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## **BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS JULY MEETING**

July 25TH      Lunch: 11:00 am      Meeting: 12:00 noon

Golden Corral, 2605 W. Pleasant Crossing, Rogers

Our program this month will be:

Our featured speaker at the July 25 meeting will be Democratic Party of Benton County Chair, Sharon Carter. Sharon is an Oklahoma native, but spent much of her adult life in Illinois where she moved after getting married.

When her three children reached school age, she completed her education, graduating from Western Illinois University with a degree in social work. After a few years as a social worker, she migrated into health care administration and management. She was employed by Health Care Retirement Corporation, in the long term care division, for most of her career. Upon retirement in 1998, she moved to Arkansas and opened a bed and breakfast to which she added a tea room. It was in the tea room that the seeds of her political activism were sown.

Among her customers were Lucile and Mary Margaret Roberts, with whom Sharon became friends. Lucile persuaded Sharon to join Benton County Democratic Women, which was the predecessor to the BC Dems. Sharon has since served as president of BC Dems on two occasions. She became chair of the Democratic Party of Benton County earlier this year. The topic of her talk will be **"Where Do We Go From Here?"**

Make your reservations by Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, to Rusty Mastricola at: [rusty1214@gmail.com](mailto:rusty1214@gmail.com) or at 479 855 9588.

### **President's report**

We watch the Rachel Maddow show every night and earlier this week she spent some time discussing how Hillary Clinton's campaign had spent \$57 million on ads compared to Trump's supporting groups' \$4 million. She concluded that since Hillary's team's expenditure had been more than 15 times his, her money had not been well spent because she should be further ahead in polls than she is.

What Rachel didn't factor in was all the free media attention that he has received. Donald Trump won his primary campaign not with paid advertising, but with \$3 billion of what is called "earned media." He'd say or tweet something, his supporters would see it online, and then journalists would write about it, thus spreading his message still further.

Despite this, Hillary is ahead in most swing states and in many demographic groups. According to the most recent polls, even those conducted by FOX News, she is ahead from 3 to 13 points in Iowa, Colorado, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington. She is tied with Trump in Ohio and he is ahead by three in Florida and nine in Pennsylvania.

What is interesting is that the more educated the groups of likely voters are, the more support she receives. White, college-educated voters, who are one third of the electorate, go for her 48% to 37%. Expand that to all college-educated voters and her support grows to 54% to his 32%. Those with further degrees say they will vote for her by 61% to his 27%! He says the "poorly educated" love him, although I'm not sure that that is a label I would like applied to me.

In at least two states he is polling 0% among African-Americans – the first time that has ever happened! And since 1952 the majority of white voters have always gone Republican – until this year. Yeah Hillary! And among those from 18 to 29 years old, she is ahead of Trump by a 47% to 21% margin. Even Gary Johnson scores higher than he – at 22%!

Hillary is now ahead in almost every poll, among almost every swing state and in every national poll according to Nate Silver. He predicts that there is an 80% chance that she will win in November. And he is the one who predicted 49 states correctly in '08 and all 50 states in 12!

Trump will receive positive publicity after naming Mike Pence as his V.P. and, as always, will get a bump from the Republican National Convention. But Hillary has said she will name her running mate sometime in the three days between the end of their convention and the beginning of the Democratic one. She will also get a huge bump, I predict, from it. So things are looking very, very good.

We can't get complacent, though, because there is still a lot of time between now and November, so let's all work hard for her and publicize our support for her until then!

Footnote: a great deal of what I have just written comes from Rachel's research and comments

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## **Eunice**

### **Minutes of the June 27 2016 General Meeting Golden Corral Restaurant – Rogers, AR**

President Eunice Van Tuyl called the meeting to order at 12:00. She welcomed new attendees, guest speakers and visitors. Jim Van Tuyl led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Vice President Richard Bland introduced our guest speaker Dr. Steve Smith. Dr. Smith has been a Professor at the University of Arkansas

since 1984. Dr. Smith has served as a member of the Ark House of Representatives and executive assistant to Governor Bill Clinton. In addition to many teaching awards he has written several books including a novel "The Star Chamber". Today, Dr. Smith will examine the presidential candidate nomination process. Parties, Primaries, and Presidents. Next month's speaker will be Sharon Carter, President of the Democratic Party of Benton County (DPBC).

The minutes and treasurer's reports were approved unanimously.

Eunice asked for volunteers to help with the elections and stated that poll workers will be paid \$9.00 an hour. Please contact Eunice if interested. She stated that everyone should make sure they have the correct address on their voter registration to alleviate any delays when voting. Volunteers are needed for a fund raising committee. If you are interested please contact Eunice. Anyone interested in driving or riding in the Bella Vista 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade may also contact Eunice.

