

Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL.

The Board has decided that our November meeting will be in person at our usual meeting room at Golden Corral. We feel that most of our members have been vaccinated and the overall number of infections in our area has been on the decline, it would be safe.

For those who would prefer to participate at a distance, a Zoom link will also be provided.

Upcoming Meetings

Golden Corral

Mon., November 22

11:00 AM – 12:00 Social Time & Lunch

12:00 – 1:00 PM Meeting and Speaker presentation

No December Meeting

[**Join the Live Meeting Here**](#)

This Month's Speaker

Kent Eikenberry

CEO of NW Arkansas Foodbank

Kent Eikenberry became president and CEO of the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in January of 2015. Since then, he and his team have grown the non-profit organization into a group of nearly 40 full and part-time employees.

The NWA Food Bank currently has more than 135 partner agencies ranging from food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and many more. In 2020 they distributed over 15.5 million pounds of food to those in need through our partner agencies, Mobile Pantries, and School Pantries.

Yet, despite their great work, food insecurity persists in Northwest Arkansas. Ken will share the latest news from the food bank and the status of this holiday season's needs.

We are asking anyone who wishes to contribute to the Food Bank to either bring the donation of a canned good or make a financial contribution in whatever amount feels right for you. While checks made out to "**Northwest Arkansas Food Bank**" are graciously accepted, [you can also donate using a debit or credit card here](#).



The President's Memo

Dear Members,

As we wind down from our second year in the time of COVID-19, I can't help but feel grateful. I'm grateful for how well the Benton County Dems board and membership weathered the ongoing disruption. In these final months as president of Benton County Dems, I will be returning to ordinary life remembering the humor, patience, and camaraderie I experienced during these two challenging years. The pandemic has disrupted our individual and communal lives, shifting our sense of who we and our society are, what matters, and what's possible – a sense which hopefully leads to more lasting change.

The local and mid-term elections of 2022 already promise to be dynamic and I look forward to the new Benton County Dems board introducing us to a program of speakers who will inform and engage us. In the meantime, I hope you and your loved ones are able to feel gratitude during Thanksgiving and will be surrounded by joy during the approaching holidays.

Gratefully,
Julia K. Bailey



BLUE BOWLS



Go Ahead! Click or tap on the beautiful blue bowl image right here.

Stuff a few dollars into the virtual blue bowl. Believe it or not, your dollars are used to support Democratic candidates for office within Arkansas.

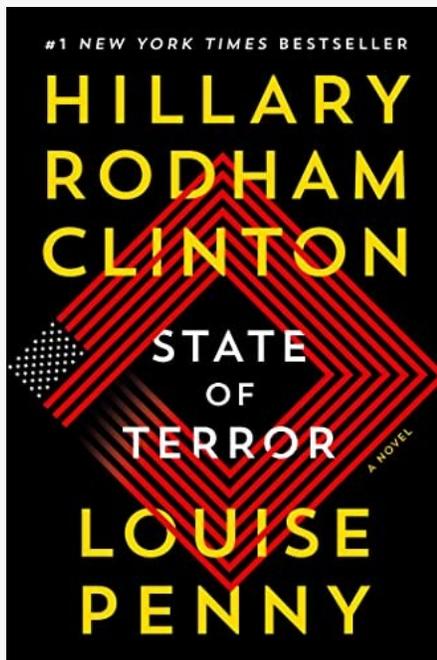
We only ask for a contribution of \$5 or more to offset those unavoidable transaction fees.

This Month's Book Reviews

A little fiction for the holiday reading season

State of Terror: A Novel

by Louise Penny & Hillary Rodham Clinton



State of Terror follows a novice Secretary of State who has joined the administration of her rival, a president inaugurated after four years of American leadership that shrank from the world stage. A series of terrorist attacks throws the global order into disarray, and the secretary is tasked with assembling a team to unravel the deadly conspiracy, a scheme carefully designed to take advantage of an American government dangerously out of touch and out of power in the places where it counts the most.

This high-stakes thriller of international intrigue features behind-the-scenes global drama informed by details only an insider could know. *(GoodReads)*

Business Meeting

The Treasurer's Report had been posted in the October Newsletter. No questions about it were asked. Eunice Van Tuyl moved to accept the report/ Joel Ewing seconded/ Passed unanimously.

Minutes from the September General Meeting were posted in the October Newsletter. No questions or corrections were given. Walter Hinojosa moved to accept the Minutes / Tim Boyer seconded / Passed unanimously.

Walter Hinojosa announced the slate of officer nominees for 2022-year. No nominations came from the floor.

President – David Bernstein
Vice President – Anna Knecht
Secretary – Diane Kolman
Treasurer – No one has accepted the nomination

Walter Hinojosa moved that the officer slate be accepted by acclamation / Deb Ostas seconded / Passed unanimously

Membership will vote on the slate of officers at the meeting on November 22, 2022.

David announced the Board's decision to change the Political Action Committee status to inactive. This will allow the group to continue without having an official treasurer. By moving to inactive status, the membership can reestablish the PAC status later.

The location of the November General Meeting was discussed. Stan Fure moved that the Executive Committee make the decision at their November meeting. Status of the COVID pandemic should drive the decision / Anna Knecht seconded / Passed unanimously

Deb Ostas moved the meeting be adjourned / Tim Boyer seconded / Passed unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Ostas

Treasurer's Summary

October 2021

by Timothy Boyer, Treasurer



Beginning Balance:	\$2,883.39		
<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Dues	\$20.00		\$-0-
Blue Bowls	\$-0-		
Total Income:	\$20.00	Total Expenses:	\$0
Ending Balance:	\$2,903.39		

2021 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Julia K Bailey
Vice President	David Bernstein
Membership Chair	<i>vacant</i>
Secretary	Deb Ostas
Treasurer	Tim Boyer
Social Media Chair	Joel Ewing
Publicity Chair	Catherine Deeley
Communications Chair & Events Coordinator	Anna Knecht