

Benton County Dems' World

Nov., 2018 Eunice Van Tuyl, Editor

November 26th MEETING:

12:00: Speaker and Business Lunch before, during or after Golden Corral in Rogers 2605 W. Pleasant Grove Crossing

This month's speaker is Steven Copley, chair of the Arkansas Faith Caucus, who will speak about the post-election.



The Arkansas Faith Caucus, formed in 2005, is one of several auxiliaries of the Democratic Party of Arkansas. Its purpose is to show how faith is relevant to the values of the

Democratic Party platform, which includes related issues on poverty, jobs, health, hunger, the environment, and peace.

Arkansas citizens represent religious diversity, but all members of the Arkansas Faith Caucus come together in their belief

that "Our faith informs our Democratic ideals."

Mr. Copley has a B.A., Master of Divinity, a J. D. and is working on a Doctor of Ministry. He has served as Pastor at various churches since 1985, and as chair on many ecumenical organizations. He has always been politically active, serving in many leadership roles, and has received numerous awards for civic engagement.

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| Mon., Nov. 26 11:00 – 1:00 Golden Corral | BC Dems' Luncheon |
| Mon., Dec. 10: 6:30 PM Guess Who? - B'ville | Democratic Party of Benton Co. |
| Tues., Dec. 12: 11:30 Western Sizzlin' | NWA Senior Democrats' Luncheon |
| BC Dems will NOT meet in December! | |

Our candidates for next year:



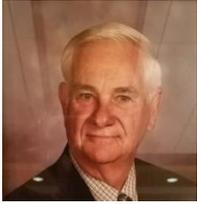
For President: **Eunice Van Tuyl** has a B.A. in French, English and Spanish, and an M.A. in French. She taught for 33 years and took students on lengthy trips abroad. Eunice served as a representative in local, state (ISEA) and national (NEA) organizations for many years and held various leadership positions at the local level and for the Iowa Foreign Language Association. She worked for the Democratic Party and says one of her greatest regrets at leaving Iowa is missing its first-in-the-nation caucuses and meeting all the Presidential candidates one on one. Eunice and her husband Jim enjoy movies, cards and the activities at Crystal Bridges. Their passions are international travel, charity work, education and, of course, politics.



For Vice-president: **Dr. Julia Kilbourne-Bailey** is a long-time active Democrat. She most recently lived in the United Kingdom and was active in the Democrats Abroad chapter. Born and raised in Los Angeles, she has since lived and worked in different parts of the world promoting health, ethics and human rights programs for business, ci civil society, and institutions. Julia moved to Northwest Arkansas with her husband and daughter four years ago and works on a number of community-based initiatives.



For Secretary: **Diana Kolman** has been a resident of Rogers since 1972 when her husband Maurice (the former Rogers Director of Transportation and Planning, now deceased) moved the family to Northwest Arkansas. She returned to college in the late '80s and earned her degree in education from the University of Arkansas in 1989. She taught journalism at Rogers High School for the next 21 years, retiring in 2011. After retiring, Kolman, a lifelong Democrat, found time to become involved in volunteer activities, and now her two passions are the Rogers Public Education Foundation and the Benton County Dems.



For Treasurer: **David Cauldwell**, a Rogers native, graduated from the U. of A. with a B.A. in Public Administration. He worked for the Arkansas Commission on Crime and Law Enforcement and State Revenue Department and was an Administrative Assistant to a Benton County Judge. He was then elected to serve as County Tax Collector until he was hired as Business Manager for the Rogers schools. In 2005 David was named the Arkansas School Business Administrator of the year for Arkansas. He has been elected a Board member to represent Arkansas School support staff on the Arkansas Teacher Retirement Board.

Richard A. Bland, President

On the national level, the results of the 2018 election were more positive than negative. As I write this, it appears that the Democrats will pick up between 35 and 40 House seats. January will see seven Democratic governors in states that in 2018 have Republican governors. Trifectas, states that have the same party in charge of both houses of the legislature and the governorship, shifted in the Democrats' favor, with an increase from 8 to 14. Republican numbers dropped from 26 to 22. Some Democrats running for Congress accepted their F's from the NRA, campaigned for some reasonable gun regulations, and still won.

On the local level, the numbers weren't so rosy. However, there were Democrats competing in many more races than in recent years. In neighboring Washington County, Democrats Denise Garner and Megan Godfrey won seats in the state legislature held by Republicans. Democrats have finally refused to sit idly by and fatalistically allow one-party rule. That is an important early step in gaining political power.

Think back two years and remember how this happened. There were protests immediately after Trump won. The Women's March right after the inauguration produced crowds numbering far more than the inauguration itself (look at the aerial photos). Moms Demand Action organized marches, not just in major cities but in Bentonville, Fayetteville, and similar communities around the nation. Indivisible organized and expanded. The list is extensive. The improvements we saw in the most recent election were not accidental, but rather the results of massive effort and impressive talent.

