

# Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

## Upcoming Events

Mon., Feb 24, 2020

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

[Golden Corral Rogers](#)

BC Dems Luncheon – (4th Monday)

Mon., Mar 9

6:00 PM

[Mimi's Cafe](#)

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

Mon., Mar 16

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

[Mount Sequoyah Center](#)

Washington County Democrats - (3rd Monday)

Tues., Mar 17

1:30 PM

[Western Sizzlin'](#)

NWA Senior Democrats' Luncheon – (3rd Tuesday)

Mon., Mar 23

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

[Golden Corral Rogers](#)

BC Dems' Luncheon

## This Month's Speaker

### Judge Morgan 'Chip' Welch

Judge Welch is the Division 16 judge on the Sixth Circuit in Arkansas.

In 2015 Judge Welch received the "Trial Judge of the Year" award from the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association. Welch has been recognized by his peers on many occasions.



He's a member of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock. He's a former president of the North Little Rock JAYCEES and was a sponsor of the N. Little Rock Police Athletic League. He and his wife of 37 years have two grown children and four grandchildren.

# The President's Memo

## Black History Month: An Invitation



Ta-Nehisi Coates wrote in 2017 the candidacy and presidency of Donald Trump has “... **moved racism from the euphemistic and plausibly deniable to the overt and freely claimed.**” And over the past three years, we have witnessed Trump and the Republican Party benefiting from it. Almost every day the Trump Administration and its surrogates offer up a new cup of poison that undermines the hard-earned achievements toward creating a more perfect union. It also has resulted, alarmingly, in a clear correlation between Trump campaign events and [incidents of prejudiced violence](#)

In light of the tremendous challenges we face as Americans, we Democrats need to reflect on how well (or poorly) our party has addressed racism. And our reflecting needs to extend beyond the last three years because Trumpism is a symptom of an affliction that has festered for far longer in America.

At last month’s meeting, members were invited by D’Andre Jones to partake in a jammed packed calendar of events for NWA’s Black History Month. BC Dems is co-sponsoring a table at Compassion Fayetteville’s ***Leading with Excellence Award Dinner on February 28th***. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Sharon Risher whose mother was murdered in the Emmanuel Church shooting in Charleston, South Carolina. From participating in local Black History Month events to reading the groundbreaking work of the [Pulitzer Center’s 1619 Project](#), we are being offered an opportunity to move beyond self-serving guilt and shame to explore how our nation’s original sin of slavery, and its iterations since the end of the Civil War, moves us toward becoming a stronger party working on the right side of history.

Gratefully yours,  
*Julia K. Bailey*



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## Seed Money for Candidates

At this month’s meeting, we are delighted to present seed funding to our Benton County Democrats. We look forward to our continued support of our candidates after the March 3 primary.



BENTON COUNTY DEMS 3rd ANNUAL



# Bean Dinner <sup>Lunch</sup> & Fundraiser

Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote

## "Women in Politics and Policy"

with guest speakers

**BUY TICKETS TODAY!**

*Java Dudes*  
 Arkansas State Representative  
 Call State for U.S. House 2019 Congression

*Nicole Conway*  
 Arkansas State Representative

SUNDAY MARCH 11 2020 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM BENTON COUNTY ELEMENTARY 5505 S. MT. HEbron ROAD

Advance tickets will be sold at the County General Meeting. You can also purchase tickets online at <https://www.bentoncountydemocrats.org/2020beandinnertickets.html>.

**\$15** Tickets will also be available at the door, but space is limited so it is best to purchase your tickets in advance to reserve your seat.



### SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

If you would like to be a sponsor for the Bean Dinner, send an email to [jkbbentoncounty@gmail.com](mailto:jkbbentoncounty@gmail.com) for details.

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

- Gold level — Table Sponsor (6) \$200.00
- Silver level — \$150.00 (4 tickets)
- Bronze level — \$100.00 (3 tickets)
- Friend level — \$50.00 (2 tickets)

Corporate & Individual Sponsorships Still Available



[Download Bean Dinner Flyer Here](#)

# Voter Registration Efforts

BC Dems member Connie Hoffman has made significant strides in registering voters and she will report to us regularly on the progress made to address voter suppression.

