

Hybrid General Meeting

BC Dems General Meeting

Date & Time: March 28, 2022, 12:00 PM Central

Join us in person at...

Golden Corral

2605 W Pleasant Crossing Dr,
Rogers, AR 72758

11:00 AM – 12:00 Social Time & Lunch

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

Via Zoom...

Meeting ID: 875 3282 8495

Passcode: 285 057

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This Month's Speaker

Anthony Bland

Democratic Candidate for Arkansas Governor

Through hard work, sacrifice and commitment Anthony Bland has created opportunities to succeed in education, business, and community service. Now Anthony wants to bring that same level of commitment to public service as Governor of Arkansas.

An Arkansas native, Anthony attended public schools graduating from J.A. Fair High School. He attended Arkansas Baptist College graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Anthony went on to earn his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Phoenix. At the age of 17, Anthony was ordained as a Baptist minister. After many years of ministry, in 2019 he obtained a Master of Theological Studies from Regent University.



Anthony's work ethic is grounded in hard work and perseverance with a diverse business background. At the early age of fourteen he began an expansive work experience with a wide variety of companies: such as a humble bagger at a local grocery store, as a stock clerk and sales associate at several retail stores, and within the corporate world climbed the ladder into management positions. He, like many everyday Arkansans, is very familiar with the hardships of having to hold two or more jobs at one time just to make ends meet and live paycheck to paycheck. While working in the banking system he became aware of how Arkansans and local small business owners are struggling to survive in today's economic world; hence, the main reason why he began a business consulting firm. He is currently employed as an Educator in the Little Rock School District and has worked for the LRSD more than twenty-two years. During his tenure with LRSD, he became a martial arts instructor with the American Taekwondo Association which lead to being a small business owner of a martial arts school, and a Non-profit business owner. Being an entrepreneur himself, Anthony feels and understands the frustration that Arkansans have about political leaders, that are not doing enough to help them through these times of adversity.

Anthony has served his community working with organizations such as the Arkansas Food Bank, The American Heart Association, and the American Red Cross. Anthony also founded and is the CEO of the Dr. Anthony D. Bland Foundation, Inc. (Dr. ADB Foundation) with the help of his lovely wife, Jameelah. Dr. ADB Foundation, Inc. is an organization that provides assistance to areas of education, performing arts, cancer research, and literacy. Anthony is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Phi Beta Lambda Future Business Leaders of America.

Anthony is a proud husband to Jameelah and the father of eight children (six girls and two boys).

[Anthony Bland for AR](#)

The President's Memo

"Look at me. Hey, look at me. Please look at me!"

If you read the headline above out loud, my guess is you will recognize the child seeking attention tone. The thing that makes this so pitiful is that the source is our 75-year-old former president.

The New York Daily News reported that he "who-shall-not-be-named" in responding to questions about Russian invasion into Ukraine, said, "It all happened because of a rigged [2020] election." Did I miss something? Does anyone really believe these two things are related?

In the past, the former president has described Putin's attack on its neighboring country as "genius" and "savvy." This smells a lot like there is money changing hands somewhere and somehow.



Setting that stupidity aside for the moment, there is another familiar smell about all this. If we substitute Russia and Ukraine with Germany and Sudetenland it all starts looking like WWII. Germany wanted to annex the Sudetenland reasoning that most of the inhabitants were German anyway. Putin wants to annex Ukraine since most of the population is Russian anyway.

There are many more parallels and similarities than can be shared here, but the information is easily found and you can test the theory yourself. I am not a historian nor do I claim to be, but as I recall, we allowed Germany to invade or attack Austria, parts of the Czechoslovak Republic, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, parts of France, Yugoslavia, and Greece while the United States was standing on the sidelines.

I believe we should let our members of Congress and the White House know about our concerns surrounding the current conflict in Ukraine. Just like the 2016 presidential election, we've seen this movie before and it doesn't end well.

With appreciation,
David A. Bernstein

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Minutes

BENTON COUNTY DEMS Feb. 28, 2022 General Meeting Golden Corral, Rogers, AR

President David Bernstein called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. After welcoming the 18 members in attendance, he introduced Carly Squyres, campaign manager for Kelly Krout, who is running for Arkansas Lieutenant Governor.

Krout began her presentation by describing herself as a Lowell resident, a mother of seven children, an author of children's books, and a graduate student. She said she is running for office because she cares for people and because she has a passion for policy. If elected, she would strive to effect change that would make government systems work better. As she and her husband have fostered children for many years, she is especially interested in improving and simplifying the foster care system. She said her main need is money to further her campaign. Those wishing to contribute may go to her website, kellyforarkansas.com.

After Krout's session, Christine Erwin-Jimenez, Democratic candidate recruitment chair, gave an update on people who have filed for office. She began by saying she is still trying to find someone to run for Justice of the Peace, District 2. To date, Rachel Cox has filed to run for JP, District 15; Jen Standefor has filed to run in District 13, and Ray Hernandez has filed for District 11. She said she expects two more people to file tomorrow.

Following the program, Bernstein called the business meeting to order by asking Bill Beck to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present then paused for a moment of silence for those involved in Ukraine fighting.

There were no minutes for the previous meeting. The treasurer's report had been emailed prior to the meeting. Mike Reese moved the report to be approved as submitted. Joel Ewing seconded the motion, and it carried.

Bernstein announced that due to a lack of officers, BC Dems can no longer operate as a PAC. This means the

organization can no longer contribute as a group to candidates.

Joel Ewing announced that as of today, BC Dems has 20 paid members.

The next meeting will be on March 28 at noon at the Golden Corral. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Diana Kolman
Secretary

Treasurer's Summary

February 2021

by Joel Ewing & Treasurer Committee

Beginning Balance:	\$3,114.47		
<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Dues	\$240.00		
Blue Bowls	\$46.00		
Total Income:	\$286.00	Total Expenses:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$3,400.47		

2022 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	David Bernstein
Vice President	Anna Knecht
Membership Chair	<i>vacant</i>
Secretary	Diane Kolman
Treasurer	<i>vacant</i>
Publicity Chair	<i>vacant</i>
Social Media Chair	Joel Ewing
Immediate Past President	Julia K Bailey