If you see the election as a big win, ok, but don't stop working. If you see it as disappointing, that's understandable, too, but don't give up. We have made gains. We must find candidates to run in even more races in Benton County next time. We must have a candidate once more to oppose Representative Womack and another one to try to remove Senator Cotton. In addition to candidates we need lots of others to support them and do the behind-the-scenes work. Funds must be raised. November 2020 is not that far away and we can consolidate and expand the gains made this year then.

Treasurer's Summary Oct., 2018**by David Cauldwell, Treasurer**Beginning Balance: **\$4,310.39**

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| Income: | Blue Bowls: | \$128.00 |
| | Dues: | \$289.45 |
| | Newsletter Postage: | \$10.00 |
| | Donations: | \$190.00 |
| | Misc. Sales: | \$42.00 |
| | Voided Check: | <u>\$75.00</u> |
| | Total: | \$734.45 |

Expenses:

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| DPBC Watch Party: | \$250.00 |
| Candidate Contributions: | <u>\$3,000.00</u> |
| Total: | \$3,250.00 |

Ending Balance: **\$1,594.84****BENTON COUNTY DEMS' Oct. 22, 2018 General Meeting at the Golden Corral in Rogers, AR****by Diana Kolman, Secretary**

President Richard Bland called the meeting to order at 12:05. Because both speakers had time restraints, the meeting began with the program.

The first speaker was Jon Comstock, candidate for Arkansas Senate, District 3. Jon said the key to victory in the upcoming election is voter turnout. He urged everyone to vote and to urge others to vote. He also said the number one issue facing voters is healthcare. He said everyone should subscribe to a community covenant that adequate health care is something everyone needs to have. He added healthcare should be viewed as a right, not an entitlement.

The second speaker was Rhianon Mahoney, wife of Josh Mahoney, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, District 3. She said Josh is basing his campaign on Arkansas and Arkansas values. He, too, believes that health care should be extended to all citizens and that it is a right, not an entitlement. Josh also supports public education and would like to see more skills education and training in school curriculums. For immigrants, he favors finding and improving pathways to citizenship. Rhianon, too, said the key to victory is getting people out to vote.

After the speakers finished their presentations, Richard began the business meeting by asking Mary Ann Boyer to lead the group in the pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge, the minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was also approved.

Announcements:

- It is time to renew memberships for 2019.
- Some people are having a problem receiving the newsletter. Joel Ewing explained the problem. He will post instructions about how to correct the problem on the club's website.
- There will be an election night watch party on Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., at the World Events Center. There will be a cash bar. Attendees are encouraged to bring snack foods.
- Officers will be elected at the November meeting.

- Membership Chair Gaye Bland encouraged all newcomers to sign up for club emails.
- Dave Boyer said there are books available at the Democratic headquarters that explain all the constitutional amendments that will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot. He also said both issue 1 and issue 3 have been declared unconstitutional and will not be counted.

The next meeting will be Nov. 26. The speaker will be Rev. Stephen Copley of the Democratic Faith Caucus. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

From *Time* magazine:

- * Dennis and Judy Shepherd, Mathew's parents: "Hate is just below the surface. It erupts into public view and attention when haters are allowed to not only come out into public but are allowed to stay in public and to publicly demonstrate their hate in words and actions."
- * The number of people killed by far-right extremists since September 11 is roughly equal to the number killed in the U.S. by jihadist terrorists.
- * Statistics show the biggest bump in hate crimes in recent history coincides with the period since Trump's presidential campaign began.
- * Jon Meacham quotes Thomas Jefferson: "In a government like ours, it is the duty of the Chief-magistrate, in order to enable himself to do all the good which his station requires, to endeavor, by all honorable means, to unite in himself the confidence of the whole people." and

Harry Truman: "... you can't divide the country up into sections... and you can't encourage people's prejudices. You have to appeal to people's best instincts, not their worst ones." but "... the people are responsible for the government that they get."

Meacham continues, "... we must attempt ... to focus our energy not on our President's heart and mind – those seem a lost cause – but on our own."

- * Eleanor Roosevelt: "We make our own history. ... It is not so much the powerful leaders that determine our destiny as much as the powerful influence of the combined voice of the people themselves."
- * Deborah E. Lipstadt: "**... when people (sic) begin to rant, do not sit idly by. Challenge them. Do not do so to change their minds but to reach others who are listening and learning. Silence is an imprimatur for hate and prejudice.**"
- * Nancy Gibbs: "Conspiracy theories flourish as a substitute for the hard work of actual knowledge. They grant those that embrace them a shortcut to superiority: *average* people believe what they hear on the evening news or read in the papers, but *you* are smarter, you know better, you see the patterns and plots behind those events, ... You can't be fooled, you won't be puppets, you know better, you know the truth... elites of all kinds are suspect."

