

Democrats of Garland County

Newsletter for the *Garland County Democratic Central Committee*



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Have you thanked and hugged a candidate (Democratic) today?

September 2014

Garland County Democratic Central Committee

Wednesday September 17

5:00 p.m. – gathering time

5:30 p.m. – gavel time

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

Speaker: Representative John Vines

Calendar



Monday, September 15, 12 p.m.

John Burkhalter

Candidate for Lieutenant Governor

Sunday, September 21, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

VCK Sponsors Wine Tasting Event

Forest Lakes Club House, \$30 per ticket

Helen Bumpas: hbrnrvt@aol.com



Monday, September 22, 12 p.m.

Mark Robertson, Candidate
for Arkansas Land Commissioner

Tuesday, September 23, 5:30 p.m.

Virginia Clinton Kelley meeting @ HQ



Monday, September 29, 12 p.m.

Regina Stewart-Hampton
Candidate for Arkansas Auditor



Monday, October 6, 12 p.m.

To be announced



Monday, October 13, 12 p.m.

James Lee Witt, Candidate For U.S.
House of Representatives, District 4

Tuesday, October 14, 5:30 p.m.

GCDCC Executive Council meeting
@ Democratic Headquarters

Wednesday, October 15, 5:30 p.m.

GCDCC Meeting @ ASMSA

Friday, October 17

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



Monday, October 20, 12 p.m.

Cecilia Dyer and Wade Naramore
Candidates (nonpartisan) for
Garland County Circuit Judge

Labor Day Lesson

Jerry Rephan, Chairman

Like so much else great about America, Labor Day is a national law (i.e. holiday) because of Democratic values. And like so many of the hard-won victories by workers over the last century, Labor Day is celebrated, remembered and enjoyed very differently by Democratic families than by Republicans.

To us Labor Day is a holiday in honor of the working men and women who toiled, often long hours at low pay, to build and protect our American dream. These workers include immigrants, minorities, young and old, those educated in schools or by experience – they deserve this day of honor and respect.

United through protests, unions, the Democratic Party or public demand-workers slowly gained humane working conditions for children then adults, minimum wage and hour laws, workers compensation, nondiscrimination, health and safety protections, social security for old age, and rights to organize among other basic human rights. Labor Day is a time to recall past struggles, celebrate working men and women, and to recognize that the struggle for workers rights is ongoing-equal pay for equal work and raising the minimum wage are current examples.

Conservative editors mourn the loss of “the American work ethic,” contending “quality seems to have disappeared.” (Ark. Dem. Gazette-Labor Day 2014.) Democrats recognize such editor’s words apply more to the editorial writings themselves than to Americans work habits. Such editors refuse to join the well-deserved simple recognition due America’s workforce. And these different perspectives should inform or remind American voters just what political party represents the interests of workers, from those seeking work through the shrinking middle class.

Can we educate our fellow citizens which political party supports

voting rights for all, equal rights for all citizens? Only if we help elect Democratic Senators, Congressmen, Governors and local officials can we protect and expand the rights of workers. If we fail we should expect privatized Social Security, more tax breaks for millionaires and more words of disrespect for America’s working families.

Let’s spread the word!

Dr. Seuss had a good idea...

Dr. Seuss said: *You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.*



How about these directions? Steer yourself in to the Coordinated Campaign office @ 3634 Central or into the Hot Springs office of James Lee Witt @ 3400 Central or to the GC Headquarters? Steer yourself to commit to election responsibilities: to make persuasion calls, to canvass door-to-door, to write post cards, to register voters (until October 6), to convince Democrats to vote early, to get Democrats to the polls, to vacuum, whatever. When we win, you’ll think – *I helped us win!?!*

GCDCC Membership: 108 members – only 92 more to reach 200. Bring a new member to the September meeting! Dues are \$40.00 for a two-year membership. The more members you bring in, the more help we have in winning this election and building toward the presidential races in 2016 and the stronger we will be.



Election Countdown:

Monday, October 6

Deadline to apply to register to vote.

Monday, October 20

First day of Early Voting!

November 4 – Election Day (at last!)

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