

# Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

**Do You Have Your Ticket To The Bean Supper?**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Ask one of the BC Dems board members or call Eunice at 479-855-7771.

April 26 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Janie Darr Elementary • 6505 S. Mt. Hebron Rd. • Rogers • AR

**Help Our Candidates!**

## Upcoming Events

Mon, April 22 12:00 – 1:00 Golden Corral Rogers	BC Dems Luncheon Program– (4th Monday) (Lunch 11:00- 12:00 or after the program)
Sat., May 11 1:00 to 3:00 Java Dudes in Bella Vista	Bella Vista Dems – (2nd Saturday)
Mon., May 13 6:00 PM Mimi's Cafe	Democratic Party of Benton Co – (2nd Monday).
Tues., May 21 1:30 PM Western Sizzlin'	NWA Senior Democrats' Luncheon – (3rd Tuesday)
Mon., May 27 12:00 – 1:00 Golden Corral Rogers	BC Dems' Luncheon

# This Month's Speaker

## Janine A. Perry

Professor of Political Science, University of Arkansas

April 22, 2019

Janine A. Perry is Professor of Political Science at the University of Arkansas and has **directed the Diane D. Blair Center's Annual Arkansas Poll** since its inception in 1999. Her presentation is titled "*The Year of the Women: What we know about female voters, candidates, and office holders.*"

Parry is the author of two books and almost 50 other published works on subjects relating to state politics, voter behavior, and gender and politics, she frequently provides analysis to media outlets, including **NPR, CNN, the BBC, the New York Times, and more.**



She teaches courses at the introductory through the graduate level on topics including **American National Government, Politics on Film, Arkansas Politics, Gender and Politics** and has earned numerous teaching honors, including the Baum Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2016. From 2008-2011, she co-directed the Teaching and Faculty Support Center at the University of Arkansas, and from 2012-2014 she served as the elected Chair of the Campus Faculty/Faculty Senate. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Western Washington University magna cum laude and her master's and doctoral degrees in political science from Washington State University.

## The President's Memo



Another dead whale has washed ashore, this time in the Philippines, with 88 pounds of plastic in its stomach. We see these reports regularly. We also see the many photos of dead seabirds with numerous plastic items in their carcasses. We are driving many species into extinction with our plastic garbage.

This dire situation is not improving. In 1960 five percent of seabirds were found to contain plastic items but by 1980 that figure had grown to 80 percent. This has led to a 67 percent decline in their numbers between 1950 and 2010 with nearly one million dying daily due to their ingestion of plastics. Today's figures are surely drastically worse. The future looks even bleaker since plastic production doubles every 11 years!

What can we, as individuals, localities, states and a global community, do? Remember the adage **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. Often, we think in terms of recycling when we should first be focusing on reduction and reuse.

**Reduce:** There are some recent examples we can follow. The EU has voted to ban 10 types of single use plastics beginning in 2021. These include straws, forks, knives, cotton buds, plates, food and beverage containers made of expanded polystyrene and all products made of oxo-degradable plastic. They will also have to collect and recycle 90 percent of beverage bottles by 2029. Tobacco companies must cover the costs of collection of cigarette stubs, the second most littered single-use plastic item, which will hopefully lead them to change to another material.

New York State has recently followed California's lead of 2016 in banning all single-use plastic bags. They will also charge a 10-cent fee on all paper bags. This means 23 billion fewer bags used. A supermarket chain in Thailand is now wrapping its fruit and vegetables in banana leaves. A grocery store in London sells food without packaging. A city in Australia has banned single-use plastic water bottles.

**Reuse:** Some places are turning discarded plastic into roads, others into fuel.

Let's lobby our legislators to be innovative in all these areas.

We can use non-disposable bottles, cups, utensils, and straws. (You can buy steel straws.) Buy items in cardboard or glass. For those of you who like crafts, here are 19 novel ideas for creating with plastic bottles, spoons and milk jugs: ranging from lamps to organizers, even to furniture or a greenhouse!

There are 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic in our oceans. **Let's do all we can to make a difference!**



## Mark Your Calendar

Benton County Dems Bean Dinner  
Friday, April 26

This year's featured speaker will be Clarke Tucker, IV. Mr. Tucker served in the 91st Arkansas General Assembly as State Representative from Little Rock, recently ran for Congress in the 2018 elections and is now a partner in the law firm of Poynter Tucker.

Clarke attended Harvard University and the University of Arkansas School of Law, where he graduated magna cum laude and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Arkansas Law Review. During law school, Mr. Tucker received many awards and honors - a trend which has continued into his years as a practicing attorney and as a legislator, including being recognized as an emerging business leader in the



2015 “40 under 40” list published by Arkansas Business.

Proceeds from the Bean Dinner fundraiser will be used to support area candidates in upcoming elections. The dinner will be held at Janie Darr Elementary, 6505 S. Mt. Hebron Rd., Rogers from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

At the dinner, there will also be an auction of a poster for the movie “The Firm” autographed by author John Grisham. Bill Beck donated the poster for auction.

## SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

**Sponsorship levels are listed below.** If you would like to be a sponsor for the Bean Dinner, please respond to this **email or contact [Diana Kolman](#) (479-903-3532).**

Each sponsor will receive complimentary dinner tickets as indicated, as well as being listed in the dinner program.

