

Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

Upcoming Events

In light of the current COVID-19 situation, we recommend you contact each organization prior to the meeting date to confirm it will take place as scheduled.

Mon., Mar 23

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

CANCELED

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

BC Dems Luncheon – (4th Monday)

[Golden Corral Rogers](#)

Mon., Apr 13

6:00 PM

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

[Mimi's Cafe](#)

Mon., Apr 13

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Washington County Democrats - (3rd Monday)

[Mount Sequoyah Center](#)

Tues., Apr 21

1:30 PM

NWA Senior Democrats' Luncheon – (3rd Tuesday)

[Western Sizzlin'](#)

Mon., Apr 27

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

BC Dems' Luncheon

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

[Golden Corral Rogers](#)

The President's Memo

Women's History Month

Celebrating Women's Suffrage, Women's Lives & Challenging Voter Suppression

This year we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The 19th Amendment guarantees all American women the right to vote. These freedoms include the right to vote without intimidation or any other hindrance.

However, the historical reality toward achieving the fullness of this ratification has been long, rugged, and still unwinding. Since its founding, disenfranchisement in America has profoundly impacted the lives of women, people of color, and the poor over generations. For not only does disenfranchisement deny full



citizenship rights, but it also denies representation in the halls of government and policy-making and this has deep and broad effects on the success and well-being of underrepresented populations, including women and girls.

With this on-going challenge in mind, the [Arkansas Times has recently launched a special series](#) on women in Arkansas politics to highlight the implications of excluding women and girls from the political and policy process.

We also need to be mindful that enfranchisement is currently being undermined through voter suppression tactics. Former Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams and former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder are spearheading initiatives to curb some of the more egregious voter suppression tactics driven by the Republican Party. You can read more [here](#) and this article from [USA Today](#)

Out of an abundance of caution and in line with public health expert advice, **Benton County Dems have postponed our annual Bean Lunch on the 15th of March** celebrating those who came before us in fighting for enfranchisement. Yet we will continue to champion the work our political and policy leaders are doing in promoting a more representative Arkansas.

Gratefully yours,
Julia K. Bailey



Flattening the Curve:

The Exponential Power of Now

The BC Dems Board has decided to **cancel our monthly March meeting** for the safety and wellness of our members. Public health experts and officials are advocating for rapid and decisive efforts in reducing transmission of COVID-19 as much and as early as possible. The goal is to “flatten the curve” rather than let the virus quickly rampage through the population. This approach also gives public health agencies and the health infrastructure invaluable time to respond to the crisis. Most importantly, “flattening the curve” provides an opportunity to significantly reduce deaths from COVID-19.

As Democrats, we advocate for better service systems that provide comprehensive, quality care improving the health of people and their communities. We expect our health leaders and public servants to support evidence-based interventions to tackle disease and communicate health and well-being information based on science and common sense.

In contrast, our President and our own Senator Tom Cotton continue to blather falsehoods and conspiracy theories about the cause of the pandemic on Fox News and other hyperbolic media outlets. Moreover, [our](#)

[President refuses to take responsibility for the delay in rolling out COVID-19 testing](#) which is instrumental in identifying and containing the pandemic.

In light of such cruel neglect and utter lack of leadership, we Democrats are working hard to usher in a Blue Wave this election year. We will get through this pandemic, but it will come at a cost and lives will needlessly suffer due to the President's lack of leadership and full support of quality services and outreach to all. Let us remember the implications of this cost as we head to the polls in November and work as hard as we can to get out the vote.

Some resources for staying safe and well:



[The Latest General Information about Corona Virus](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)
Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Schools Are Closing

Officials in 41 states order schools closed due to coronavirus outbreak

Officials in 41 states and eight of the country's 10 largest cities by population have closed schools in response to the coronavirus outbreak. These school closures affect more than **33 million students nationwide**. Thirty-nine statewide directives closed all schools, while those in Wyoming and Indiana granted discretion to local authorities. The length of the closures varies—some schools are closed for at least two weeks while others are closed indefinitely. This information was compiled from news reports and government pronouncements and is current as of Tuesday afternoon.

Source: **Political Responses To the Coronavirus Pandemic, 2020**

https://ballotpedia.org/Political_responses_to_the_coronavirus_pandemic,_2020

Local Grocery Delivery Services

This article was compiled by our friends at the Democratic Party of Benton County. [Links to additional content may or may not work as expected.](#)

For those of us that are unsure about getting out in public right now, these stores and delivery services are there for you. EasyBin is a local group that delivers just like the large Grocery Stores.