You can also check your voter registration status at [www.voterview](http://www.voterview)

## Black History Month

### Recommended Reading List

*The 1619 Project*, The Pulitzer Center

[https://pulitzercenter.org/sites/default/files/full\\_issue\\_of\\_the\\_1619\\_project.pdf](https://pulitzercenter.org/sites/default/files/full_issue_of_the_1619_project.pdf)

*Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25489625-between-the-world-and-me>

*Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20342617-just-mercy>

*White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo

<http://www.beacon.org/White-Fragility-P1346.aspx>

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## Early Voting Starts Soon!

The Benton County government has published a list of early voting sites as well as the dates and hours of operation. We are republishing the information here. However, if you have any difficulty reading this table, you can read the information online or download your own copy at this website: <https://vote.bentoncountyar.gov/elections/>

1	County Clerk's Office - Bentonville	215 E. Central, Suite 217, Bentonville	February 18-21 February 22 February 24-28 February 29 March 2	8:00am-6:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-6:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm
2	County Clerk's Office- Rogers	2111 W. Walnut, Rogers	February 18-21 February 22 February 24-28 February 29 March 2	8:00am-6:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-6:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm
3	County Clerk's Office - Siloam Springs	707 S. Lincoln, Siloam Springs	February 18-21 February 22 February 24-28 February 29 March 2	8:00am-6:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-6:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm
4	First Landmark Baptist Church	206 SE 28th St, Bentonville	February 18-21 February 24-28 March 2	8:00am-6:00pm 8:00am-6:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm
5	Riordan Hall	3 Riordan Road, Bella Vista	February 18-21 February 24-28	8:00am-5:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm
6	Bella Vista Fire Station	101 Towncenter, Bella Vista	February 18-21 February 24-28 March 2	8:00am-5:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm
7	Intrust Bank	3300 Market, Suite 130, Rogers	February 18-21 February 24-28	8:30am-4:30pm 8:30am-4:30pm
8	Grace Lutheran Church	415 N 6th Pl, Lowell, AR 72745	February 18-21 February 24-28	8:00am-6:00pm 8:00am-6:00pm
9	Reach Church	900 W. Centerton Blvd, Centerton	February 18-21 February 24-28 March 2	8:00am-5:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm
10	NEBCO Community Building	17823 Marshall St, Garfield	February 18-21 February 24-28	9:00am-6:00pm 9:00am-6:00pm
11	Gravette Civic Center	401 Charlotte St SE, Gravette	February 18-21 February 24-28	9:00am-6:00pm 9:00am-6:00pm
12	Siloam Springs Community Building	110 N. Mt. Olive Street, Siloam Springs	February 18-21 February 24-28 March 2	8:00am-5:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm
13	Benton County Election Commission	2109 W. Walnut, Rogers	February 18-21 February 22 February 24-28 February 29 March 2	8:00am-6:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-6:00pm 10:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-5:00pm

# General Meeting Minutes

## BENTON COUNTY DEMS

January 27, 2020

General Meeting

Golden Corral, Rogers, AR

- I. Call to order by President Julia Bailey 12:02
- II. Pledge led by Bill Beck
- III. Welcoming
  - A. Visitors and new members
  - B. Reminder dues for 2020 are due can be paid in person today or through the BC Dems webpage
  - C. Disregard any email sent in Julia Bailey's name asking for money—these requests are NOT from Julia
- IV. Walter Hinojosa introduced Mayra Esquivel of the Arkansas Immigrant Defense, 4024 Wagon Wheel Road, Springdale, AR
  - A. Non-profit legal service working with immigrants
  - B. Serves all counties in Arkansas
  - C. Originally was the Arkansas Justin Collective which collaborated with the Catholic Charities Collective, changed name in 2018
  - D. Steven Coger, Lead Attorney specializes in Immigration Law heads the group consisting of eight paid staff members, law students, interns, and volunteers
  - E. Outreach services go to family literacy programs, schools, community college, and community events
    1. Active on social media—Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and at [arkansasimmigrantdefense.com](http://arkansasimmigrantdefense.com)
    2. Collaborate with DHS and Arkansas Children's Hospital
    3. The biggest obstacle is overcoming the fear of being in the system for possible deportation
  - F. AID uses a sliding fee scale
  - G. Programs
    1. DACA renewals, citizenship papers, family-based petitions, asylum for minors, and the new Special Immigrant Juvenile Status pathway to citizenship
    2. Therapist in office provides psychological evaluations and therapy
    3. U-Process or U-Visa for survivors of violence (domestic violence not included)—requires confirmation by police
  - H. Funding by donation system
- V. Walter Hinojosa introduced D'Andre Jones, Northwest Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus and Civil Rights Leader, working on Black History Month activities
  - A. Development of Black History Month
    1. Background on Civil Rights Leadership since 1915, origin of NAACP
    2. History of Black History Month since the late 1960s, beginning on college campuses
    3. 1976 President Ford commemorated Black History Month
    4. 2015 First-year Black History Month celebrated throughout Fayetteville
    5. 2019 First-year Black History month celebrated across NW Arkansas
    6. 2020—Mayors from Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, and Bentonville come together to work

