

BC Dems

May 2022

# *Benton County Dems' World*



David Bernstein, Editor

## Hybrid General Meeting

### BC Dems General Meeting

Date & Time: May 23, 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

[Join the Live Meeting Here](#)

# Our Speakers This Month

We'll be hearing from two women who have set their sights on the office of Justice of the Peace. As you know the JP position is part of the quorum court. The quorum court is essentially the legislative body of the county and has its hands on the purse strings for the county among other important duties. These are no fluff positions!



## Carol Vella

Candidate for Justice of the Peace  
Benton County District 8



## Sarah Luhtanen

Candidate for Justice is the Peace  
Benton County District 7



# The President's Memo

"Wait, let me read that again carefully."

I am scared. In light of everything we know and the carefully crafted leaks from the Supreme Court, our individual rights are under attack.

The United States Supreme Court will rule on a Mississippi law calling for a total ban on abortions over 15 weeks gestational age. The law provides a few exemptions (medical emergencies and severe fetal abnormalities). Frankly, I don't want my surgeon to make medical decisions based on someone else's religious beliefs. Nor would I want that for my wife or daughter.

I understand the terrible consequences of overturning *Roe v. Wade* regarding women's health and reproductive rights. But what it also means is that rights like these, and other critical individual choices may soon be made for you by the Arkansas legislature. I don't know about you but I am not comfortable with decisions made by our state representatives these days.

If we are worried about immigration, AR could decide to require everyone coming across our borders to be fingerprinted. That will be great for tourism. Perhaps, movies of a certain type are determined to be harmful to certain adults? Could Arkansas decide that all theaters can only show movies rated G? Maybe streaming services could be forced to block any content the state legislature deems harmful?

Sure, these scenarios sound ridiculous now. But who would have predicted a woman in Arkansas could lose her right to decide if she wants to carry a child or not?

Stay well,  
David A. Bernstein



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## Tom Cotton, Legal Scholar?

Tom Cotton, a man with two Harvard degrees, attacked Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson for representing a defendant accused of terrorism.

— news reports

A poetic response by Calvin Trillian

*"Tom Cotton doesn't seem to be aware  
That right to counsel's needed to be fair.  
To teach him, Harvard wasn't the solution.  
So maybe he should read the Constitution."*

-- Calvin Trillian  
The Nation, May 2/9, 2022, Issue

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## BLUE BOWLS



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## George Carlin on Abortion

"Why is it that most of the people who are against abortion are people that you wouldn't want to [have sex with] in the first place? They will do anything for the unborn, but once you're born [middle finger gesture], you're on your own.

Pro-life conservatives are obsessed with the fetus from conception to nine months. After that, they don't wanna know about you. Nothing! No neo-natal care, no daycare... no welfare, if you're pre-born, you're fine, if you're preschool, you're f\$#@^'ed."

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# Minutes

## BENTON COUNTY DEMS April 25, 2022, General Meeting Golden Corral, Rogers, AR

President David Bernstein called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. There were 9 members present. Three more joined via Zoom.

Dr. Richard Bland led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Anna Knecht introduced the speaker for the day, Supha Xayprasith-Mays, candidate for Arkansas governor.

Xayprasith-Mays, 52, emphasized she is not a politician. Instead, she has a background as a businessperson and an entrepreneur. She grew up in the Northwest Arkansas area, and her children are products of the Bentonville School system. She is multi-lingual. She said her motto is to put people first and to be inclusive. If elected governor, Xayprasith-Mays said her number one goal is to be transparent and available to the shareholders—the general public—at all times. She wants to build trust and to get people involved. She said two major areas she wants to focus on are education and health care. Green technology is also high on her list of priorities. For more information about this candidate, go to [suphaforgovernor.com](http://suphaforgovernor.com).

After a short question/answer session with the candidate, President Bernstein opened the business meeting. The minutes of the March 28th meeting had been emailed to members. Mike Reese moved the minutes be approved as submitted. Richard Bland seconded the motion, and it passed. The treasurer's report had also been emailed. Reese moved the report to be approved as written. Joel Ewing seconded the motion, and it carried.

As there was no business to discuss, President Bernstein opened a discussion about low attendance at monthly meetings. He urged everyone to personally invite people to attend the monthly meetings. One suggestion was to make sure the meetings are advertised on social media. Another suggestion was to invite local candidates as well as state candidates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Diana Kolman,  
Secretary

# Treasurer's Summary

## April 2022

by Joel Ewing & Treasurer Committee

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,345.45</b>		
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>		<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>	
Dues	\$30.00	PO Box Renewal	\$156.00
Blue Bowls	\$30.00	Weebly.com renewal	\$99.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$255.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,150.45</b>		

## 2022 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

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