EasyBin Grocery Delivery service. Order before midnight and it's on your doorstep before 6 am the next morning. Delivers in NWA.

<https://www.easybins.com/pages/how-easybins-works> EasyBins



9 Large Box Stores

...that deliver groceries and prescriptions. There's no doubt that life with kids can be extremely busy—and that's why we are *totally* on board with basically any and all [grocery stores that deliver](#). Who doesn't want to take back precious time and avoid the crowds and long lines at the supermarket? We do! We've rounded up several of the biggest grocery stores that deliver (and info on how to get Trader Joe's delivery) across the United States, so say goodbye to long lines and hello to door-to-door grocery deliveries.

Target

For a lot of people, strolling the aisles of Target is like a religious experience. But for those of us with kids and no time to spare, [Target's](#) new partnership with [Shipt](#) is the perfect way to get groceries, essentials and more delivered right to your door.

You can choose from thousands of items, including food, baby, bath, kitchen, pet supplies, school supplies and more. You can start with a free four-week trial, and when those four weeks are up, you have the options of an annual Shipt plan for \$99 for unlimited orders of \$35 or more. Or, you can pay per as you order for same-day delivery. Shipt also works with CVS, Petco, and more.

Costco

Buying bulk is a must for big families, or really for any families. Now you can forget having to schlep giant jars of peanut butter and cases of apple juice, [Costco](#) now offers delivery through [Instacart](#), which also delivers from local stores like ShopRite, Safeway, Giant, and more based on your location. For those that use Instacart more regularly, they offer Instacart Express, which includes reduced service fees, free delivery on orders over \$35, and more.

Aldi

Recently, grocery chain [Aldi](#) tested grocery delivery in several large markets in partnership with Instacart—and they keep expanding to more and more zip codes across the country. The company anticipates that 80 percent of its stores will have a delivery option. In addition to delivery, Aldi has been testing curbside pickup. Customers can buy groceries online, then come to the store to pick them up where an Aldi employee will bring your grocery haul right to your car.

Whole Foods

Since its acquisition by [Amazon](#), [Whole Foods](#) has continued to expand its [grocery delivery service](#) with the help of the online retailer. As of press time, shoppers in over 50 cities can buy online and receive orders in as little as two hours, including the newest additions of Ann Arbor and Detroit, Michigan; Jacksonville and Orlando, Florida; Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Omaha, Nebraska; St. Louis, Missouri; and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Trader Joe's

While Trader Joe's itself does not offer delivery (and it's a big point of contention of Trader Joe's Facebook groups), you can still get your TJ's fix by using a delivery service options to bring your groceries to you: Use [Postmates](#) for door-to-door service. Delivery is free for all orders over \$25 when you order from a Postmates Plus business (otherwise it's an added \$3.99) and there's also a \$9.99 monthly subscription fee.

Kroger & Ralphs

[Kroger](#) and [Ralphs](#) also use [Instacart](#) for curbside and grocery delivery for over 1,200 of its locations. In recent news, the company also launched Kroger Ship, a new website that offers more than 50,000 groceries, household, beauty and pet food products. They started in Cincinnati, Houston, Louisville, and Nashville and keep expanding their delivery locations.

Walmart Delivery

Same-Day Grocery Delivery from Walmart

Our Grocery Delivery service lets you schedule a drop-off when it is most convenient for you at your home, office or other location. All with a 100% money back guarantee!

Walmart's Grocery Delivery service provides great value, friendly service and fresh groceries on your schedule. Save Money. Live Better.

