



BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS' WORLD



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Benton County Democrats! For those of you who missed our June meeting, I am privileged to announce one of the biggest little changes we have experienced in a long while. With a few simple strokes of the pen, our champion by-laws committee turned the Benton County Democratic Women's Club into the Benton County Democrats. We are anxious to welcome all our male associate members as full, voting members. We also solicit any other interested Democrats to join our group, female or male.

But we are not stopping there. The first committee under our new name met this week to plan a working web site for us. Headed by Bill Millager, the committee has already put ideas together to create a site where everyone can go to easily stay up to date on what is happening and help us make things happen. We hope to have the site completed very soon and, as always, welcome all your best ideas to make it functional for not only our members, but to let the community know what we are all about.

We asked all of you about newsletter preferences last month. Responses are running about 3 to 1 for email delivery. We realize that there is a need to continue some printed newsletters and the Board's next challenge is finding a comprehensive and cost-effective way to fit together print and electronic media to get our message out.

We have had some very exciting speakers and July is no exception. Hadley Hindmarsh will be speaking on the Supreme Court decision regarding corporate campaign

spending. As usual, there will be no meeting in August, but.....drum roll, please.....David Pryor will be coming with a presentation in September. He always draws a crowd and you will not want to miss either of these meetings. Our appreciation to Linda Farrell for her persistence and perseverance in booking these fine people.
Sharon Carter



**OUR NEXT MEETING
JULY 26, 2010 CLARION 11:30
HADLEY HINDMARSH**



CAN CORPORATIONS HELP GET YOU ELECTED? YES WE CAN!

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a corporation's political speech cannot be regulated simply because it is a corporation & not an individual person. Our speaker, whom many of us will remember as Hadley Glover, a Past President of our Club, will address the implications of this recent Court decision bestowing on corporations the rights of individual citizens. She will focus on the legal basis offered by both the majority & the minority dissent. Hindmarsh, a current resident of Rogers, received both her undergraduate & law degrees from the University of Arkansas. She was admitted to practice in Arkansas in 2007 & joined the firm of Keith, Miller, Butler, Schneider, & Pawlik.

Be sure to make your reservations for this \$12 luncheon by Thursday, July 22nd. Contact Carole Westby at westby@cox.net or Sharon Carter at 271-8335 (Please note new number)

**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR ALL THE
LATEST INFORMATION - BCDEMS.ORG**



“ IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY STORY “

This is the title of our next movie preview fundraiser to be shown on Tuesday, September 14th, at the Rogers Towne Center Malco Theater. The “funny story”, adapted from a 2006 novel by Ned Vizzini, relates the experiences of a stressed-out teenager who checks himself into a mental health clinic & of the people he meets there. Starring Keir Gilchrist, Zach Galifianakis, & Emma Roberts , it was directed by husband-wife filmmakers Anna Boden & Ryan Fleck. As usual, the price of tickets for this 7:00 pm showing is \$10 & all proceeds go to benefit our organization.



COME TO THE FAIR !

The County Fair is being held early this year - Wednesday through Thursday, August 18th through 22nd. So it's not too early to make plans to attend, & to help out with our booth! It's vital that we staff our booth at all times, because the new rules say that if we do not, we will not be allowed to participate next year. In the past, two or three people worked 3-hour shifts - 9 AM to noon, noon to 3 PM, 3 PM to 6 PM, & 6 PM until closing at 10 PM. Please look at your calendar, consider when you might be able to help, then let Carole Westby know when you could volunteer - westby@cox.net or 876-2178. This year we really need to push the re-election of Sen. Lincoln & the election of David Whitaker. The booth is a chance to register some voters & have meaningful dialogues with people who may be on the fence. Every vote will count!



Looking ahead - David Pryor will be our September speaker. Do plan to be there.

A NEW MEMBER !



Attorney Jim Lingle of Lingle Law Firm in Rogers, presents Treasurer Alice Noone with his check to become the first full-fledged male member of the Benton County Democrats. When we were formerly known as the Benton County Democratic Women's Club, men were admitted as Associate members only. President Sharon Carter, far left, and Julia Crenshaw, Lingle Law Firm paralegal, joined for this landmark event which gives men the full rights enjoyed by the women for the past 76 years. The fact that this year also celebrates the 90th year of women's voting rights is just a coincidence!



YELLOW DOG GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Yellow Dog Golf Tournament will be held on July 23rd at Prairie Creek. All proceeds will go toward opening a Democratic headquarters in this area between Labor Day & the November election. So participate if you can & help to make the Democratic presence visible! As usual, our Club will support the tournament by sponsoring a hole & providing some funds to help our members who participate. The cost for a foursome is \$300 or \$75 for an individual. To enter a foursome, of any age or sex, contact Lu Bergner at 631-1500.



PLEASE NOTE!

We do not meet in August & the newsletter will be on vacation. As there is no Democratic event planned for August, do visit our website at BCDEMS.ORG often to keep up on the latest Democratic doings!