

Upcoming Events

Mon., July 22

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

Golden Corral Rogers

BC Dems Luncheon – (4th Monday)

Sat., Aug 10

1:00 to 3:00

Java Dudes in Bella Vista

Bella Vista Dems – (2nd Saturday)

Mon., Aug 12

6:00 PM

Mimi's Cafe

Democratic Party of Benton Co – (2nd Monday).

Tues., Aug 20

1:30 PM

Western Sizzlin'

NWA Senior Democrats' Luncheon – (3rd Tuesday)

Mon., Aug 26

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

Golden Corral Rogers

BC Dems' Luncheon

This Month's Speaker

Mike Allen

Senior Counsel. Walmart

Mike Allen is a senior attorney in Walmart's Legal Department. Prior to Walmart, Mike had senior attorney roles at Nordstrom, Microsoft, and Sprint corporations. Mike was also a government lawyer in the Clinton Administration, where he worked in the Department of Justice, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency. In 2012, Mike served as the Operations Director of the Voter Protection team for the Barack Obama Campaign in Florida and in 2008 he was a member of Hillary Clinton's voter protection team in Georgia. Mike received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and his undergraduate degree from Georgia State University.



The President's Memo



Wow! The U.S. women's soccer team has given all Americans a reason to come together and celebrate with pride. They did it in spectacular fashion winning back-to-back titles. Their 26 total goals are a World Cup record as is the goal differential of 23 (allowing three points by the opponents). Four of their wins were shutouts and their 13 to 0 defeat of Thailand is the largest margin of victory in FIFA history (men's or women's).

They are the only nation to have reached all eight semifinals. They are the first team to have reached the final three consecutive times, setting a new World Cup record of 12 wins in a row. They won the final for the fourth of eight times, also a record.

The team is now 40-4-6 all time in World Cup play and has outscored their opponents 138 to 38 in those 50 games, with all three of those stats also being FIFA World Cup records.

Megan Rapinoe won the Golden Ball and the Golden Boot with six goals and three assists and Alex Morgan won the Silver Boot, also with six goals and three assists.

What power they have shown in this outstanding accomplishment!

Do not read any further if you do not want your good news bubble burst.

The only downside of this wonderful event is that it shines a glaring light on the pay disparities between our men's and women's teams as shown in this table:



U.S. SOCCER PAY DISPARITIES

BONUSES	MEN, 2018	WOMEN, 2015
Make World Cup roster (per player)	\$76,000	\$15,000
Qualify for World Cup (team)	\$2.5M	\$345,000*
Reach round of 16 (team)	\$3.6M (min.)	0
Reach quarterfinals (team)	\$5M	0
Reach semifinals (team)	\$4.5M (min.)	N/A
Finish in 4th place (team)	N/A	\$240,000*
Finish in 3rd place (team)	1.25M	\$480,000*
Finish in 2nd place (team)	\$6.25M	\$780,000*
Win World Cup (team)	\$9.3M	\$1.8M*

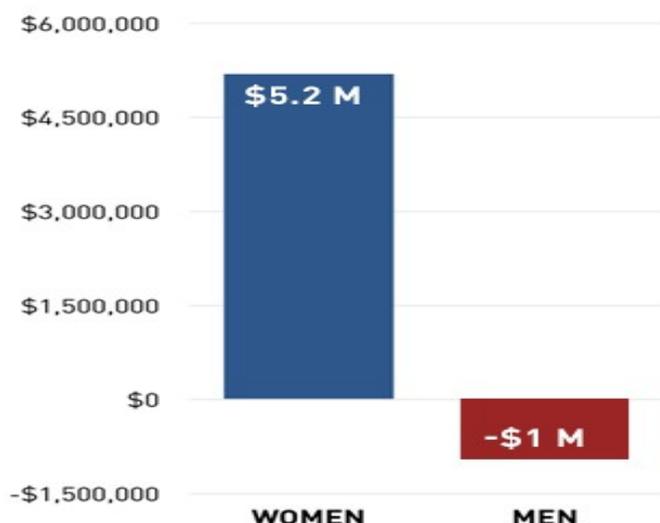
Men's team performance bonuses aggregate; women receive amount of final finish, starting with round of 16.

*Approximate, based on 24-player roster

Source: NY Daily News, U.S. Soccer

TOTAL PROFIT

PROJECTED FY 2017



PER DIEM

INTERNATIONAL



Source: Sports Illustrated

Trump Bill of Rights

Jack Shafer, Politico senior media writer

"If Trump thinks negative and critical commentary don't qualify as free speech because they're "dangerous" and make him "angry," he's reversed the First Amendment, which was designed to protect the right to say bad things about "good" things. It's easy to imagine that Trump's complete revision of the [First Amendment](#) would define freedom of religion as the right to attend a church of Trump's choice, that the right to assembly was reserved only for people attending MAGA rallies, and that the freedom of the press belongs to those who praise Trump."



