

BC Dems

November 2022

Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

Hybrid General Meeting

BC Dems General Meeting

Date & Time: November 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

[Join the Live Meeting Here](#)

Our Speaker This Month

Kent Eikenberry

CEO of NW Arkansas Food Bank

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,

and shelters.

- In 2021, 14,037,613 pounds of food were distributed to the 4 county areas of the food bank serves.
- That food provided more than 11.3 million meals in that year.

According to Kent, "We measure our success in lives changed".

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 donate using a debit or credit card here](#).



The President's Message

Well, That Was Interesting.

Etiquette instructs us to watch our words. For example, when you have nothing positive to say about an individual or situation, a good alternative is to say something such as "That is interesting."

As we watched the recent election returns, all I could mutter was "Isn't that interesting?" Maybe I was kidding myself when I thought Chris Jones had a real chance of winning his race. But as you probably know, not even the small races fell our way.

However, history shows us that what we saw in our state and across the nation was not unique to us or our time. Consider this quote from Euripides, the 5th-century author known for some of the great Greek tragedies.

"When one with honeyed words but evil mind persuades the mob, great woes befall the state."



What's Next?

It's clear from attendance at our monthly meetings that people are becoming tired. Tired of going to meetings with low attendance, losing at the poll, being discouraged by Supreme Court decisions, and on and on. What is a person supposed to do?

I have given this some thought and I think I found a solution for myself. It may work for you as well.

My focus for the year is going to be on one issue that I feel passionate about and focus my energy on making a difference in that area. No, I have not decided that the issue is just yet but I will before the end of the year. I can write letters to lawmakers or companies, donate what I can, and share my thoughts with others.

But that's for next year. For now, I plan to continue sharing friendships and time we spend together as the BC Dems.

Happy Holidays & Stay Well
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.

BC Dems General Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2022 Golden Corral, Rogers, AR

- I. 12:04 – Anna gaveled in the meeting, then turned the floor over to David.
- II. David discussed the future of our group and the need to bring in new members.
 - A. David led the Pledge of Allegiance and turned the floor back to Anna.
- III. Anna announced the two speakers for today and then announces that the speaker for next month will be Kent from NWA Food Bank.
 - A. Anna introduced Stephanie Zammaron, candidate for Justice of the Peace, District 3.
 - B. Stephanie Zammaron spoke about her reasons for running and her views on the jail expansion,

- ideas for other options and the importance of Democratic representation on the Quorum Court.
- IV. Anna introduced Rey Hernandez, candidate for State House of Rep., District 11.
- A. Rey spoke about his past veteran and election experience, his district and how he wishes to represent them in the State House, and the need for more Latino representation in our government.
- V. David took the floor and discussion of the future of the BC Dems and how it needs to grow in order to continue.
- A. Bill asked to take the floor, and also discussed the BC Dems and how important the group is to him and the need to continue in some capacity.
- B. David announced that he received a thank you from the Democratic Party of Benton County for the donation from our group.
- VI. Diana motioned to approve the minutes from the August and September meeting minutes. Bill seconded. Motion approved by all ayes, no nos.
- VII. 12:58 – David motioned to end the meeting. Joel seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all ayes, no nos.

Treasurer's Summary

October 2022

by Joel Ewing & Treasurer Committee

Beginning Balance:	\$2,137.06		
<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Dues			
Blue Bowls	\$19.00		
Total Income:	\$19.00	Total Expenses:	\$0
Ending Balance:	\$2,156.06		

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