



# **BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS' WORLD**

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**PROUD TO BE DEMOCRATS**



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**OUR NEXT MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 CLARION 11:15  
DAVID PRYOR**

Every day we are bombarded with details presented to us as "news" from extremists preaching to us about how our country is on the wrong track and criticizing President Obama for everything from policy to where he goes on vacation. The only way to protect our country and ourselves is to retain and add Democrats to office and prevent the congressional road-blocks encountered so far in this administration.

We are entering crunch time for this November 2nd election and it is imperative that Democrats unite in getting our candidates elected. We are going to need volunteers and supporters to make this happen. To make it easier to get up-to-the-minute information, we have a new web site that will keep you informed on happenings and where volunteers are needed. Check <http://bcdems.org> regularly for this information and contact numbers.

In the interest of party unity and encouragement, it is our privilege to host former Governor and Senator David Pryor as speaker at our regular meeting on September 27th. His messages are always enlightening and inspiring and our hope is that all Democrats will attend, whether you are currently a member of our group or not. I feel certain we will all feel renewed and ready to tackle the next two busy months.  
Sharon Carter

We are privileged to have as our Arkansas' politician, Governor David Pryor. He was educated at the University of Arkansas where he received his



LL.B. Elected to the Ark. State House of Representatives in 1960, he then served in the U.S. House of Representative from 1966 until 1974. After serving as Governor of Arkansas from 1974 to 1978, he was a U.S. Senator from 1980 to 1996. Since then he has held numerous positions of influence & been awarded several honorary doctorates. Published in 2008 his autobiography, A Pryor Commitment, chronicles his 4 decades of dedication to politics, government and public service. He served as Interim Chairman of the Democratic Party of Arkansas after the tragic death of Bill Gwatney in 2008. With his wife, he founded the David and Barbara Pryor Center for Oral and Visual History at the Univ. of Arkansas. They are also the parents of Sen. Mark Pryor.

Reservations for the 11:15 luncheon buffet can be made by contacting Carole Westby at 876-2178 or [westby@cox.net](mailto:westby@cox.net) by Sept. 23. Reserved tickets are \$12, or \$15 at the door. Limited seating available for those not having the buffet. The public is invited.



**REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE  
FOR ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION!**

**BCDEMS.ORG**



**“ IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY STORY ”**

Movie Fundraiser - Tuesday, October 5th  
This will be shown at 7:00 at the Rogers Towne Center Theater in Rogers, with proceeds benefiting the Benton County Democrats. Please note the change of date. The \$10 tickets must be purchased in advance - contact Carole Westby, 876-2178 or [westby@cox.net](mailto:westby@cox.net). Or If you prefer to have tickets delivered to your home or office, contact the person in your town:

Bentonville - Sharon Carter 271-8335

Bella Vista - Barbara McCoy 855-6477

Pea Ridge - Alice Noone 488-6046

Siloam Springs - James Farley 524-3598

Or if you have procrastinated, tickets will be available at our 9/27th meeting.



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK**

The nominating committee, consisting of Marge Boyer, Barbara McCoy and Nancianna Nott, has been hard at work securing nominations for the 2011 year for Benton County Democrats. To volunteer or to suggest a name of someone for consideration by the nominating committee, please contact Marge Boyer: [mkhboyer2@yahoo.com](mailto:mkhboyer2@yahoo.com) or 479-359-4117. Presently, the committee is trying to fill the office of Vice President; the duties include occasionally running a monthly meeting for the President and arranging for, contacting and follow-up thank you to the speakers. Linda Farrell and Marge Boyer will assist anyone willing to assume VP duties, especially in the area of speaker contacts.

**PROPOSED NAME**

**BADGE DESIGN**

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website



**THIS IS A TEST !**

Yes, A TEST, but one with no right or wrong answer! In the interest of saving both trees & money, the Board has been considering the feasibility of distributing the newsletter via email to those members who have the capability. So this month you will receive the print copy as usual, but if you have given us an email address, you will also receive a second copy electronically. It will be sent in pdf format. You need Adobe Reader to receive pdf - a free download at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). Now we need your input! Which do you prefer - snail mail or email? Please send your response to Sharon at [sharon8307@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharon8307@sbcglobal.net)



**REDISTRICTING**

Washington and Benton County League of Women Voters are sponsoring a program on Redistricting on Wed. Sept. 22 at 7:00 in the Pat Walker Senior Center Auditorium in Fayetteville. The moderator is Dr. Janine Parry, and panelists are former Ark. Atty. General Steve Clark, and candidates for Secretary of State, Pat O'Brien and Mark Martin. Prior to the program, the League will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary with cake and light refreshments. Contact Carole at 876-2178 or [westby@cox.net](mailto:westby@cox.net) for more information.



**CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS NOW OPEN**

Our Democratic Campaign Office in Benton Co. opened on Sept. 7th. in Suite 30 in the Bentonville Colonade, a strip mall which includes Rubaie's & Dink's Barbecue. This is near the Clarion on Rainbow Curve. You can help by volunteering snacks, telephoning, sending postcards, & putting out yard signs. Our candidates - Whitaker for Congress, Lincoln for Senate, & Beebe for Governor - all need lots of help! We cannot retain the statewide offices without a huge turnout of Dems in Benton Co. Make this your priority for September & October!