



DEMOCRATS' WORLD

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PROUD TO BE DEMOCRATS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Good News! We have secured a new location for the Oct 28, 2013, luncheon meeting when our members will be able to talk to and present questions to the next Governor of Arkansas, Mike Ross, our speaker. The new location for October, and possibly November, will be the Metroplex Event Center, 2305 South 8th St., Rogers, AR, 72758. We will try out this new dining room and have room to move about and talk to the candidates staff as well. We will be increasing the price to \$15. The meal will be catered and we plan to have it be a very uplifting experience for all. Let's turn out in big numbers for Mike Ross!

As I write this note, we are continuing in the horrible mess that the Republican Congress has put us in by creating the Government Shutdown. Head start programs, National Parks, WIC, Firefighter's families survivor benefits, National Guard and Reserve soldiers furloughed, NIH unfunded, CDC unfunded, etc., the list goes on and on, of the services we depend on from government. I'm wondering what these so called legislators thought was going to happen when they chattered on and on for months, with glee, how they were going to "shut the government down"! I really think they have no clue about what it is like to live in the 'real' world, paying bills, meeting mortgage payments, feeding your kids, taking care of your elderly parents, buying insurance or living without it, and so on. You've most assuredly heard all of this from the pundits.

I could really get depressed dwelling on these issues, but instead, I'm trying to focus my energies on supporting the Democratic Party in Arkansas to change the atmosphere in our state next year, an election year! Let's get together at our BCDems luncheons, our Benton County Democratic Central Committee meetings, our fund raisers, like the upcoming movie, "GRAVITY," to learn who we are and what we want our state and country to be like. Let's support each other as a liberal community that is growing daily to satisfy the needs of our people in a democratic society. Government is such a good thing and we all know that and need it! I love driving on the highways, getting mail from the government funded post office, having police, ambulance and fire protection. I, for one, especially love living on the Government funded and built Beaver Lake!! Let's help our Benton County to wake up and grow to realize how much we all need our Government to provide for the general welfare of the people and secure the blessings of liberty for all.

Marge Boyer



OUR NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 2013

MIKE ROSS

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Be sure to see Pg. 3 for more about our speaker & the new time, place, & reservations

BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS
Membership Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Marge Boyer, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Today's speaker was David Sippel, Attorney at Law, who has worked with the Immigration Service and spoke on 'Current Immigration Policy & Proposed Reforms.'

John Brown has asked for individuals to work the polls, as well as being poll watchers because of concerns with intimidation of ethnic voters due to the required voter identification.

Guests: Jane and Dave Barfield
New Member: Nancy Brown

Election of 2014 Officers: Grimsley Graham, Vice President and Nominating Committee Chair, presented the slate of officers for 2014: Marge Boyer, President; Grimsley Graham, Vice President; Pam Buncum, Secretary; Gaye Bland; Treasurer. Officers will be elected at the October meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at that time. Grimsley advised that members making nominations must have in writing the nominee's agreement to serve.

Announcements: Food for Snack Packs: Give to Suzanne Jessup after meeting for delivery to Samaritan Center.

Fundraiser: Bill Beck announced movie 'Gravity' showing October 12, 10 am, at Malco Pinnacle Theatre. Cost is \$15 for this 3-D movie. Richard added that information about movie is on Facebook page for Benton County Democrats.

Depression Exhibit: Suzanne Jessup urged members to take friends to see the exhibit at Crystal Bridges, 'This Land: Picturing a Changing America in the 1930's and 1940's,' an exhibit about the Depression and especially Arkansas and Missouri.

Thurman Metcalf thanked members for their help with the Little Flock Picnic, saying that Mike Ross and John Burkhalter, candidates for Governor and

Lt. Governor, respectively, said that it was 'postcard beautiful.' He advised attendees that Boomerang car wash tickets are available for \$12 as a fundraiser for the Benton County Central Committee. Thurman also urged those in attendance to call Senator Boozeman's office regarding the budget and health care funding.

Linda Farrell announced that the University of Arkansas is sponsoring on November 7 a lecture about mental health and a community read project, 'Crazy.' A flyer was available with details.

Bill Beck advised that Turner Classics is showing Film Odyssey at 9 pm on Monday, a history of world cinema.

Marge displayed the BCD brochure which is still being edited.

New Business: Marge reported that the next meeting will likely be back at the Elks Club because of the need for a large venue to accommodate those anticipated to attend for Mike Ross' presentation on October 28.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Miltich, Secretary



INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT
September 2013



Beginning Cash Balance 9/1/13	
Checking Account	\$7,556.62
Dedicated Democrats Fund	301.00
Total Cash Balance	7,857.62
Income:	
Meeting Income	36.00
Membership Dues	30.00
Total Income	\$66.00
Expenses:	
Meeting Expense	100.00
Newsletter Expense	59.11
Total Expenses	\$ 159.11

Ending Cash Balance 9/30/13	
Checking Account	\$ 7,463.51
Dedicated Dem. Fund	301.00
Total Cash Balance	\$ 7,764.51

Sally Ann Borkowski, Treasurer



Please Remember to bring items to
FEED THE HUNGRY

**OUR OCTOBER SPEAKER
MIKE ROSS**



Candidate for Governor of
Arkansas in the 2014
Democratic Primary

Ross, born & educated in Arkansas, has been a small business owner, state senator & U.S. Congressman. Throughout his many years in public service he has been an active Democrat, known for his hard work on behalf of causes that we value. We anticipate a good turnout & look forward to seeing you on the 28th, to show your support for Ross & the Democratic Party!



- *BCD ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER
- *DUES ARE DUE! IF PAID NOW, YOU'LL BE A MEMBER ALL NEXT YEAR!
- *HEARTY THANKS FROM THURMAN METCALF & BCDCC FOR ALL BCD'S HELP IN MAKING LITTLE FLOCK SO SUCCESSFUL!

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

WHERE? METROPLEX EVENT CENTER, 2305 S 8th St., Rogers (71B) - **New place**

WHEN? Monday, Oct. 28th
11:00 AM - **New time**

RESERVATIONS? As usual, contact 760-716-3870 or pamelaclarke6236@yahoo.com to reserve your lunch by 10/25

MEAL? The Golden Corral will cater. The charge is \$15 to cover our increased costs.



**METROPLEX EVENT
CENTER**