

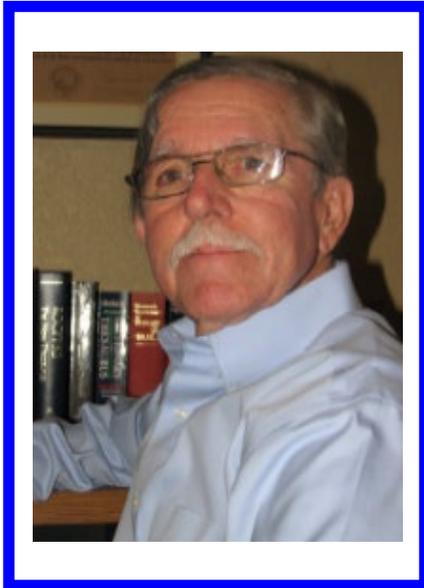


Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village



Newsletter Winter 2019

***“Join Us “
January 25, 2019
Coronado Center – 4pm to 6pm (Eating & Socializing)***



From the Pen of the President --

“We Don’t Agonize. We Organize!”

The words of Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, should ring in the ears of all Democrats as we enter a new year focused on organizing to meet the challenges of 2019 and preparing for a most important 2020 election cycle.

Unfortunately, the Blue Wave of 2018 passed by Arkansas. However, it crashed ashore in Washington D.C., awash in the highest voter turnout in a century, carrying the greatest midterm turnover of House seats in modern history. In that tidal wave were an influx of women, persons of color, adherents to religions other than Christianity and members of the LGBTQ community. Demographically, the House of Representatives is the most diverse it has ever been. It’s beginning to look a lot like America! All of which is cause for celebration. For with control of the House of Representatives, Democrats reclaim, among other things, the power of the purse and oversight of the Executive. Trump’s congressional rubber stamp seems to have disappeared in the swamp as the Blue Wave spread out over the nation’s capital.

Back home in Garland and Saline counties we start our organizing by once again thanking all the men and women who took up the cause of democracy and the Democratic Party by running for elective office as Democrats. In more than forty years of Democratic activism in five states I can say I’ve never seen a better qualified, more diverse, hard working group of people. Stay in touch with these folks. Help them to retire their campaign debt and encourage them to run again. Twenty-twenty is not far off.

In Hot Springs Village and the Hot Springs Village Democratic Club we’re organizing by reflecting on the phenomenal year for Democrats in the Village. “Yes, Virginia, there are Democrats in the Village.” Attendance at Quarterly Membership meetings set records. As did enrollment of new members and volunteers.

Your membership dues and contributions to the Century Club and PAC allowed the club to make substantial contributions to all Democratic candidates (See separate article on p.4). We are now about capturing that excitement in 2019, which begins with the continuation of the lineup of outstanding speakers at the January Quarterly meeting with Dr. Hal Bass (See separate article on p. 4). Also, there will be opportunities to become involved in a variety of initiatives now being planned. Initiatives such as community service and an expanded communication-publication activities. And don’t forget leadership. The Board needs new ideas and motivated people. So remember your dues are due in January. They are still \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a household. And don’t forget the Century Club. An annual contribution of \$100 extends to the donor all rights, privileges, admiration and satisfaction attendant with membership in such an august Democratic society.

See you all at the January Quarterly Meeting on January 25th!

-- Steve Rittenmeyer

Lifetime Members 2017-18

**Lucy Ainge
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Political Scientist Hal Bass to address Club

Veteran Arkansas political scientist Hal Bass will address the Jan. 25 meeting of the Democratic Club Hot Springs Village,

Bass, professor emeritus of political science at Ouachita Baptist University, will survey key steps in enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and how lessons from that experience can help guide policy debates in today's political atmosphere. His presentation is titled "Legislative Leadership Then and Now: Lessons Learned from the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Bass retired in 2016 after a long tenure at OBU during which he served as chair of the Department of Political Science, director of the Maddox Public Affairs Center and founding dean of the W.H.Sutton School of Social Sciences. He is a graduate of Baylor University and earned his master's degree and doctorate from Vanderbilt University.

