women@ HQ

#### **Friday, October 17**

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