

# Democrats of Garland County

Newsletter for the *Garland County Democratic Central Committee*



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**Wednesday, July 15**  
**5:00 .m. - social gathering**  
**5:30 p.m. - gavel**  
**@ ASMSA**  
***GCDCC July Meeting***  
***Speaker: TBA***

Democratic Committee meets monthly  
on the third Wednesday.



## **Monday, July 13, 12:00 noon @ HQ**

Dr. Jay Barth, Professor at Hendrix College



## **Tuesday, July 14, 5:00 p.m. @ HQ**

Executive Council Meeting  
Many items on the agenda.



## **Wednesday, July 15 @ 5:00 p.m**

GCDCC July Meeting  
Many decisions to be made.



## **Saturday, July 18, @ Verizon Arena, N.L.R.**

Jefferson Jackson Dinner – Special Guest: Hillary Clinton  
Garland County has reserved three tables. Tickets for county committee tables: \$150/per person. Single tickets; \$200.  
Call the Democratic Party of Arkansas for more information for single tickets: 501/374-2361 – OR if you want to put together another table for ten for Garland County.



## **Friday, July 24 : HS Village Club**

Dinner/Dance "Fun" Raiser



**Filing for Office – 2016 Election:**  
**November 2-9, 2015 - SB 8/Act 4**  
**Primary Election: March 1, 2016**

### **Welcome to new members:**

Hayden Shamel and Robert Van Hook  
Keep those Good Democrats filing through the door!

## **"The Future of Arkansas Politics"**

Included in this newsletter on a separate page is a brief bio of Dr. Jay Barth, which was submitted to *The Sentinel-Record* for publication. On Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, he's graciously traveling from Conway to make his hour-long presentation to us. Please help us honor him by showing up in full force.

**Jefferson Jackson Dinner:** Thirty (30) Garland County Democrats are filling three tables at the Jefferson Jackson Dinner on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Some will need rides; some will offer rides. I'll send an email to all attendees the first of the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> so that if we need to carpool, we can make arrangements.

## **Candidates: Looking for good Democratic candidates!**

Please contact Barbara Thexton via [bthexton@cablelynx.com](mailto:bthexton@cablelynx.com) or at (cell) 501/276-3837 with tips about possible candidates ---- or if **YOU** are thinking about running!!!!!! The Democratic Party of Arkansas has volunteered to participate in Garland County Democratic Committee workshops for candidates. Our own elected officials are excellent resources and we're hoping they'll help by sharing their experiences: what works? What doesn't work?

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The newsletter is somewhat diminutive this month – I'm outta' here and will be back next week.

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\*\* GCDCC is following a similar position that the Democratic Party of Arkansas has adopted (after legal consultation). Until after the primary on March 1, 2016, the Garland County Democratic Committee will not endorse any Democratic presidential or any other candidate. Until then, the facilities are available to all Democratic candidates filing for positions on the primary ballot.\*\*



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### **Hendrix College Professor to Speak to Democrats**

**Dr. Jay Barth** will discuss “The Future of Arkansas Politics” at the Garland County Democratic Headquarters, 608 West Grand, Hot Springs, on Monday, July 13 at 12:00 noon. He is M.E. and Ima Graves Peace Professor of Politics and Bill and Connie Odyssey Professor at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. Barth’s academic work includes research on the politics of the South, state government and politics, political communication (particularly radio advertising), and the achievement gap in Arkansas. He is the co-author (with the late Diane D. Blair) of the second edition of *Arkansas Politics and Government: Do the People Rule?* (University of Nebraska Press, 2005)..

Barth attended Hendrix College, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1987. He received a master’s degree in 1989 and a doctorate degree in 1994 in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since 1994, Barth has been a faculty member in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Hendrix where he has served as chair of the department and chair of the Gender Studies program. He is a five-time recipient of a Hendrix senior class’s Faculty Appreciation Award that recognizes a faculty member who has shown “excellence in instruction and concern for the welfare of Hendrix students.” In 2007, Barth was named Arkansas Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The Southern Political Science Association awarded Barth the Diane Blair Award for Outstanding Achievement in Politics and Government in 2014.

In 2000-01, Barth received the Steiger Congressional Fellowship from the American Political Science Association and served on the staff of the late U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone (MN) working on education and civil rights policy. Since 2012, Barth has been a member of the Arkansas State Board of Education, appointed by Governor Mike Beebe.

Barth serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Arkansas, was first-vice chair of the Pulaski County Democratic Committee in 2007-08, and presently serves as chair of the DPA’s Rules Committee as it works to reform party rules.

A continuing series of informative speakers and presentations take place weekly on Mondays at the Garland County Democratic Headquarters.

For more information, contact the Democratic Headquarters at 608 W. Grand, Hot Springs (624-0300) from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday – Wednesday or Barbara Thexton (760-3837).

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