The Democratic club meeting is scheduled at the Coronado Center, 150 Ponderosa Way in Hot Springs Village. It begins with a social hour featuring drinks and appetizers at 3 p.m., followed by the program at 4 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Dates to Remember

Area Democrat Club Meetings

Hot Springs Village - website (www.hsvdemocrats.com)

1st Wednesday of each month (5 pm)

Dem. Club of HSV Board meets at the Coronado Center

4th Friday of January, April, July, October (3 pm / 4 pm)

Democratic Club of HSV meets at the Coronado Center

Saline County - website (www.salinecountymdemocrats.com)

2nd Tuesday of each month (6:30 pm - new time)

Democratic Party of Saline County meets at 101 S Market St., Benton

Garland County - website (www.garlandcountymdemocrats.org)

3rd Wednesday (typically) of each month (5:30 pm)

Democratic Party of Garland Co. meets at Garland Co. Dem. HQ
608 W. Grand Ave., Hot Springs

VCK Democratic Women meet at Garland Co. Dem. HQ

4th Tuesday of each month (5:30 pm)

608 W. Grand Ave., Hot Springs

HSV Democratic Club Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors Meetings are open to the membership. We meet at 5:00pm the first **Wednesday** of each month at Coronado Center Room 3

We would love to have your input!

This newsletter welcomes "Letters to the Editor". Please email articles to

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Vin & Liz Hayes
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Fred & Barb Kalsbeek
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Glen & Linda Rider
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Cynthia Saafeld
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Mary Ann Witcraft
Jerry and Peg Yeric
Tim & Barbara Young

"Please Note"

The Century Club is an annual fundraiser for support of our for support of our Democratic Club activities and events. We hope that you will continue to support it by contributing \$100.00 annually.

Proud to be a Democrat!



Please invite a friend to our January 25th meeting and every meeting during the year. Guests are always welcome! We can strengthen our Village presence by increasing our club membership. So invite a friend, neighbor, a fellow exercise partner or anyone with an open mind who has concern about our nation.

Letters to the Editor...

I would like someone to ask Trump: The Republican Party controlled both Houses of Congress for two years, and they wouldn't give you your stupid wall. Please explain how that's the Democrats' fault.

Try to use facts and logic.

Submitted by Earl Babbie

Internet Sites of Interest

<http://www.democrats.org/>

Democratic Party website

<http://www.arkdems.org/>

Democratic Party of Arkansas

<http://www.commondreams.org>

Progressive Community

<http://verifiedvoting.org>

Verified Voting Organization

<http://www.grist.org>

Environmental News and Humor

Fail Safe Voting

- If you move to a new address within your current precinct, you have the right to vote in that precinct after filling out a change of address form.
- If you move to a new address in the county but outside the precinct where you are registered, you have the right to vote at the polling place for your new precinct and fill out a change of address form.
- If you own property in more than one county, you must register to vote wherever you actually "live or reside." Owning property or a business in a county does not constitute residency there.



Check out our club's website

<http://www.hsvdemocrats.com>

It constantly updated with new information.

Our Club's PAC donated \$\$\$ to Democratic Candidates in 2018

Thanks to contributions from members of the Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village to the Club's state political action committee, the PAC was able to donate \$13,000 to Democratic Party candidates in state, county and local elections in 2018. That was amazing! You are to be complimented for your generosity of financial support.

Although 2018 is only recently history, the 2020 election cycle is already starting, with several Democrats having already announced for President!

Be aware, however, that the Club PAC cannot donate to national candidates, such as for the U.S. House, Senate, or President. Through the PAC, we can only donate to state, county or local candidates.

for information

Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village

Name _____ Date _____
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Dues - \$20.00 (one) \$30.00 (two at one address, one newsletter only)

Experience, special interests, or comments

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