Thurman Metcalf announced that he is still selling Boomerang carwash tickets for \$15.00. Contact him or buy at the DPBC headquarters located at Turtle Creek Plaza, 2301 Walnut Street, Suite 5 in Rogers, AR. The BC Dems also have campaign buttons and other democratic merchandise for sale at the headquarters. The DPBC headquarters still needs volunteers to work in the office and you are encouraged to sign up. You may contact Sharon Carter at 479-721-1633, or call 479-986-0714.

Make plans now to attend the Little Flock Picnic on Sept. 10 starting at 4:00. Food will be provided. Thurman also announced that former President Bill Clinton will be the guest speaker and the annual JJ Dinner in Little Rock on July 15 at the Verizon Center. Tickets are \$200.00 but, you may purchase from the DPBC for \$150.00. Contact Thurman or the headquarters.

DPA, DPBC, BC Dems and the Grimsley Graham Campaign will host a county-wide rally for the local democratic candidates on Sat. July 9 from 4:00 - 7:00 at the Farmers Market (101

East Cherry St.) in downtown Rogers. Food will be provided.

Bill Beck gave a report on the movie "Captain Fantastic" as a fund raiser for July 30 at 10:00. Tickets are \$13.00. He will need 50 people or more to attend. Remember this is a great fundraiser for the BC Dems and everyone is encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully Submitted by

**Secretary Betty Cauldwell**

### Treasurer's Summary for June 2016

Beginning Balance \$2,244.01

#### Income

Blue Bowls	\$118.25
Donations*	\$100.00
Dues	\$148.90
Movies**	\$182.00
Fundraisers	\$ 5.00
Total	\$554.15

#### Expenses

Publicity	\$47.72
Total	\$47.72

Ending Balance \$2,750.44

\*\$90.00 from sale of donated books

\*\*This is not the net. Expenses to be paid July 30.

Submitted by:

**Joel Ewing, treasurer**

**Organization meeting for Hillary** There will be an organizational meeting for the Hillary Clinton campaign in Benton County, **Tuesday, July 19, at 6 P.M.** at 224 West Walnut, Rogers. Leah Garrett will conduct the meeting.



### Party Rally on July 9<sup>th</sup>

An estimated 120 people attended the Democratic Party rally in Rogers on Saturday afternoon, July 9<sup>th</sup>. A large space, once the home of American/First National Bank, at 116 West Walnut, was made available through the generosity of Rogers architect and businessman John Mack.

The BC Dems, Democratic Party of Benton County, and the Grimsley Graham campaign provided hamburgers. The Democratic Party of Arkansas provided publicity and an advance setup crew.

Featured speakers included candidates **Grimsley Graham**, who talked about his goals as a legislator, especially Pre K education, which he said had huge and lasting benefits for children.



**Grimsley Graham**

**Conner Eldridge**, the other featured speaker delineated the differences between himself and his opponent, U.S. Senator John Boozman, especially in the area of health care. JP Candidate Rey Hernandez was unable to attend. Democratic Party of Arkansas Chair **Vince Insalaco**, in an enthusiastic address, stressed the vital importance of this election.

**Sharon Carter**, Chair of Benton County Democratic Party, served ably as master of ceremonies. BC Dems had a table at the event where we recruited members, provided information about our organization, and promoted fundraising activities

**R. Bland, Vice President**



**Conner Eldridge. Candidate for U.S.Senate**



**Vince Insalaco, Chair, Democratic Party of Arkansas**

**2016 Summer political activities**

**July 20:** Benton County Democrats executive Board meeting

**July 25:** Benton County Democrats luncheon meeting at 11:00 AM at the Golden Corral in Rogers. Speaker will begin at noon.

**July 30:** Our movie fundraiser "Captain Fantastic" will be at the Malco Pinnacle Hills Cinema in Rogers" at 10:00 AM Tickets will be available for \$13.00 at our monthly meeting, the Democratic Party of Benton County campaign headquarters, or from Bill Beck at 479 986 0714, or at the door

**August 9:** Monthly meeting of the Democratic Party of Benton County at Turtle Creek Plaza headquarters

**August 13:**Special meeting of Benton County Democrats at noon at the Whole Hog Café in Bentonville, for those unable to attend regular meetings.

**Summer activities (continued)**

**August 16:** Benton County Democrats Executive Board Meeting

**August 22:** Benton County Democrats monthly meeting at the Golden Corral in Rogers. Speaker will begin at Noon

**September 10:** Little Flock picnic to meet the candidates and other Democrats . Picnic starts at 4:00 PM. Food will be provided. \_\_\_\_\_