



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S WORLD



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PROUD TO BE DEMOCRATS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The President's Message is unavailable at press time. Instead, she calls your attention to the long history of our DWC discussed below.

HAPPY 76TH BIRTHDAY BC DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB!

Did you know that our organization had such a long history? Founded in 1934, it has endured for over 3/4 of a century as an active Democratic presence in our community. Like all volunteer groups, it has had its ups & downs, but it has remained viable. We can be proud of all that Democratic women have accomplished through the years. Let's keep up the good work!

Below is a copy of an article that appeared in the June 2004 issue of this newsletter.

On June 8, 1934, when 60 people gathered at the Lane Hotel in Rogers for the first meeting of what came to be called the Benton County Democratic Women's Club, they initiated an organization that has been a vehicle for continuing efforts to enlarge women's opportunities to participate in politics. At that first meeting members heard about efforts to get a top political job for a qualified woman, as well as the need to organize for the upcoming election. Women in 1934 were fighting for a platform for their voices to be heard, just as women are in 2004.

The Club was the fifth to be organized in the 10 northwest Arkansas counties & has grown to be the largest in the state, with over 250 members. Much has been accomplished since the first meeting in 1934, but much remains to be done.

Senator Hattie Caraway was the first woman to represent Arkansas in the U.S. Senate. Today, although women make up 52% of the vote in the state, they fill only 17% of the seats in the Arkansas legislature.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE MAY 18, 2010.



OUR NEXT MEETING

MAY 24, 2010 CLARION 11:30

**WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT ARKANSAS
AGRICULTURE?**

Our speaker, **CHUCK CULVER**, is currently Director of Development for the University of Arkansas Agriculture, a position he has held for 20 years. Prior to this, he was Counsel for Agriculture & Rural Development, US Committee for Small Business & Legislative Assistant for Agriculture in the Office of the Hon. Dale Bumpers. A member of the Arkansas Bar since 1982, he holds a BA from LSU & JD & LLM degrees from the University of Arkansas School of Law. We should all profit from learning more about the role of agriculture in our "natural state."



Be sure to make your reservations for this \$12 luncheon by **THURSDAY, MAY 20TH. CONTACT CAROLE WESTBY AT WESTBY@COX.NET OR 876-2178.**

SPRING FLING



This year's Spring Fling had to be changed somewhat in order to comply with Federal Campaign Spending laws. So there were no ticket sales, but - true to our history - there were plenty of delicious (and nutritious!) salads and some scrumptious desserts. There were fewer tables for card-playing, but possibly more for lunch and visiting afterwards. The "hat" was passed for the Whitaker for Congress campaign and our members were very generous. Special thanks go to Rusty Masticola, Sue O'Neal, Linda Farrell and Sharon Carter for all their work - and, of course, a terrific thank you to those providing food!



AGRICULTURE AND ARKANSAS

In our January issue, we provided some facts & figures about agriculture in Arkansas. Now, in preparation for our next meeting, here are a few more.

***Arkansas relies on agriculture more than any other state

***Agriculture accounts for 16 cents for every \$1 of value-added

*** Even though Arkansas has the smallest land mass west of the Mississippi (49,300 farms on 13,700,000 acres, it ranks annually among the top 13 in total farm receipts

***Arkansas ranks #5 in softwood timber land with 18.2 million acres representing 54% of our land base

*** In addition to rice, broilers, & cotton, Arkansas also ranks high in production of cottonseed, catfish, turkeys, grain sorghum, eggs, & other commodities.



BEAN SUPPER

The
Supper--a
hard days
Great
which



Annual Bean
reminder of
during the
Depression,
some of us

may remember -- has been adopted as a reminder that Democrats are mindful of the hardships faced by the common man. We share the simple menu as an emblem of our solidarity.

This year's Bean Supper will be held on Saturday, June 5th at the Prairie Creek Community Center on Hwy. 12 east of Rogers. It is on the north side of road in a strip mall just after the Corona Restaurant.

All Democrats warmly welcomed!

There will be Door Prizes.

When? 5:00 PM Meet & Greet
6:00 PM Dinner & Speakers

Cost? \$10 per person

OR

\$5 per person if you bring a crockpot of Beans, a 9x13 pan of CornBread, a Salad, or Dessert.

Please make your reservations by calling Barbara at 855-6477 or Vivian at 876-2207 & let them know what you will bring.

Needed to borrow for the event: 2 card tables & 1 electric roaster



NEWSBYTES



June 12 - Benton County Convention - 2:30 - Rogers Public Library.

All Democrats welcome!



Don White Memorial Yellowdog Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 4, has been cancelled.



Remember to bring appropriate goodies for SnackPaks for Kids to our next meeting

