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BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS OCTOBER MEETING

October 24th

Lunch: 11:00 am

Meeting: 12:00 noon

Golden Corral, 2605 W. Pleasant Crossing, Rogers

Our October speaker will be D'Andre L. Jones, President and Political Director of the Northwest Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus. His topic will be: Diversity and Inclusion: Making America Great The right way.

D'Andre is a 10-year resident of Fayetteville, where he serves as Chairman of the Fayetteville Civil Rights Commission, and Director of Black History Month as well as African-American Team of Compassion. He is the first African-American to run for a seat on the Fayetteville City Council.

He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, has a master's degree from Webster University, and is working on a Master of Social Work from Arizona State University.

D'Andre works as a Team Leader in the Contact and Execution Center at Walmart Corporate Office.

He has served as a Delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention and as a Democratic Party of Arkansas State Committee Member. He worked as a staff assistant for Congressman Marion Berry.



Make your reservations by Friday, Oct 21st, to Rusty Masticola at: rusty1214@gmail.com or at 479 855 9588

. And so we are down to three weeks before this election.

Although many millions of Americans back Hillary's opponent in this election, there is no question about what reflective editorial boards of the nation's newspapers think. More than 100 have unequivocally endorsed her, most using lists of superlatives about why they have done so. The following are my efforts to distill what they are saying:

- "Hillary Clinton has the potential to be an excellent president of the United States, and we endorse her without hesitation."
- "Her experience and intellect would make her a standout in any group of candidates."
- The breadth of experience – from White House, to US Senate, to secretary of state – is unrivaled. Her grasp of the issues is impressive."

- “She is one of the most prepared candidates ever for the presidency.” “She can step in as commander in chief on Day One.”
- “We need a leader who will bring out the best in all Americans, not the worst.”
- “She’s the safe choice for the US and for the world.”
- “Heaven help America were, unthinkably, Clinton to fail.”

These newspapers include not only those that traditionally support Democratic candidates and many that have swung back and forth, but those like the following whose announcements have been historic:

- The *San Diego Union-Tribune* has not endorsed a Democrat for president in its 148-year history—until Hillary.
- The *Arizona Republic* broke its 120-year tradition of endorsing Republicans.
- The *Cincinnati Enquirer* broke its century-old tradition.
- The *Columbus Dispatch* broke a 100-year tradition to endorse a Democrat (for the first time since Woodrow Wilson), and urged voters to elect Hillary.
- The *Dallas Morning News* broke a 75-year tradition.
- *The Atlantic* has endorsed a presidential candidate only 3 times in its history: in 1860 with Abraham Lincoln, in 1964 with LBJ, and now Hillary.
- In the nearly half-century history of *Foreign Policy*, the editors have never endorsed a candidate for office until now.
- *WIRED* made its first-ever presidential endorsement.

And here are those endorsing her opponent (Unless, of course, you count the *National Enquirer*):

The *Santa Barbara News Press* (that explained its reason with two words: Donald Trump.)

The conservative *Atlantic* has said it spectacularly

well: “Donald J. Trump ... might be the most ostentatiously unqualified major-party candidate in the 227-year history of the American presidency. Donald Trump ... has no record of public service and no qualifications for public office. His affect is that of an infomercial huckster; he traffics in conspiracy theories and racist invective; he is appallingly sexist; he is erratic, secretive, and xenophobic; he expresses admiration for authoritarian rulers, and evinces authoritarian tendencies himself. He is easily goaded, a poor quality for someone seeking control of America’s nuclear arsenal. He is an enemy of fact-based discourse; he is ignorant of, and indifferent to, the Constitution; he appears not to read.

Trump is not a man of ideas. He is a demagogue, a xenophobe, a sexist, a know-nothing, and a liar. He is spectacularly unfit for office, and voters—the statesmen and thinkers of the ballot box—should act in defense of American democracy and elect his opponent.”

And, of course, of the five living U.S. presidents, none support Donald Trump:

The people who know what it takes, know that Trump doesn’t have it.

Fortunately, the majority of American voters have come to this same conclusion. Hillary is leading in the popular vote and the Electoral College. The Trump campaign can see this writing on the wall and so has decided that instead of looking for more supporters, it will try to sling as much mud as possible at our candidate in hopes of depressing the votes for her or of convincing his supporters that the election will have been rigged (if he loses).

So, then, what is our responsibility in the days before November 8? We MUST talk to Hillary supporters about what is at stake and make sure that they all vote for her. We must work tirelessly to bring this about.

Eunice Van Tuyl

Treasurer's Summary for September 2016

Beginning Balance **\$2,677.57**

Income

Donations \$50.00

Dues \$70.00

Other fundraisers \$15.50

Total **\$135.50**

Expenses

Meetings \$18.16

Publicity (BVCTV) \$90.00

Hernandez campaign \$500.00

Graham campaign \$1,800.00

Total **\$2,408.16**

Ending Balance **\$404.91**

Submitted by

Joel Ewing, Treasurer

Democrats Year End action calendar

Tuesdays in October plus November 7 at 630 PM
Make Calls for Hillary at Campaign headquarters,
2301 W. Walnut, Suite5,in Rogers

October 19: Benton County Democrats' Executive Board Meeting

October 24: Benton County Democrats' luncheon meeting, 11:00AM at Golden Corral n Pleasant Grove Rd., Rogers. The speaker will begin at noon.

October 24: EARLY VOTING BEGINS IN ARKANSAS

November 8: ELECTION DAY

November 15: Northwest Arkansas Senior Democrats meet at 11:30 at the Western Sizzlin, 2392 Sunset in Springdale

November 16: Benton County Democrats' Executive Board Meeting

November 28: Benton County Democrats' Luncheon meeting, 11 AM at Golden Corral, on Pleasant Grove Road, Rogers

December 21: Benton County Democrats' Executive Board meeting.

December 20: Northwest Arkansas Senior Democrats meet at 11:30 at the Western Sizzlin, 2392 Sunset in Springdale

NOTE; There will be NO monthly meeting of BCDems in December

Record Number of Californians Now Registered to Vote

California's 18,251,826 registered voters is greater than the population of all but three other U.S. states

As of September 9, 73.45% of eligible California citizens were registered to vote.

Reported by California Secretary of State

No Secretary's report this month as there was no General meeting in September