- toward NWA celebrations
  - 7. This year 50 students from NW Arkansas high schools will be taken to Montgomery, Alabama for a historical field trip
  - 8. Calendar of events will be posted soon
  - B. Invitation to join the BHM celebration at the inaugural Leading With Excellence Awards
    - 1. Speaker will be Pastor Sharon Richter
    - 2. NW Arkansas Convention Center, February 28, 2020, 7:00 PM
    - 3. Tickets \$50.00 / Sponsorships available
  - VI. Minutes from November meeting –
    - A. Thurman Metcalf moved to accept Minutes, Mary Ann Boyer seconded
    - B. Vote unanimously passed
  - VII. Treasurer’s Report
    - A. Thurman Metcalf moved to accept Treasurer’s Report, Bill Beck seconded
    - B. Vote unanimously passed
  - VIII. Connie Hoffman reporting on voter registration
    - A. Challenges each member to register one new voter this week
    - B. February 1, 2020, is last day to register to vote in the primary
    - C. Voter Registration Forms were provided
  - IX. Bean Dinner
    - A. Nicole Clowney and Joyce Elliott will be speakers
    - B. Sunday, March 15, 2020, at Janie Darr Elementary, 6505 S Mount Hebron Rd, Rogers, AR 72758
    - C. Tickets-- \$15.00/ buy online or sign up sheet at the front table
    - D. Sponsorships available – Gold, Silver, Bronze
  - X. Audit Committee needed—Volunteers see Tim Boyer or Julia Bailey
  - XI. Publicity Chairman needed—Volunteer see Julia Bailey
  - XII. Candidates will be asked to submit an application next week for BC Dems contribution before primaries
  - XIII. Announcements
    - A. Larry Concannon—Benton County Democratic Party meeting February 10, 2020
      - 1. Christine, Erwin, Morgan Chip and Celeste Williams will speak
      - 2. Annual membership is \$15.00
    - B. Thurman Metcalf thanked all those who helped at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church to raise money for school lunches
    - C. Bill Beck—announce *Little Women* movie day earned BC Dems \$840.00—His next movie day will support the Central Committee and will be the musical, *In the Heights*, sometime in June
  - XIV. Adjourned 1:25
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# Treasurer's Summary

## Jan 2020

by Timothy Boyer, Treasurer



<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$9,198.77</b>		
<b>INCOME:</b>		<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Movie Tickets	\$1,041.54	Meeting Expense	\$19.68
Dues	\$290.00	Movie Expenses	\$616.00
Other Fundraising	\$14.26	Other Expenses	\$54.00
Blue Bowls	\$114.48		
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$1,460.28</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$689.68</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$9,969.37</b>		

## 2020 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Julia K. Bailey
Vice-President	Walter Hinojosa
Treasurer	Tim Boyer
Recording Secretary	Deb Ostas
Past President	Eunice Van Tuyl
Membership Chair	David Bernstein
Social Media Chair	Joel Ewing
Newsletter / Publicity Chair	David Bernstein
Corresponding Secretary	Deb Ostas
Reservations Chair	Betty Cauldwell