[The full article here](#)

General Meeting Minutes

BENTON COUNTY DEMS
June 24, 2019. General Meeting
Golden Corral, Rogers, AR



Vice President Julia Bailey called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. She began the meeting by welcoming new members and visitors.

Bill Beck led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Julia introduced the speaker, Professor Rob Wells, Assistant Professor of Journalism at the University of Arkansas. Professor Wells spoke on student loan debt, using information compiled by a group of his students during the fall of 2018. The complete report is available online at razorbackreporter.uark.edu.

After Professor Wells answered questions from the audience, Julia opened the business meeting. The minutes and treasurer's reports for the May meeting were approved as submitted.

Marge Boyer, speaking for the nominations committee, asked members to submit names of people who might be willing to serve as officers or committee members.

Announcements:

Democratic Party of Benton County: Larry Concannon gave the following updates:

- The group's recent fundraiser at the Havanna Tropical Grill was a success.
- The group's new banner was featured in the recent Fayetteville Pride Parade which was well attended. Club members marched in the parade and manned a booth.
- July 4 – The group will be represented in the Bella Vista July 4th parade.
- July 27 – The group will be involved in a fundraiser at Arvest Ballpark.
- August 6 – The group will have a booth at the Benton County Fair.
- August 10 – The group will have a booth and march in the parade at the Gravette Day
- August 24 – Voter registration training at the Rogers Library at 10:00 am.
- September 28 - The group will have a booth at the Little Flock Picnic.
- October 13 – The group will have a booth at the annual Pea Ridge Mule Jump.

Concannon also said members of the Democratic Party of Benton County have met with Diana Gonzales and Manny Tejada of the Hispanic Caucus. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways to increase Hispanic participation in elections.

Carol Bobek from the Democratic Party of Benton County talked about the Arvest Ballpark fundraiser July 27. Tickets will sell for \$9.00, and the club will get \$2.00 from each ticket they sell. If they sell more than 100 tickets, they will receive \$4.00 for each ticket they sell. The tickets will be purchased in advance and will be available at the will-call desk at the ballpark.

Suzanne Miltich announced that there will be a Celebration of Democracy July 14 and July 21 at the Universal Unitarian Church, 1400 West Walnut in Rogers. The speaker at the July 21st meeting will be Benton County Dems member, Dr. Richard Bland.

Bill Beck drew members' attention to a recent New York Times article about the birth of Evangelism in the U.S. The article by Matthew Sutton was entitled "The Day Christian Fundamentalism was Born."

On July 12, there will be a gathering focusing on the retention of children at the southern border. The gathering is entitled "Life for Liberty," and it begins at 7:30 pm at the Fayetteville Town Center.

The next meeting is July 22, 11:00 am., at the Golden Corral. The speaker will be Mike Allen who will talk about voter suppression in Florida.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Diana Kolman, Secretary

Liar-in-Chief

"During his July 4th speech, President Donald Trump says American forces '**took over the airports**' during the US War of Independence in the late 18th century."

source: @Channel4News (UK) Tweet

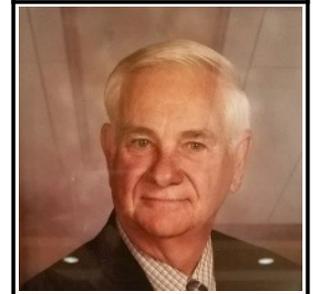
Here is the exact quote from [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) site:

"The Continental Army suffered the bitter winter of Valley Forge, found glory across the waters of the Delaware, and seized victory from Cornwallis of Yorktown.

Our Army manned the air (inaudible), it rammed the ramparts. **It took over the airports.** It did everything it had to do. And at Fort McHenry, under the rockets' red glare, it had nothing but victory. And when dawn came, their Star Spangled Banner waved defiant." (Applause.)

Treasurer's Summary

June 2019



by David Cauldwell, Treasurer

Beginning Balance:	\$5,469.62		
INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Blue Bowls	\$83.48	Regular Meeting - FB Ad	\$10.00
Total Income:	\$83.48	Total Expenses:	\$10.00
Ending Balance:	\$5,543.10		

2019 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

Position	Name
President	Eunice Van Tuyl
Vice-President	Julia K. Bailey
Treasurer	David Cauldwell
Recording Secretary	Diana Kolman
Past President	Richard Bland
Membership Chair	Gaye Bland
Social Media Chair	Joel Ewing
Newsletter Chair	David Bernstein
Publicity Chair	Jerri Cooper
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Lavis
Reservations Chair	Betty Cauldwell