

BC Dems

August 2022

Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

Hybrid General Meeting

BC Dems General Meeting

Date & Time: August 22, 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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Our Speakers This Month

Christian May

Justice of the Peace. District 5

Christian May was born in Boynton Beach, Florida to working-class parents: his mother, a paralegal from Jersey City, NJ, and his father, a fire equipment technician and philanthropist from Guatemala City, Guatemala. Growing up, Christian always had a love for public speaking, whenever there was an opportunity to take a class

that involved speeches or presentations, he was there. In High School, Christian joined his school's debate team and quickly found that he had a knack for it. He chooses to compete in Student Congress: a program that mimics the process of creating and debating a bill in the US Congress. This time provided Christian skills to critically analyze issues that affected his local community and to gather and use data to find the best solutions for those issues. He won many county and state-level competitions and the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal for his community involvement and academics.

After graduating high school in 2012, Christian moved to Las Vegas, NV where he began work as a customer support contractor for Google Play. After some time, his people skills and effective troubleshooting methods allowed him to move up within the company, facilitating training and onboarding new employees for Google products across the board. He was transferred to Austin to help launch a new site of operations for the business - where after a year, he was approached by Apple, Inc. to work as a technical support specialist for the full range of Apple products. He accepted the job and continued to work for Apple for 2 years, helping to jump-start support for their new product, Apple Card.

Christian attended Austin Community College from 2018 until 2020 when he transferred to the University of Arkansas where he continues to study Sociology full-time.

Christian hopes to utilize his experience in policy-making, technical support, and adult learning to help modernize the Quorum Court and to lead Benton County to a better future!



The President's Memo Time to step up and lead.

It's that time of year again when we must designate a nominating committee for the next year's board.

Our bylaws require us to have at least 3 current members form a nominations committee for the next year's officers. The following board positions must be voted on at our November general meeting.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

This means we must appoint the nominating committee this month. They will present a slate of officers in September. The membership will vote on the new board members in November.

TIME TO TELL IT LIKE IT IS

Last year, putting together a slate of officers was an incredibly challenging task. We are small in numbers, but strong in our convictions. Unfortunately, strong beliefs do not make an organization run. If asked, I beg you to



take a leadership role. Even if you have held that position 11 times in the last 13 years. We lost our PAC status because nobody... I mean nobody was willing to be our treasurer.

If we cannot find a slate of candidates for our board, our only alternative is to dissolve the BC Dems organization. It is as simple as that.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or ideas about this situation.

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

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 July 27, 2022, General Meeting Golden Corral, Rogers, AR

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by President David Bernstein. Bernstein shared the board's recommendation to donate \$500 to the Democratic Party of Arkansas, and \$1,000 to the Democratic Party of Benton County.

Vice President Anna Knecht introduced Lauren Mallett-Hays, Democratic candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, Arkansas District 3. She is seeking to unseat Republican Congressman Steve Womack. Womack has held the 3rd Congressional District for more than 11 years. Hays spoke about her priorities, her needs as a candidate, and how we can get involved with her campaign.

At the conclusion of Ms. Hays' presentation, Bernstein introduced Donna Rife. Rife spoke to the membership about several ways she thinks the BC Dems can help Chris Jones in his bid for Governor.

Bernstein asked Bill Beck to update the group on his original idea to use movies as a fund-raiser. Beck shared his frustration with the movie exhibitors he was negotiating with to try and set up a fund-raising event for the BC Dems. Beck recommended we put this idea on the back burner for a while longer. He also took a few minutes to recommend a series called "The Last Movie Stars". The series is a six-part documentary from CNN Films and HBO Max that chronicles Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward's iconic careers and decades-long partnership.

Ms. Knecht reminded the audience that next month's speaker will be Christian May, a Justice of the Peace candidate for District 5.

There being no minutes from the prior meeting moved onto the vote to accept the treasurer's report as published. Bill Beck made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as published. The motion was seconded by Joel Ewing. The motion was passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Donna Patrick
Publicity Chair

Treasurer's Summary

July 2022

by Joel Ewing & Treasurer Committee

Beginning Balance:	\$3,272.00		
<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Dues	\$120.00		
Blue Bowls	\$35.00		
Total Income:	\$155.00	Total Expenses:	\$ -0-
Ending Balance:	\$3,427.00		

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	Diana Kolman
Treasurer	<i>vacant</i>
Publicity Chair	Donna Patrick
Social Media Chair	Joel Ewing
Immediate Past President	Julia K Bailey