

# Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

## Upcoming Events

Mon., January 25

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Meeting

**Will Be Held Online**

**There will be no general group meeting in December.**

## The President's Memo

**Dear Members,**

One must know not just how to accept a gift, but with what grace to share it. -- Maya Angelou

However you celebrate this season, we wish you a joyful and healing time. We are grateful for the support you have given BC Dems and the candidates throughout this difficult year. Our plan for next year is to safely convene regularly (yet more flexibly) as we plan a calendar of speakers who will focus on the politics and policies that impact Arkansas and Benton County life.

Your annual membership at this time will help us toward our end in highlighting these key concerns and issues and supporting the next slate of Democratic candidates. You can join or renew here

<https://www.bcdems.org/membership.html>

Season's Greetings,

*Julia K. Bailey*

Julia K Bailey



# Virtual General Meetings

Hosted on Zoom Until Further Notice.

Topic: BC Dems General Meeting

Date & Time: **January 25, 2021, 12:00 PM** Central Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 880 0722 8858

Password: 908353

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking the URL from your device, or  
dialing into the call number below.

(312) 626-6799

## Our January Speaker

**Judith Tavano, M.A., SHRM-SCP, SPHR**

**Who Elected Our President? A Generational Review of 2020 General Election Results**

Judith Tavano has been studying generational dynamics, diversity, and theory for the past 20 years. She has seen the Boomers age, Xers struggle to find their place, Millennials distrust, and Generation Z, our Post Millennials, rise up and find their voice. She has examined two presidential elections and one mid-term election through a generational lens, and over the past several months, Judith has begun studying the most recent (yet-to-be-named) generation and how the 2020 pandemic will shape their lives as they mature.

Judith is a graduate and postgraduate of Simmons University, Boston, a long time human resource professional and consultant, a retiree of the University of Arkansas, a nationally recognized generations scholar, an active advocate for veterans in the workplace, and the daughter of two extraordinary members of the Greatest Generation.



# Farewell, Adiós, Ciao!

As we turn the calendar page, our organization also needs to turn a page in our history. We say farewell -- but not goodbye -- to a few members of our leadership.

**Walter Hinojosa** will be leaving the board as Vice-President.

**Eunice Van Tuyl** will still be our Immediate Past President for now but is stepping back from her active role on the board.

**Betty Cauldwell** has also decided to leave the board.

However, all have assured us that they will be staying around as a vital member of our organization. This means we can call on any of these folks for advice or institutional memory.

Thank you for everything you have done for this organization and the inspiration you have been to other board members that have followed in your footsteps.

## On The Move Again

We feel sad to have to say goodbye to **Vivian Michaels**, **Nancianna Nott**, and **Suzanne Jessup** who have told us they were leaving the area. While the moves are positive changes in their lives, the losses are painful for us. We wish them the best of luck and the best of health as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

## Sharon Faye Carter 1944 – 2020

by **Thurman Metcalf**

Sharon was Chair of the County Committee of the Democratic Party of Benton County (2016–2018). She served on the State Committee of the Democratic Party of Arkansas the same years and possibly before that. Sharon was a tireless patriot for the Democratic Party. We traveled the state together to Democratic meetings. She was loyal and faithful to the party. Sharon was a hands-on hard worker and worked with me so many hours putting the 2018 Little Flock Picnic together.

Sharon had previously been President of the Benton County Dems in 2011 and 2012. During her time as BCD President, we met at the Elks lodge where we had huge attendance. When BCD President in 2012, she and the BCDems sponsored me as a delegate to the Democratic Convention in Charlotte for President Obama.

I admired Sharon's leadership skills because she would get right in there and help. She was a person of great integrity and honest to her values, and I had complete trust in her. Sharon was protective of Democratic principles and values and truly cared about others, (taking care of her sister who was an invalid, and staying in contact with former active members of the County Committee and Benton County Democratic Women (BCDW),

letting others know about them. (I'm remembering when she let us know Barbara McCoy, former Chair and BCDW President was having a birthday and asked that we call, rather than send a card because her macular degeneration made reading difficult - Suzanne M).

(Sharon knew the party rules, wanted them to be clear and expected them to be followed - Suzanne M). Sharon kept the Democratic Party of Benton County together in a tough time especially when the radical left wanted to spend money we didn't have. She was a voice of reason. We will miss her greatly.

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In lieu of flowers, it was Sharon's wish that a fund for the continuing care of her disabled sister Irene. Please read more [and consider a gift here](#).

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# General Meeting Minutes

## Benton County Dems ZOOM Virtual Meeting Monday, November 23, 2020

I. Call to order by Vice-President Walter Hinojosa in President Bailey's absence at 12:02

II. Speakers

A. Walter Hinojosa introduced Janine Parry, Ph.D.

1. She is the founder and director of The Arkansas Poll at the University of Arkansas.
2. Presented highlights from her research findings from her work on the 2020 Presidential Election
  - a. Those who turned out to vote were younger than in previous presidential elections
  - b. Women voted for the winner in much greater proportions than men.
  - c. There were many polls that were off just as much as they were in 2016. Not only were the polls wrong, but they were off in the wrong direction.
  - d. In terms of Arkansas, we turned more Republican than many other states.
3. Dr. Perry took questions from the audience.

B. Walter Hinojosa introduced Micah Wallace and Billy Cook of the Young Democrats of Arkansas.

1. They spoke about the initiatives being promoted by their organization.
2. They have more than 30 chapters at schools across the state.
3. They have a large social media presence and are focusing on building their organization along with relationship building.
4. Email address is [ArkansasYoungDemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:ArkansasYoungDemocrats@gmail.com)

5. Wallace and Cook took questions and listened to comments from attendees.

### III. Business Meeting

A. Walter told attendees of the need to conduct a few items of business

B. He reminded everyone that their annual membership dues are due and instructed them on how to pay.

C. There was a reminder about Blue Bowl contributions.

D. Election of Officers

1. Walter asked for any nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominations were closed.

2. The proposed slate of officers was presented to the attendees.

- President - Julia Bailey
- Vice-President - David Bernstein
- Treasurer - Tim Boyer
- Secretary - Deb Ostas

3. It was moved by Diana Kolman to accept the slate of offers by acclamation. It was seconded by Bill Beck.

4. There was no discussion.

5. The slate of officers was elected on a voice vote.

E. Walter urged attendees to go to our website and read the proposed amendments to our organization's bylaws.

1. Walter asked Joel Ewing to briefly outline the changes being proposed.

2. Joel explained the proposed changes. There were no questions.

F. There were general questions and comments from attendees.

G. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was passed.

H. According to the treasurer, the organization had a balance of \$1,476 as of November 18. The report was accepted on a voice vote.

I. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bernstein (standing in for)

Deborah Ostas

(Minutes taken from Zoom Meeting recording)

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# Treasurer's Summary

## November 2020

by Timothy Boyer, Treasurer



<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,301.88</b>		
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>		<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>	
Dues	\$267.36		
Blue Bowls	\$10.00		
Biden Harris Merch Sales	\$27.61		
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$304.97</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,606.85</b>		

## 2020 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></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
Publicity Chair	Catherine Deeley