

Democrats of Garland County

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Wednesday, June 17
5:00 .m. - social gathering
5:30 p.m. - gavel
@ ASMSA

GCDCC June Meeting

Speaker:

**Evan Tanner, Arkansas Director
of the Hillary Clinton Campaign**

Democratic Committee meets on the
third Wednesday of the month



Tuesday, June 9, 5:00 p.m. @ HQ
– Executive Council Meeting* –



Wednesday, June 17 @ 5:30 p.m.
GCDCC June Meeting
No VCK meeting in June



Monday, July 5 – HQ Closed



Monday, July 13, 12:00 noon @ HQ
Dr. Jay Barth
Professor at Hendrix College

July 18, @ Verizon Arena, N.L.R.

Jefferson Jackson Dinner

Special Guest: Hillary Clinton

Garland County is reserving a table, maybe two. Tickets for county committee tables: \$150/per person. Single tickets; \$200. Call 760-3837 for more information.

The Arkansas Hillary Campaign has asked to use the Garland County Democratic Headquarters for meetings and to disseminate information. GCDCC has followed a similar position that the Democratic Party of Arkansas has adopted (after legal consultation). Until after the primary on March 22, 2016, Garland County Democratic Committee will not endorse any Democratic presidential candidate. Until then, the facilities are available to all Democratic presidential candidates, presidential as well as Democratic candidates filing for other positions on the primary ballot.

Arkansas Democrats on the Move

State Committee Chair Vince Insalaco is determined to invigorate all seventy-five of the county Democratic Committees to adhere to our Party rules and to become working committees whose mandate is to find, support and elect Democrats.

Unfortunately, most county committees are not honoring those rules. The Association of County Chairs is re-organizing and preparing for the 2016 elections. A small group of county chairs in the surrounding Garland County area met at the end of May to exchange ideas: successful ventures and the not-so-successful undertakings. We will be supporting our colleagues' events as well. The chairs will be meeting again.

Parking Lot Episode

A self-important man, about to get into his silver Porsche convertible, came round to a female driver about to enter her car. He said, so that her husband couldn't hear, "I'd be embarrassed to have that bumper sticker on my car". To which she said, "I'm proud to be a Democrat." The message on the bumper sticker? "Proud to be a Democrat"

Ah, the luck of a dedicated Democrat! At a nearby barbeque café, while the Democrat was waiting for her take-out meal, in came the self-important man. He ordered and sat down to wait. Determined not to be intimidated by the bully, as she passed by his table, she towered over him, leaned in and said, "Sir, I want you to know that your rude remark offended me." Taken aback, the would-be bully hesitated and said, "All right". She walked away – chuckling. **STAND YOUR GROUND:** We are proud to be Democrats and we are standing up to aggressors. Getting into a fist fight or a heated discussion with the irrational won't change anybody's mind; however, a one-liner stating the Democratic position and walking away allows no room for continued bullying and hateful tactics. Be prepared!

June: Betty Henderson - Memories

The GC Democratic Headquarters Committee voted to honor Betty Henderson, whom we lost a year ago, during the month of June. She loved the idea of a year-round headquarters, supported it financially and staffed the office faithfully as long as she could. She loved being in the headquarters, which served as a meeting place where she could vent among understanding Democrats about inane antics of the Republicans or that she recently told an errant Democratic lawmaker "how the cow ate the cabbage".

**Filing for Office – 2016 Election:
November 2-9, 2015 - SB 8/Act 4
Primary Election: March 22, 2016**

To accommodate Huckabee's bid for winning the Republican nomination for president, our legislative bodies voted to move the primaries to March 22, 2016 (usually held in May) and the filing week from noon November 2, ending at noon November 9. The filing dates come just before the holidays. The time for brief campaigning comes during the middle of winter weather. The primary dates coincide with the iffy weather of March. Maybe absentee ballots are in order!

Candidates: Looking for good Democratic candidates! Please contact Barbara Thexton via bthexton@cablelynx.com or at (cell) 501/276-3837 with suggestions for 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.

Welcome to new members:
Ivey Kelly and Bob Haness

AVERAGE AGE OF GC Membership: 68.1 We need to lower that average – by inviting more young people. We need them; they need us!

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