

BC Dems

July 2022

Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

Hybrid General Meeting

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Date & Time: July 25, 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

Lauren Mallett-Hays Democratic Candidate for

Arkansas' 3rd Congressional District

Lauren Mallett-Hays is seeking to unseat Republican Congressman Steve Womack. **Womack has held the 3rd Congressional District for more than 11 years.**

"As a speech-language pathologist, I spend my workdays helping people who have lost the ability to communicate regain their voice. I've sat by their sides as they worked through the frustration, anger, and at times, hopelessness. This last year and a half have given me a small glimpse into their reality as it has become abundantly clear that the voice of the American people is being ignored."



"In Congress, I'll not only be a voice for Northwest Arkansas, I'll make sure Arkansans have a voice in Washington because I'll listen to you. Together we can ensure our community continues to be a place we're proud to call home—a growing, thriving community with good schools and good jobs that keep our families close."

Lauren and her husband, Justin, are parents of three beautiful children, Hadley 10, Harper 7, and Davis 4. They live in Farmington, Arkansas.

Her campaign website is: <https://www.laurenforarkansas.com/>

The President's Memo

We all need a good laugh!

I don't know about you but I have been feeling burnt out and slightly depressed. Between the war in Ukraine, The January 6th hearings, the price of gas, and the weather, it's almost too much to keep it together. So, I thought it would be fun to share some of the better Republican jokes I recently found on the internet.

(Some readers may find a few of these jokes slightly offensive, but that is not the intent so please forgive me.)

- Q. I take strong offense with anyone saying the Republican Party has no standards now.
- A. In fact, they have double standards.
- Q. How many republicans does it take to change a light bulb?



- A. Wait, hold on, how do we know it's not supposed to be that way?
- Q. How many republicans does it take to change a light bulb?
- A. We've only been looking at that bulb for 2 years, and the scientists who say we need to replace it are probably working for the light bulb industry. Also, yesterday it was on! Why do we need to do anything if it's different day to day? I'm just saying, we need more data...
- Q. How many republicans does it take to change a light bulb?
- A. Twelve to investigate Obama's involvement in the failure of the old bulb, 23 to deregulate the lightbulb industry, and 51 to pass a tax credit for lightbulb changes.
- Q. How many Republicans does it take to change a lightbulb?
- A. None. They're afraid of change even if it makes the world a brighter place.
- Q. How many Republicans does it take to change a lightbulb?
- A. None. Trump just says it's fixed and the rest of them sit in the dark and applaud.
- Q. Do you know why the Republicans didn't impeach Trump?
- A. Because they believe in carrying a baby to full term.
- Q. What's the difference between Republicans and Ukrainians?
- A. Ukrainians defend their Capitol.

Stay Well, Keep Laughing and we'll all get through this together.
David Bernstein

How to Contribute Directly to Our Democratic Candidates

Benton County Dems is no longer an Arkansas Political Action Committee (PAC), so we cannot directly contribute to campaigns for State or county offices. As an organization, we can only contribute indirectly to campaigns by contributing to other organizations.

Our members as individuals CAN directly contribute to campaigns and are encouraged to do so. As we get closer to the November election, direct contributions are a faster path to getting funds to campaigns in time for use prior to the election.

The easiest way to contribute to one or more Democratic candidates or causes is to use actblue.com. Essentially all Democratic candidates and Democratic support organizations are now defined to accept donations through actblue.com. If you do not already have a free login account defined at <https://actblue.com>, you should set one up. You can define either a credit card or PayPal as a payment method and define an "ActBlue Express Profile" to allow you to make "express" contributions without having to supply additional information. ActBlue also allows you to set up recurring contributions, and a number of candidates and groups do "encourage" this. If you are asked to make a recurring contribution and that is not your intent, be sure you check "one-time contribution". Should you unintentionally set up a recurring contribution, it is possible on actblue.com to look at any recurring contributions you have defined and edit or delete them.

Using ActBlue is simpler for both candidates and contributors. Each candidate doesn't have to worry about dealing with credit card information on their website, and contributors only have their payment method exposed on the single ActBlue.com site and see a consistent interface for online payments for all Democratic candidates' organizations nationwide.

State and Federal candidates', and Benton County JP Candidates' websites and ActBlue donation links can be

found by following the "State and Federal" and "Justices of the Peace" links on the Democratic Party of Benton County's "Campaign Headquarters" web page at:

<https://www.democraticpartybentoncounty.org/campaign-headquarters>

If you are able, support not only those candidates for which you can vote, but other Democratic candidates in Benton County and in Arkansas to encourage future candidates to run. Any activity that increases Democratic registration and voter turnout State-wide will have beneficial long-term effects.

BLUE BOWLS



Here's your chance. Stuff a few dollars into the virtual blue bowl.

Believe it or not, your dollars are used to support the work of your BC Dems which in turn supports Democratic candidates for office within Arkansas.

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

Minutes

BENTON COUNTY DEMS June 27, 2022, General Meeting Golden Corral, Rogers, AR

No minutes were recorded for this meeting. However, no formal business took place.

Treasurer's Summary

June 2022

by Joel Ewing & Treasurer Committee

Beginning Balance: \$3,193.45

INCOME:

Dues \$30.00

Blue Bowls \$48.55

EXPENSES:

Total Income: \$78.55

Ending Balance: \$3,272.00

Total Expenses:

\$ -0-

2022 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

Position

Name

President

David Bernstein

Vice President

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Diane Kolman

Treasurer

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