



# DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S WORLD



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Last month we enjoyed a look backwards while celebrating BCDWC's 76th birthday. You won't want to miss our meeting this month on June 28 when we take a new step forward. The board enthusiastically endorsed an idea that has been bantered around for a while now. We feel that it is time to invite our male members to join us as full members, no longer as associate members.

We have established a by-laws committee, chaired by Past President, Mary Lee Hay, that is in the process of adapting our by laws to accommodate this change and to propose a name change as well. They expect to present these changes to the general membership for approval at the next meeting.

Our speaker, Larry DeLaschmit, will also be presenting some extremely enlightening information regarding environmental challenges that are threatening our very existence and the future of our children and grandchildren. As you know, attempts to repeal the clean air act have been presented twice this year in the senate. Last week, Democratic senators rejected this legislation for the second time, no thanks to our own two senators both of whom voted their support. This legislation will be attempted again soon. Our only defense is knowledge and facts that we need to supply to our senators and hope they listen this next time around.

Be sure to attend and hear this compelling program. You may be frightened by the information but you will not be disappointed in the presentation.



**OUR NEXT MEETING**  
**JUNE 28, 2010 CLARION 11:30**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATIONAL SECURITY**  
**LARRY DELASCHMIT**



DeLaschmit will speak as a member of the Veterans for American Power Tour, a campaign of Operation Freedom which is a bipartisan coalition of veterans & national security organizations. He will discuss the links among climate change, our national security & U.S. consumption of foreign oil. He served with distinction in the U.S. Army Infantry for 10 years, with 3 tours in Korea & one in Viet Nam. At present, he is involved with Democratic Party activities in Washington county & is a co-founder of the Veterans Caucus of the Democratic Party of Arkansas. This is a meeting no one should miss!

Be sure to make your reservations for this \$12 luncheon by **THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH.** CONTACT CAROLE WESTBY AT [WESTBY@COX.NET](mailto:WESTBY@COX.NET) OR 876-2178.

## **FROM OUR MAY MEETING DWC BIRTHDAY CAKE**



### **"NOW THAT'S THE SPIRIT!"**

At our May meeting, we celebrated the DWC's 76th birthday with a festive cake.



## **AGRICULTURE AND ARKANSAS**

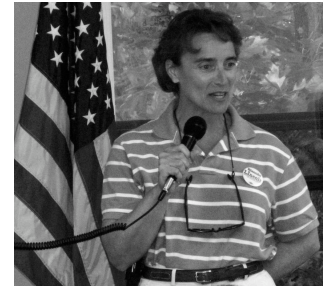


Chuck Culver, of the University of Arkansas, raised our awareness of the role agriculture plays in the natural state. After discussing the important contributions that Arkansas agriculture makes nationally, he also spoke about the role of Benton County. It is the #1 contributor to these standings, accounting for almost 6% of total receipts from agricultural sales in Arkansas. In fact, of over 3,000 agricultural counties nationwide, Benton County ranks 77th largest in agricultural sales. It is now the 3rd most populous county in the state & is predicted to become the most populous by 2030. Culver addressed the environmental challenges that agriculture & development present and expressed the value of strong federal representation as Arkansas moves ahead.

## **AT THE BEAN SUPPER**



When about 100 enthusiastic Democrats & friends gathered at the Prairie Creek Community Center on Saturday, June 5th, for the traditional Bean Supper, the mood was festive - like an old time Party Rally should be!



David Whitaker made a fine keynote address & seven other candidates, or their representatives, also spoke. Many thanks to all who contributed prizes & food - there was even a surplus of food! Although not intended as a fundraiser, the event netted \$500.



## **PAR THREE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Lu Bergner, with the help of a few volunteer Democrats, is planning a Par Three golf tournament to be held on July 23, 2010, at Prairie Creek. They would like BCDWC to sponsor a team of 4 people and one hole for a total cost of \$400. All proceeds will be used to open a Democratic headquarters in this area between Labor Day and the November election. If anyone is interested in participating and feel we should cooperate in this effort, please let Sharon know [sharon8307@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharon8307@sbcglobal.net) or mention it at the meeting on June 28. To enter a foursome of any age or sex, contact Lu at 631-1500. The cost is \$300 per foursome



The next movie preview fundraiser, originally planned for August, will be scheduled at a later date.



Hungry kids will appreciate it if you remember to bring appropriate goodies for SnackPaks for Kids to our next meeting!