Editor's note: I would highly recommend Nancy Gibbs' and Jon Meacham's entire articles in the November 12th issue of *Time*.

Unlike his 43 predecessors, Trump never served in government or the military.

Factcheck.org declared that in the 12 years since its founding that they had never seen Trump’s match for untruths. And that was before this year began!!

Four of our nine Supreme Court Justices were appointed by Presidents who lost the popular vote.

Since 2008, the average family’s insurance premium has increased 55%, twice as fast as wages, and deductibles have tripled.

New Trump Administration rules allow states to permit insurers to exclude people with pre-existing conditions or charge them higher premiums. (They recently urged a federal court in Texas to strike down just those provisions that disallow this.) They could also allow insurers to refuse to cover things like maternity care, mental-health care or prescription drugs, all currently required under the Affordable Care act.

The federal government now spends tens of billions of dollars each year subsidizing millions of Americans’ health care coverage on the public exchanges. That’s much more expensive than simply offering those people coverage under Medicare or Medicaid. In 2013, the Congressional Budget Office calculated that such a plan would reduce the federal deficit by \$158 billion over a decade.

70% of Americans, including a slim majority of Republicans, now support some version of the universal health care proposal known as Medicare for All.

Two years after Arkansas and Kentucky expanded Medicaid, low-income adults were more likely to have a primary care doctor and receive care for their chronic conditions, and less likely to visit the emergency room. Those improvements were pronounced when compared to Texas, which didn’t expand Medicaid.

The U.S. has ranked third in income inequality among developed countries with the highest rates of inequality.

Congress could make major tax reform bringing in over \$10 billion annually by requiring international companies such as Apple and Caterpillar to pay our corporate income taxes in proportion to the percentage of total sales made here in the U.S. (It would also be fairer to U.S. corporations whose total sales are made here.)



“Throughout Western civilization, women have made history by their actions and works and yet there has been no permanent place to tell these stories. The National Mall in Washington, DC is where America displays what we value. Having a permanent place of national prominence in our nation’s capital will empower twenty-first century Americans to “discover” women’s stories and mine them for the lessons of

history.

Catherine Allgor, Ph.D., in “A Perfect Union”

Get ready for [#MuseumStoreSunday!](#) On November 25th, we invite you to "Be a Patron" and support the National Women's History Museum's mission with your purchases on our online gift shop. You'll find apparel and accessories with a little inspiration and education—a great way to make your holiday shopping count this season.

WOMEN'S HISTORY IN THE CLASSROOM

In many ways, American history tells the story of how different individuals from marginalized groups defied expectations, broke down barriers, and created the momentum necessary for change. American Women embody this story. Their willingness to embrace all hardship to promote the war effort was immortalized by J. Howard Miller's "I Can Do It" poster featuring the character that became known to history as Rosie the Riveter. Rosie's iconic image reminds Americans of women's social and economic awakening amid the worst conflict in human history.



Teachers! Bring Rosie into the classroom with our free lesson plan here:

WOMENSHISTORY.ORG **Rosie the Riveter** Rosie the Riveter: The Embodiment of the American Woman's Economic and Social Awakening Lesson Prepared By Michael Sandstrom Grade Level 11th 12th American history is the story of expanding roles for oppressed groups where individuals defied expectations, broke down barriers, an...

Margaret Chase Smith was the first woman elected to the Senate in her own right, representing Maine for 34 years, first in the House and then in the Senate. She was an independent thinker who refused to vote a party line but always kept her constituents' interests in mind. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Smith sponsored the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act, which granted women regular status in the armed forces, opening the military as a career path for women.

Smith declared her candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination in January 1964 saying, "I have few illusions and no money, but I'm staying for the finish." She noted, "When people keep telling you, you can't do a thing, you kind of like to try." Smith was an accomplished grass roots campaigner whose personal touch was legendary in Maine. Though she applied the same principles to her national campaign, she lost every primary.

With her 27 delegates at the 1964 Republican convention, she became the first woman nominated for president by a major party. She received 227,007 popular votes (3.84%). Barry Goldwater emerged as the party's candidate, eventually losing to Lyndon B Johnson.

Shirley Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to Congress and a founding member of both the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Women's Caucus. Representing the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York, Chisholm was known as "Fighting Shirley" for her passionate advocacy for her poor and minority constituents. She was the first African American person to run for a major party presidential nomination.

Chisholm appeared on the primary ballots in 12 states. She received 152 delegate votes at the Democratic National Convention held in Miami, Florida, which ultimately selected George McGovern as the nominee. While never in real contention, her strategy of bringing a bloc of voters to the convention has influenced campaign strategies to the present.

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