- **Gold level - \$200.00 (5 tickets)**
- **Silver level - \$150.00 (4 tickets)**
- **Bronze level - \$100.00 (3 tickets)**
- **Friend level - \$50.00 (2 tickets)**

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# General Meeting Minutes

## BENTON COUNTY DEMS

**March 25, 2019, General Meeting  
Golden Corral, Rogers, AR**

President Eunice VanTuyl called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. She welcomed new attendees, visitors, and new members.



Vice President Julia Bailey introduced the speaker, Celeste Williams, Chairman of the Democratic Party of Benton County. Celeste began her presentation by emphasizing that affecting change and electing Democrats will require a sustained effort and the cooperation of all Democratic groups working together. She emphasized that the party needs to concentrate in three basic areas: (1) Rebuilding the brand; (2) Growing the party; and (3) Recruiting and Training competent candidates. She urged everyone to join the Democratic Party of Benton County for \$20 or to become a sustainer by making a monthly donation. The group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 at Mimi’s Cafe in Pinnacle Hill Promenade.

Referring to recruiting competent candidates, Celeste said Benton County Democrats are partnering with Washington County Democrats to present a program April 13 at 9:00 a.m at the Rogers Public Library. The focus of this meeting will be to provide a candidate overview to prospective candidates as well as to others who would like to work in campaigns but not run for office. Celeste said information on this and other activities and events can be found on the group’s website, [democraticpartybentoncounty.org](http://democraticpartybentoncounty.org).

After the program, Eunice called the business meeting to order. David Cauldwell led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the Feb. 25, 2019, meeting and the treasurer's report were both approved as submitted.

**Announcements:**

- **Bean Supper:** Diana Kolman reminded everyone about this event scheduled for Friday, April 26, from 6:30 – 8:30 at Janie Darr Elementary School in Rogers. This event is a fundraiser for Democratic candidates. Tickets are currently on sell for \$15, and sponsorships are being solicited. Sponsorships currently stand at approximately \$1000.00. The menu will be beans, cornbread, and homemade desserts. Betty Cauldwell passed around a sign-up sheet for members to make desserts. The speaker will be Clarke Tucker who was recently a candidate against French Hill for the 2nd Arkansas Congressional District. At the dinner, there will also be an auction of a poster for the movie "The Firm" autographed by author John Grisham. Bill Beck donated the poster for auction. To purchase tickets, contact Eunice VanTuyt.
- **Book Exchange:** Eunice reminded members about the monthly book exchange.
- **Bill Beck** hopes to have a movie fundraiser available in late May or early June. The movie will be "Tolkien" about the early life of the writer of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings." More details will be forthcoming.
- **Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the May meeting has been moved to May 20.**
- **Action Item:** Larry Concannon advised all who wish to receive legislative updates to add their names and email addresses to his list.

The next meeting will be April 22 at the Golden Corral. The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Diana Kolman, Secretary

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**Ending the estate tax would give a tax break of up to:**

- \$63 billion** to the Walton family of Walmart
- \$39 billion** to the Koch brothers
- \$28 billion** to the Mars candy bar family
- \$13 billion** to the Cox cable family
- .....and \$0** to more than 99.8% of Americans.

**BERNIE**  
U.S. SENATOR BY ELECTORAL COLLEGE  
**SANDERS**

**1,860**

WALMART STORES WILL HAVE FLOOR-SCRUBBING ROBOTS

SCOTT RASMUSSEN'S  
**#NUMBER OF THE DAY**

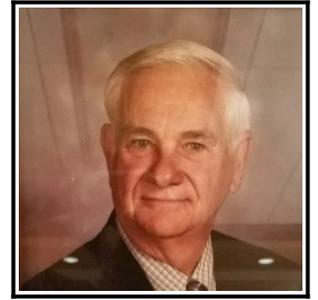
PRESENTED BY **BALLOTPEDIA**  
Updated weekdays at 8:00 a.m. Eastern

"Walmart CEO Doug McMillon says that automating these tasks gives their employees 'more time to do work they find fulfilling and to interact with our customers.' Really? Others worry about the loss of jobs to automation."

A recent national survey indicated that "41% of voters believe automation and robots will lead to mass unemployment. However, 59% believe that these technologies will create new types of jobs and provide good opportunities for workers."

# Treasurer's Summary

## March 2019



by David Cauldwell, Treasurer

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>\$2,374.62</b>		
<b>Income:</b>	Blue Bowls	\$79.00	<b>Expenses:</b>	
	Dues:	\$220.00	Meeting Ads	\$20.00
	Misc - newsletter postage	\$10.00	Bean Dinner - printing, supplies	\$47.71
	Donations:	\$100.00		
	Bean Dinner Sponsorship	\$850.00		
	Bean Dinner Tix:	\$75.00		
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,334.00</b>	<b>Total Exp:</b>	<b>\$67.71</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>		<b>\$3,640.91</b>		

## 2019 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

### Position

President  
 Vice-President  
 Treasurer  
 Recording Secretary  
 Past President  
 Membership Chair  
 Social Media Chair  
 Newsletter Chair  
 Publicity Chair  
 Corresponding Secretary  
 Reservations Chair

### Name

Eunice Van Tuyl  
 Julia K. Bailey  
 David Cauldwell  
 Diana Kolman  
 Richard Bland  
 Gaye Bland  
 Joel Ewing  
 David Bernstein  
 Jerri Cooper  
 Linda Lavis  
 Betty Cauldwell