Walmart Bentonville, AR Grocery Delivery Center #2685

3701 SE Dodson Rd Bentonville, AR 72758 (479) 295-8652

Delivery Hours: 7 AM - 8 PM

Thank You

Larry Concannon

General Meeting Minutes

BENTON COUNTY DEMS

General Meeting Minutes

Golden Corral, Rogers, AR

February 24, 2020

- I. Call to order by President Julia Bailey 12:00
- II. Pledge led by Judith Bernstein
- 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—cannot pay through Act Blue
- IV. Walter Hinojosa introduced Judge Morgan “Chip” Welch who is running for a non-partisan Arkansas Supreme Court position in 2020. Currently he is the Division 16 Judge on the Sixth Circuit in Arkansas
 - A. His opponent is using Republican funding for her ads
 - B. He promises “fairness” – non-partisan judgments—believes that the judiciary is part of the check and balance system designed by the founding fathers
 - C. He’s 70, been married 37years, 2 children, 4 grandchildren
 - D. He had 38 years of experience as a lawyer before joining the bench 8 years ago
 - E. His favorite award was in 2017 voted Mentor of the Year
- V. Walter Hinojosa introduced Christine Horwart, Bentonville attorney running for the Seventh Circuit Judgeship in Benton County.
 - A. Horwart, has been an attorney for 25 years, has a civil law practice and focuses on domestic relations law and trial practice, but she said she has handled almost every type of case in her career –
 - B. Facilitating adoptions is one of her most fulfilling roles
 - C. From Lincoln, Nebraska, father’s heating & air conditioning business taught her the value of hard work and caring for others
- V. Distribution of First Round Contributions to Candidates
 - A. Ronetta Francis, Arkansas State Senate, District 1
 - B. Jon Comstock, Arkansas House of Representatives, District 96
 - C. Michael Bennett-Spears, Arkansas State Representative, District 87
 - D. Kelly Kraut, Arkansas House of Representatives, District 90
 - E. Mailed others

1. Daisy Bonilla, LCSW, Arkansas State Representative, District 93
2. Jene' Huffman-Gilreath, Arkansas State Representative, District 94
3. Nick Jones, Arkansas State Representative, District 91
4. Haley Emerick, Justice of the Peace, District 13
5. Lupe Martinez, Justice of the Peace, District 3
6. Jennifer Smith, Justice of the Peace, District 10

VI. Minutes from January meeting – Bill Beck moved to accept Minutes, Suzanne Miltich seconded. Vote unanimously passed

VII. Treasurer's Report. Joel Ewing moved to accept Treasurer's Report, Betty Cauldwell seconded. The motion was passed.

VIII. Connie Hoffman reported on voter registration

A. Quorum Court Report

1. Libertarian member has put forth an Ordinance on Sanctuary Gun Rights
 - a. Quorum Court tabled the Bill until this Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:00
 - b. The JP wanted to reword it and write it as a bill
 - c. Supporters do not want a Bill because an Ordinance has "teeth"
2. To show support or opposition, please come to the Quorum court in the Administration Bldg. Courtroom this Thursday, arrive early for seating
3. Call your JP today to tell them your view

B. Voter Registration going well – especially need help from Spanish speakers

C. Voter Registration Forms available from Connie Hoffman

IX. Bean Lunch

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 at front table

D. Sponsorships available – Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Friends

E. Volunteers needed to bring desserts for the lunch; leftover desserts will be sold after the luncheon—See Betty Cauldwell to volunteer

X. Introduce Audit Committee Volunteer—Bill Reed

XI. Introduce Publicity Chairperson—Catherine Deeley

XII. Introduce Dan Whitfield—Running as Independent Candidate for U.S. Senate against Tom Cotton

A. Needs signatures to run—sign petition online at <https://danwhitcongress.us/> under "Signature Collection" tab

B. Platform includes Direct Representation, Medicare for All, Green New Deal, Mediation for Finding

Solutions, Represent the Working Class of Arkansas

C. Dan Whitfield will be Speaker at the March Meeting of BC Dems

XIII. Announcements

A. Larry Concannon—not available—working early voting polls

B. Bill Beck—Asks to consider adding a time for National Campaign News at each meeting

C. Don't forget the Excellence Award Dinner for the Black Democratic Caucus this Friday—BC Dems has co-sponsored a table

XIV. Adjourned 1:00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Ostas

Treasurer's Summary

Feb 2020



by Timothy Boyer, Treasurer

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| Beginning Balance: | \$9,969.37 | | |
| INCOME: | | EXPENSES: | |
| Dues | \$240.00 | Campaign Contributions | \$7,800.00 |
| Blue Bowls | \$107.00 | Printing | \$77.96 |
| Bean Dinner Ticket | \$1,855.95 | Co-Sponsor Excellence Awards Table | \$250.00 |
| | | Postage | \$11.00 |
| | | Balance to Rogers Public Schools | \$486.00 |
| Total Income: | \$2,202.95 | Total Expenses: | \$8,624.96 |
| Ending Balance: | \$3,547.36 | | |

2020 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

| Position | Name |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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 |