

# Benton County Democrats' World

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## BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS FEBRUARY MEETING

February 22

Lunch: 11:00 am

Meeting: 12:00 noon

Golden Corral, 2605 W. Pleasant Crossing, Rogers

Our speaker this month will be:

Candidate for Judge, Chris Griffen will be our main speaker.

Peyton Olsen a representative from Bernie Sanders office,

and a representative for Hillary Clinton will also speak

"Please make your reservations by Friday, February 19 to:

Rusty Masticola [Melmasticola@gmail.com](mailto:Melmasticola@gmail.com) 479-855-9588

NOTE: Please respect the speakers time, and do not interrupt their speech with questions or statements. There will be a question and answer period at the end of their presentations-

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### Minutes of January meeting

Vice President Tony Potochnik conducted the meeting in the absence of President Eunice Van Tuyl.

After opening with the Pledge of Allegiance four first timers were recognized.

Visitors included Judge Tom Smith of the Juvenile , VA, and Drug circuit court, Peyton Olsen with the Sanders campaign office in Rogers and Ezra Smith campaign coordinator for Grimsley Graham's campaign. Judge Smith commented that he would like to speak to us sometime.

Grimsley announced the passing of long time member Lucille Roberts.

George Naidl strongly suggested that many members had not paid their dues and they would have to leave past him.

Joel Ewing updated the progress of defining the relationship of our group to the official state Democratic Party. It appears that it should be a simple accord between us and the Benton County Democratic Central Committee and we would have until 2017 to accomplish it.

Thurman Metcalf hawked his car wash tickets and announced that his fundraiser to feed kids outside of school had raised \$7,000. Kudos!

Bill Beck has nothing solid on a movie for the first couple months. He was concerned that attendance has been sparse.

Tony announced the speaker for the Feb. 22 meeting will be Chris Griffin candidate for Judge in Rogers. Tony introduced the day's speaker, Ted Dick Executive Director of the Arkansas Democratic Party.

Mr. Dick spoke about building the Party through the 'Blue Hog' program of sustaining monthly donations. He also is working to build a roster of good candidates for office. Then he said that he can't do it alone. He gave out his cell phone number to everyone asking that they contact him with concerns and ideas.

There was a lively period of discussion, followed by questions and answers.

The meeting was adjourned at 1PM.

Submitted by acting Secretary Tony Potochnik

### **Can't get to the polls on March 1<sup>st</sup>?**

If you are going to be away, have a physical disability, or unavoidably absent from your polling place on election day you may apply for an absentee ballot.

If applying you must have your written request in to the Registrar of Voters in time for them to mail your ballot out before February 25<sup>th</sup>. That is the last day they will mail absentee ballots.

You can get a request for absentee ballot from the Benton County Registrars office. Or call 479 217-5704

Our President has been vacationing in Florida, so no Presidents article this month.

**President Trump??**Mr. Trump sounds like he thinks he can buy the White house, and sounds more like a dictator every day

### **Annual Dues**

Just a reminder, if you have not yet paid your annual dues you can either bring them to the February meeting, or mail them to our Post office Box.

Our dues have not changed;  
\$20.00 for a single membership or  
\$30.00 for a joint membership

\$10.00 for newsletter mailed (optional)

Any questions about our membership??

Call me:

George Naidl 479-359-3359

My favorite bumper sticker: "If you think education is expensive try ignorance"

Tell me yours and I'll print it out next month

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