

Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

Upcoming Events

Mon., Aug 26

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

Golden Corral Rogers

BC Dems Luncheon – (4th Monday)

Mon., Sept 16

6:00 PM

Mimi's Cafe

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

Tues., Sept 17

1:30 PM

Western Sizzlin'

Downton Abby: The Movie

NWA Senior Democrats' Luncheon – (3rd Tuesday)

Sat., Sept 21

10:00 AM

Rogers Town Cinema

BC Dems Fundrasier

Mon., Sept 23

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

Golden Corral Rogers

BC Dems' Luncheon

This Month's Speaker



As usual, we will have a speaker presentation along with a question and answer period this month. Final details about the presentation are still pending. Please plan to join us for another interesting and informative discussion.

The President's Memo

Building the Democratic Party in Benton County

According to the Kaiser Foundation, 58.5 percent of eligible voters in Arkansas are registered to vote. That, once again, puts us at 49th of the 50 states with only Hawaii trailing us. This information does give us our first plan of action for building our party: register more voters.



We have an opportunity to prepare ourselves for this action on Saturday, August 24 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rogers Public Library, 711 South Dixieland Road. The League of Women Voters will hold a training session on how to register potential voters. We urge you to attend so that you can help in this all-important effort between now and the 2020 election.

Logically, that then leads to our second goal: to get registered voters to the polls. We will have more on this later.

Although many states require an equal number of workers from both parties at each polling site during an election, ours does not. Since the great majority of those working at the polls in Benton County are Republicans, we also urge you to consider becoming a poll worker to alleviate our underrepresentation. Both the work and the training are paid. For more information

see <https://bentoncountyar.gov/election-commission/wp-content/themes/bentoncounty/documents/sites/14/2019/02/Election-Commission-Job-Application.pdf>. The training dates are fast approaching.



In Memoriam

Benton County lost a good Democrat, and many of us lost a good friend **Wednesday night, August 14**, when **Myra Moran** passed away in her sleep. Myra was a longtime member of this organization, the Benton County Democratic Central Committee, and Senior Democrats of Northwest Arkansas.

Her involvement in local campaigns included managing Shirl Coleman's campaign for the legislature, her own candidacy for Justice of the Peace, and many other roles. She was an Arkansas Traveler for Bill Clinton, going with his campaign to several states. In 2008 she was again an interstate campaigner, that time for Hillary Clinton.

Myra was active in efforts to promote downtown Rogers where she operated Trolley Line Book Store, and she served on the City of Rogers Planning Commission for several years.

Condolences to Pat, their four children, and her other family members. Thank you Myra for sharing your life with us. You made a difference!

by Richard Bland





BC Dems Movie Fundraiser

Sat, Sept 21,
10 am
Rogers Town Cinema

Tickets \$15, available at August meeting or contact Bill Beck 855-1872

Online credit-card ticket purchase is also available [here](#) for \$15.76** (check-in with Bill Beck from 9:30 to 9:55 am at the theater)

Tickets may also be purchased with cash or check from Bill Beck at the theater, but advanced purchase is appreciated.

(** includes \$0.76 processing)

Train to Become a Poll Worker



The political party composition of Benton County poll workers is significantly skewed with Democrats underrepresented. Please consider exercising your civic involvement by becoming a poll worker.

Follow the link below to apply and submit your application. Mandatory training is scheduled for early January so submit your application ASAP!

<https://bentoncountyar.gov/election-commission/wp-content/themes/bentoncounty/documents/sites/14/2019/02/Election-Commission-Job-Application.pdf>

Voter Registration Training

The League of Women Voters is conducting a Voter Registration Training. There is no cost for this training but advance registration through the library is requested.



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

Date: August 24 - Saturday
Time: 10 AM
Location: Rogers Public Library
711 S Dixieland Rd.
Rogers, AR 72758

Nominating Committee Report

Nominating committee members Marge Boyer (chair) phone: 479-330-0188, Susanne Jessup phone: 479-855-2487, Dave Boyer, phone: 479-359-3117 are seeking nominees for **Recording Secretary and Treasurer**. Anyone interested in serving should contact one of the committee members. Nominees will be reported to the membership at the Sept. 2019 meeting with the election to follow at the Nov. 2019 meeting. New officers will assume their respective duties in Jan. 2020. There are a few minimal requirements for running for office. Contact committee members with your questions.

Briefly: **the Recording Secretary** is responsible for board and general meeting minutes, getting respective minutes to board members and in the newsletter, correcting minutes when necessary, etc. and maintaining minutes as part of the organization's permanent record. **The Treasurer** is responsible for receiving and depositing all monies: dues, fundraisers, etc., presenting bills, record financial transactions, compile a treasurer's report each month, submit an estimated annual budget in January, file a PAC report forms to the State of Arkansas and other related legal documents.

