

Hybrid General Meeting

BC Dems General Meeting

Date & Time: February 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: 955 3096 2959

Passcode: 334393

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This Month's Speaker

Kelly Krout,

Democratic Candidate for Arkansas Lt Governor

"I love Arkansas!

My husband and I live in Lowell and have seven sons. We know - that's a lot of sons. And, I'm a big fan of showing them that anyone can make a difference.

My husband and I served as foster parents for several years. We adopted a couple of our boys out of the system and were able to help reunite several other children with their families. While working with the child welfare system, I gained unique insight into how these systems work and where they need improvement.

I care so deeply about helping families navigate the foster care system. That's why I wrote some children's books to help kids and families understand the process. I'm honored that my books have been used by counselors and therapists to help children understand what's happening to them. Still, I needed to do more for this community.

I decided to go back to school a few years ago to finish my undergraduate degree, and now I'm earning my graduate degree in social work. Studying social work has sparked a passion for policy, and policy impacts all of us.

I'm running because you deserve a leader who will help you navigate the system AND work to fix it. You deserve a leader who will be on your team.

I want to be a part of a government that empowers people."



The President's Memo

Dear Members,

As I write this article, it is only 260 days until the November 8 elections. There are several seats in Washington DC, that are being fought over. I want to mention one that truly disturbs me. Jake Bequette is gunning for the US Senate seat of John Boozman.

I don't particularly like Senator Boozman's thinking or priorities, but Bequette is so far to the right, he makes Tom Cotton look like a flaming liberal. When Bequette's line of thinking becomes mainstream acceptable, we are in a lot more trouble than I ever thought.

And speaking of crazy things, I was told that as of last week, we have only 9 paid members.

Nine, IX, Nueve, 九, Neuf, Neun, девять, εννέα!

We work on a calendar year. That means we count on your \$20 individual or \$30 for a couples membership to help keep BC Dems going. If you paid between November and February, you are probably okay. It is very easy to make your annual contribution. You can go online at <https://www.bcdems.org/membership.html> and make



your annual dues payment. If you prefer to mail a check, please [download the membership form](#), complete it, and mail with check to:

Benton County Dems
P.O. Box 2258
Bentonville, AR 72712-2258

And since we are going to meet in person this month, you could bring your check to our regular meeting on Monday, Feb 28th at Golden Corral in Rogers.

Stay well so we can start meeting again in person!

With appreciation,
David A. Bernstein

BLUE BOWLS



Go Ahead! Click or tap on the beautiful blue bowl image right here.

Stuff a few dollars into the virtual blue bowl. Believe it or not, your dollars are used to support 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

General Meeting Minutes

There was no meeting in January

Treasurer's Summary

January 2022

by Joel Ewing & Treasurer Committee

Beginning Balance:	\$3,060.94		
<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Dues	\$49.20	Arvest Account Fee	\$5.00
Blue Bowls	\$9.33		
Total Income:	\$58.53	Total Expenses:	\$5.00
Ending Balance:	\$3,114.47		

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