

BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS' WORLD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Remember, our luncheons provide us with a forum for candidates to meet us and for us to learn where they stand, especially when running as non-partisan. We may feel uncomfortable with discourse, but it is democratic. Nowhere else in this area can someone challenge candidates and have the truth become known. Come to the lunches, we need you!

The deadline for applications to the ACA or 'Obamacare(s)' Act ended and guess what? It exceeded predictions. Good job, President Obama and Secretary Kathleen Sebelius! Email or write letters to Kathleen Sebelius, thanking her for her tremendous work in implementing this program, against all odds. In another part of this newsletter, please find an article published in the Mena Star newspaper that lauds the ACA on April 9, 2014. Briefly, a free clinic in the Mena area, staffed by volunteers, that provided free health care for sometimes over 300 people a day, has been able to close its doors. The people it served are now getting their health care covered by the ACA. The free clinic is no longer needed. Our efforts do pay off!

Our AR House candidates: Leah Williams in the 93rd, Grimsley Graham in the 94th and Tom McClure in the 96th, have been getting trained regarding the ethics of running a campaign, meeting people and gaining support for their campaigns. Each of them has asked me to thank all of you for your support. They ask for your help in walking neighborhoods, giving money and helping to staff the office that is planned in the Rogers area for later in the election cycle. Check out their info in this newsletter! Marge Boyer

OUR NEXT MEETING

APRIL 28, 2014

Golden Corral 11:00am - 1:00pm

NATE STEEL



Democratic Candidate for
Attorney General

Be sure to see Pg.3 for more information about our speaker & reservations.

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Membership Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Pam Buncum at 11 am. Thurman Metcalf led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam introduced Tom McClure, who is running for District 96. Pam announced that we have given the maximum allowable amounts to the three candidates currently running, so the Blue Bowl donations for today will go into the Election Fund. We will be able to make more donations to these and other candidates after the June primaries.

Nathan Smith and his wife Elizabeth were introduced by Pam. He is running in a non-partisan race for Benton County Prosecuting Attorney. Pam announced that today is the birthday of Nancianna Nott, and all wished her a Happy Birthday. Bill Millager announced that James Gately has been selected by Gov. Mike Beebe to replace Bill on the State Board of Accountancy.

Linda Farrell introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Lisa Corrigan. Dr. Corrigan spoke on issues in Arkansas efforts to decrease teen pregnancy by providing increased education, and encouraged senior citizens to become involved by writing letters to the editors of local newspapers and contacting their legislative representatives, supporting fundraising efforts and assisting with voter registration.

Following the speaker's presentation, the general meeting commenced. Gaye Bland announced that the BC Dems make \$838.00 on the recent Monument's Men, and thanked Bill Beck for coordinating this effort. Members were reminded to continue to bring their food donations for Samaritan House to the monthly meetings. Suzanne Jessup and Sharon Carter deliver them to Samaritan House. George Naidl is the 2014 Membership Chair and reminded all that this is membership renewal time. Please see him to renew your membership or if you need a name badge. Tom McClure, candidate for the 96th District, spoke and thanked the BC Dems for supporting his campaign. He noted that there are 3 candidates, but 7 districts in Benton County, and encouraged members of all districts to host events to replenish the coffers of the BC Dems. The BC Dems Board is encouraging all members to contribute

\$100 to the BC Dems Campaign Fund between now and November. The contribution may be made as a single donation or made in increments between now and November. Members were also reminded that they can donate \$50.00 of their state income taxes to the BC Dems when they have their taxes done this year. The NWA Black Caucus is hosting a Teacher Appreciation Banquet on Saturday March 29 at Mermaids restaurant in Fayetteville. The event will honor African American teachers and professionals in Northwest Arkansas. Rodney Slater is the keynote speaker, and Linda Chesterfield will also be appearing. A VIP reception with Rodney Slater begins at 5:30 p.m. Check the BC Dems website or the Washington County Democrats website for further details. Thurman Metcalf distributed a petition to increase the minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour in Arkansas. He noted that the Wal-Mart Corporation is supporting this effort. He also announced that the State DPA meeting will be held in Pine Bluff this year, and the Annual Jefferson Jackson Dinner will be held in August. Tickets for the Jefferson Jackson dinner are \$1250 per table of 10, and encouraged all members to "give until it hurts". The Benton County Democrats Central Committee is continuing to sell Boomerang Car Wash tickets for \$12.00. Thurman Metcalf and Linda Farrell announced that a seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at the Fayetteville Public Library regarding Mental Illness and the Judicial System.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pamela Clarke



NONPARTISAN PROSECUTOR ELECTION

The Nonpartisan Benton County Prosecutor Election will be held as part of the Primary election on May 20, 2014. Kimberly R. Weber is opposing Nathan Smith. Kimberly will speak during the business meeting at our April 28 luncheon at the Golden Corral. Nathan Smith is running as a Nonpartisan Conservative and was introduced at our March luncheon. His yard signs list the word conservative under Nonpartisan.

 **OUR NEXT SPEAKER****NATE STEEL**

Our Democratic candidate for Attorney General, Steel grew up in a small town in south Arkansas & earned his undergraduate & law degrees at the University of Arkansas. Then he joined the family business & also became a prosecutor. Since his election to the state legislature he has worked hard to grow our economy, create jobs across the state, & keep our state's fiscal house in order while serving on the Joint Budget committee, the Agriculture, Forestry & Economic Development Comm., & the Judiciary Comm. Don't miss this chance to hear Steel talk about his concerns for Arkansas & why he is running! **Make your reservation by contacting Karen Smenner at mkas0119@gmail.com or 468-866-9906 by Thursday, April 24th**



**MAY MEETING - 3RD MONDAY
MAY 19TH - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL
CANDIDATES!!**

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Assets as of 3/1/2014

General Operating Fund	\$5,242.24
Dedicated Democrats Fund	\$ 361.00
Campaign Contributions Fund	\$ 700.00
Total Assets	\$ 6,303.24

General Operating Fund *Income* for March

Blue Bowls	123.90
Donations	15.00
Membership Dues	270.00
Total Income	408.90

General Operating Fund *Expenses* for March

Transfers to Campaign Contributions Fund	\$1,766.27
Newsletter	\$ 82.16
Total Expense	\$1,848.00

Campaign Contributions Fund *Income* for March

Transfers from General	\$1,766.27
Donations	200.00
Total Income	\$1,966.27

Campaign Contributions Fund *Expenses* for March

Contribution - Tom McClure (Dist. 96)	\$2,000.00
Contribution - John Burkhalter (Lt. Gov.)	\$ 304.00
Total Expenses	\$2,304.00

Assets as of 4/1/2014

General Operating Fund	\$3,802.71
Dedicated Democrats Fund	\$ 361.00
Campaign Contributions Fund	\$ 362.27
Total Assets	\$4,525.98



**LEAH WILLIAMS. 93rd District
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