For a detailed description of the job, responsibilities see our web site: bcdems.org or contact one of the committee members. Your fellow BCDems needs you!

General Meeting Minutes

BENTON COUNTY DEMS

July 22, 2019. General Meeting

Golden Corral, Rogers, AR



President Eunice VanTuyl called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. She began the meeting by welcoming new members and visitors.

Diana Kolman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Julia introduced the speaker, Mike Allen, who is currently a staff attorney for Walmart. He previously worked in the area of voter protection in both the Hilary Clinton and Barak Obama campaigns. He especially concentrated on securing voter rights for ex-felons. Allen said getting out correct and adequate information is the best way to protect voter rights. For example, he pointed out that although people may know in Arkansas they have to provide a photo ID, they may not know they will have options if they show up at the polls without the proper documentation. They may still be able to cast a provisional ballot, or there may be other ways to establish identity.

After the speaker answered questions from the audience, Eunice opened the business meeting. The minutes and treasurer's reports for the June meeting were approved as submitted.

Marge Boyer, speaking for the nominations committee, urged people to step up and consider being an officer. She said the duties of each office, as well as the requirements for being an officer, are included on the club's website.

Announcements:

- **Voter Registration Workshop:** Julia announced there will be a voter registration workshop Aug. 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rogers Public Library. The workshop, sponsored by The Democratic Party of Benton County and the BC Dems, will be led by members from the League of Women Voters. No pre-registration is required.
- **Faith in Fellowship:** Julia said the Faith in Fellowship Task Force of Northwest Arkansas is planning activities focusing on bringing back moral language in political discourse. More information on this program will be forthcoming, and information is available on this book's Facebook page.
- **Democratic Party of Benton County:** Larry Concannon reminded the group that the Democratic Party of Benton County will man a booth at the Benton County Fair, Aug. 6-10. Those wishing to volunteer should go to this group's website. Aug. 10 will be Gravette Day, and the group will also be participating in this event. The annual Little Flock picnic will be Sept. 28.
- **Arvest Ballpark Fundraiser:** Democratic Party of Benton County member Carol Bobek reminded everyone that the ballgame fundraiser is this Friday night, July 26, at Arvest Ballpark. Tickets are still available for \$9.00 each.
- **E-Bay sale committee:** Eunice reported that she has heard from several BC Dems members who have

political memorabilia for sale and are willing to donate proceeds from such sales to the club. She asked for volunteers for a committee to list and sell memorabilia on ebay with proceeds going to BC Dems. Jim VanTuyl and Carol Bobek volunteered. Other volunteers are needed for this committee.

- **Movie Fundraiser:** The next movie fundraiser will be Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m., at the Rogers Towne Cinema. The movie will be Downton Abbey, and tickets will be \$15.00.
- **Food Bank Support:** The speaker for the November meeting will be Kent Eikenberry, CEO of the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank. For the November meeting, members are encouraged to bring food or to make donations to the food bank

The next meeting is August 26, 10:00 a.m., at the Golden Corral. The speaker will be from Planned Parenthood.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Diana Kolman, Secretary

Learn About Running for Office

Come Celebrate 100 Year of Women's Suffrage & Support Arkansas Female Candidates.

Join us Sunday, August 25 from 4 - 6 PM at the elegant 21C Hotel in downtown Bentonville. This fund-raising event will feature champagne and appetizers while you leisurely view the art exhibit "The Future of Female".

You will also be able to meet and greet some of the great women running for office in Arkansas.

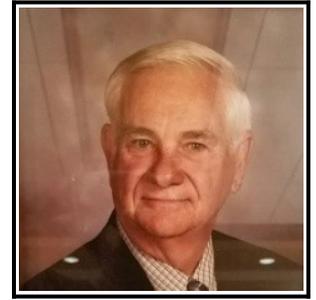
Tickets for this fundraiser can be purchased [here](#) or through the Democratic Party of Benton County's website @ <https://www.democraticpartybentoncounty.org/events-1/rise-up-and-run>.



Treasurer's Summary

July 2019

by David Cauldwell, Treasurer



Beginning Balance:	\$\$,543.10		
INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Blue Bowls	\$150.00	Regular Meeting - FB Ad	\$10.00
Dues	\$30.00	Meetup Website Expense	\$49.47
Total Income:	\$180.00	Total Expenses:	\$59.47
Ending Balance:	\$5,663.63		

2019 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
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