



BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS' WORLD



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are bombarded daily with news that Republicans and tea partiers are going to be taking over our government on November 2nd. During this last couple of weeks, we all need to be as diligent as we can and make every opportunity count. Because of the recent Supreme Court decision to treat corporations as individual donors, we have seen billions of dollars pouring into the media for these candidates. Much of this money is reported to have been received from foreign corporations through the national Chamber of Commerce.

Most of our Democratic candidates cannot begin to match these contributions. Through MoveOn.org, Organizing for America, and other strong democratic groups there is still a lot happening across the nation for candidates who do have the nation's best interests at heart which helps keep our hope alive and faith that our work is not in vain. We know that a lot of what we hear is simply rhetoric because they have the money to spend and doesn't necessarily reflect voter preferences.

Because of all your hard work and support of fund raising activities, we have been able to assist some of our own Arkansas candidates and have donated to as many campaigns as we are legally allowed by finance regulations. We donated \$1000 to David Whitaker's campaign early on. At the October board meeting the decision was made to donate to state campaigns and send \$500 each to Mike Beebe, Governor; Dustin McDaniel, Attorney General; L.J.

Bryant, Land Commissioner; and Pat O'Brien, Secretary of State. An additional \$1000 was sent to Arkansas Victory 2010 campaign with the hope of assisting other candidates that we want to support, especially Joyce Elliott in District 2.

There are still signs available at our Benton county office, 3400 SE Macy Rd, Bentonville. This is in the Colonnade complex on Rainbow Curve. Volunteers are still needed for phone calls and distributing materials. Please, if you have a good spot to put up a sign to keep our candidates names more visible, pick up one or more and let's get those names out in front of the voters. For sign delivery, call Suzanne Jessup at 855-2487.

Don't forget, there are several amendments on the ballot this election. We have important information about these on our web site. Additional information is updated regularly as it is received. Check daily <http://bcdems.org> for all the latest.

Most important of all - VOTE! Early voting starts Oct 18, 2010. We do have some members who are disabled and anyone who requires an absentee ballot can call the Benton County Clerk at 479-271-5704 and request an application. They will be mailing out applications until Oct 26, 2010, which must be returned to receive a ballot by return mail. Completed ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by Election Day.



CELEBRATE THE CANDIDATES

at our next meeting

Monday, October 25th. See Page 3 for details

OUR NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2010 CLARION 11:30

"CELEBRATE THE CANDIDATES"

Do you wish for a clearer understanding of what our candidates are offering? Do you have burning questions you would like to ask? Then be sure to come to our October meeting, where you will have an opportunity to "meet-and-greet" & hear them or their representatives present their positions & answer questions. Some state constitutional candidates, as well as our Third Congressional District candidate David Whitaker, & a representative for Senator Lincoln will be present. Non-partisan judicial candidates have also been invited. **MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE \$12 LUNCH BUFFET BY THURSDAY, OCT. 22ND BY CALLING CAROLE WESTBY AT 876-2178 OR EMAIL WESTBY@COX.NET.**



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

During the October membership meeting, Oct. 25, 2010, the election of proposed candidates for officers of the Benton County Democrats will occur. The proposed officers are: Sharon Carter, President; Carole Westby, Vice President; Georgiana Sterry, Secretary; and Jerry Gail Brown, Treasurer. Sharon and Georgianna are willing to serve another year's term in their respective offices.

During the general membership meeting, nominations may be made for any of these offices, from the floor. Please be reminded that you must have prior consent from the person whom you nominate.

Thanks to the outgoing officers: Alice Noone, Treasurer, and Linda Farrell, Vice President, as well as to our President, Sharon Carter and Secretary, Georgiana Sterry for all the energy, time and good spirit they have given over the past year to our club. It is the efforts of volunteers like them that keep the Democrats in Benton County going. Let strength be our motto!



**PROPOSED DESIGNS
FOR NAME BADGES**
see website for color



LISTEN UP!

Be sure to tune in to KURM (790 AM & 100.3 FM) between now & Election Day to hear the radio spots, sponsored by our Benton County Democrats, urging people to vote Democratic. Each will feature some candidates with brief statements about each.



THE TEST!

We have received a lot of positive feedback from members regarding our **TEST FOR EMAIL DELIVERY OF THE NEWSLETTER**. Our plan is to do double mailing again for October to iron out any remaining problems. If this test is successful, we will discontinue the mass mailing in November and email the newsletter to most members. For those of you who do not have Internet service, we will mail the hard copy at the regular mail rate. We also plan to have extra hard copies available at the general meetings for anyone who may need them. This will save money in both mailing and printing costs and responses are telling us it is the preferred method of delivery. If there are any problems not already addressed, please let us know at the next meeting.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



WELCOME ABOARD to these new members:

Rogers - Sherma Clark, Richard Bland,
Jenni Echols

Bentonville - David Routon

Bella Vista - Tony Licausi, Virginia Reimer,
Mary Nell Turner, Jim & Eunice
VanTuyt, Louise Wobig

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Visit our website bcdems.org **OFTEN** to keep up with all the latest Democratic happenings. There you can read about the opening of our Democratic headquarters, see photos & much, much more.