

Benton County Democrats' World

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Benton County Democrats February Meeting

Monday, February 27 Lunch 11:00 am Meeting 12:00 noon

Golden Corral, 2605 W. Pleasant Crossing, Rogers

Our speaker will be Mr. Jon Comstock, Attorney. His topic will be:



“Our Justice System-Status Quo or Change”

Jon Comstock earned his BA Degree at Oklahoma State University and his Law Degree at the University of Tulsa.

Private General Litigation practice in Tulsa 1976-1994. In-House Legal Counsel for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. 1994-2011. Served as Arkansas Circuit Court Judge 2011-2012.

Currently in Private Practice as “Comstock Conflict Resolution Services”

Judge Comstock has served on many State Committees and Task Forces dealing with the Arkansas Judicial System. Most recently in 2016 serving as Chair of the Arkansas Bar Association’s Task Force on Maintaining a Fair and Impartial Judiciary and their Task Force on Constitutional Amendments



President’s Message

A new phrase, “alternative facts,” to describe something that is not true, came into the national lexicon during inauguration week. Chuck Todd of NBC asked Trump spokesperson Kellyanne Conway why Sean Spicer, the White House Press Secretary, was sent out to tell the press that the Trump inauguration was attended by a record crowd when documentary and photographic evidence indicated otherwise. Conway insisted that Spicer was not lying, but presenting “alterative facts.” Todd countered that something that isn’t true is a falsehood, not an alternative fact. Conway went on to say that the administration had to present alternative facts to combat what the media was reporting.

Manipulation of information has already become a hallmark of the new administration, and a sizeable segment of the population, at least among those who read, seem to be catching on. Two books from the past, George Orwell’s 1949 best-seller, *1984*, and Philip Roth’s 2004 novel, *The Plot Against America*, have had a resurgence, with *1984* returning to the bestseller list and *Plot* enjoying brisk sales. In *1984*, which is set thirty-five years in the future from its date of publication, information is manipulated and conformity enforced by “Big Brother.” Many who read *1984* many years ago and found it far-fetched are re-evaluating their assessments. “Plot” is set in the 1930s and 1940s and imagines a charismatic, anti-Semitic, Charles Lindbergh challenging and defeating Roosevelt for President in 1940. America under Lindbergh enters into an

Congressman Womack." It is on Tuesday, the 21st, from 8:30am-9:30am. West Fork City Hall is a small space with limited parking, so plan accordingly. Remember that this event is not a formal town hall and in order to obtain one, we must remain respectful.

Please understand that this means we may not all get an opportunity to speak at this event. (Facebook link for "Coffee with Congressman Womack": (<http://facebook.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d5397c83f497be0bfa3e4c79f&id=1179ada81d&e=f1624477a8>) > <http://facebook.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d5397c83f497be0bfa3e4c79f&id=58539b3f85&e=f1624477a8>)

Sen. Cotton's town hall will be on Wednesday, the 22nd, starting at 5:00pm. It will be held at the Jones Center in Springdale. We encourage everyone to bring a red 8.5 x 11 inch card to hold up when you oppose something Senator Cotton states.

We also ask that you send us any questions that you would like to ask the senator. This is so that we can ensure that we are being as effective as possible.

Remember that our main goal is to appeal to our neighbors and encourage them to help flip his seat in 2020. If you can, please look at Dr. Lisa Corrigan's posts on our "Pre-Town Hall" event for tips and articles to prepare. (Facebook link for town

hall: <http://facebook.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d5397c83f497be0bfa3e4c79f&id=26cc3c61d0&e=f1624477a8>)

Most importantly, Ozark Indivisible wants you all to know that we are in this together. We stand united and want to have the biggest impact possible on our wonderful nation. To do this, we must consistently maintain our composure. We need to be polite and organized. We can not scream, we can not chant, and we can not be disrespectful to our MOC at their town halls.

Be sure to check Facebook and Twitter for more information. If any of your friends would like to sign up for our action alert e-mails and newsletters, please share this link with them :<http://eepurl.com/cCmfJLhttp://eepurl.com/cCmfJL>

Thank you,

Ozark Indivisible Team

- **NOTE: The venue for Sen. Cotton's town hall has been changed twice. As of Feb 21 the location has been changed from Bentonville back to Springdale but the location is now the Pat Walker Performing Arts Center on the Campus of Springdale High School, 101 S Pleasant St, Springdale, AR. The campus won't open to visitors until 4:20 pm. The arts center's doors will open to the public at 4:45 pm. The actual event is from 5 pm to 6:30 pm on the 22nd.**