

democrat noun

dem·o·crat | \ 'de-mə-'krat \

1. of, relating to, or favoring democracy - democratic elections, a democratic government
2. one who practices social equality
3. capitalized : a member of the Democratic party of the U.S.
4. relating to, appealing to, or available to the broad masses of the people

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Moving Forward

From the Pen of the President,

Jane Browning

Looking for some good news? Here it is!!

Where is Trump leading Biden in the general election poll by only two percent? Arkansas, that's where! Yes, according to the Hendrix College poll of June 14th, Biden is registering within two percentage points of the incumbent. What does this tell us? That we can turn Arkansas blue again this year!

Part of this equation of change is the contest for U.S. Congress in the Second Congressional District. The distinguished, accomplished and

savvy contender Joyce Elliott is poised to knock French Hill right out of his NRA-funded seat in the House. Joyce has been endorsed by Emily's List, making recognition of her political chops a national affair. The lesser known but equally deserving candidate for the 4th Congressional District (now occupied by Bruce Westerman) is William Hanson.

The Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village is featuring these two worthy candidates via virtual interviews to be broadcast on our Facebook page and website. They were scheduled to appear at our quarterly membership meeting of July 24th, but that meeting has been cancelled. We would have been limited to fifty participants and unable to serve food and drink so we decided to let you all relax at home, put up your feet and get acquainted with your future elected officials online.

There is more in store for the November election. A recent signature drive (thank you for driving through the Garland County Library parking lot to sign up!) is putting the independent redistricting commission referendum on the ballot. Over 100,000 signatures were collected

in favor of amending the constitution. Arkansas can look forward to a fair future with no more gerrymandering!

And wait! There's more! The Arkansas Secretary of State determined (and the Governor subsequently concurred) that concerns about catching Coronavirus is a legitimate reason for voting by absentee ballot. So Villagers can vote by mail and stay safe from the dangers of long lines at the polls. Do it now: request your ballot from the Secretary of State online and return it no later than October 27th.

The Democrats can do it! We are about to remove the most corrupt and inept President in our nation's history from the White House and install an administration of stability, integrity and competence. Hooray!

Respectfully,

Jane Browning

**The Secretary of State rejected the signatures on the petitions; Vote AR is appealing that decision to the Arkansas Supreme Court.*

100%

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- Raising wages, closing the wealth gap, strengthening Social Security
- Lowering health care costs; ensuring all Americans have access to quality, affordable health care; stabilizing Medicare and Medicaid

PANDEMIC UNSUNG HEROES & THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY

by Nancy Baumgartner

Let me get straight to the point. This worldwide pandemic has changed the lives of everyone in the world. Many news and social outlets are dedicated to celebrating community members who have volunteered their time, energy, money, and passion to assisting essential workers, the hungry, businesses, neighbors, strangers, the vulnerable.... The list goes on and on.

What is community? According to the Webster dictionary "a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society". I believe community is a collaboration and connection that when mixed together, creates trust and fellowship. Clubs, churches, sport teams, employment groups, neighbors are nesting grounds of community. The COVID pandemic has energized many communities through the world. The stories are sometimes larger than life, however, most acts of community and kindness are quietly orchestrated and go unnoticed. My story is one of those stories.

The Democratic Club of HSV Board made a commitment to contact all club members for the purpose of checking in on their status, verifying demographic information, making sure they are staying connected with the club, and encouraging them to participate in our virtual fundraising event in lieu of the cancelled quarterly meetings and Fund Raiser Event. I have had the pleasure of being one of the callers.

In early May I contacted Ann McMullin. We spent a few minutes discussing her demographics, the value of the newsletter, the clubs Facebook group, etc. As our conversation came to a close, I asked her how she was coping with the COVID and, if there was anything she needed. That is when things got interesting!

Ann mentioned that she is a Home Health Nurse and the concern for the safety of herself



and her co-workers entering homes to care for patients. They have a severe shortage of masks. She had bought fabric to make masks. Without a pattern, her initial attempt was not up to speed. Plus, she has two children at home, works outside the home.....you know the story.....not enough time and juggling priorities. I shared with her that I knew of women who were making masks. I asked her to give me a couple of days to contact these women and see if there's anything we could do to help. My first call was to Patsy Slezak, a friend and a Club member. In previous conversations, I knew that she was making masks for her daughter who was working with the homeless. Without hesitation, she asked me how many did Ann need. A week later, we had the pleasure of delivering masks to Ann at her home. Of course, this was done with COVID protocol. Come to find out, all of us are from Wisconsin and enjoyed sharing our Badger state history. Ann was thrilled and grateful for the masks. And, Patsy took Ann's fabric with a commitment to make more masks. There is one more chapter in this story. Ann introduced us to her husband and her 11 year old son Cannon. Cannon is a MPN Hero of 2019. He was diagnosed with Essential Thrombocythemia (ET) when he was 8 years old. This is a rare chronic blood cancer that is in a group of Myeloproliferative neoplasms

(MPN) in which the bone marrow makes too many red blood cells, white blood cells or platelets. Ann nominated her son because he is her hero. He has accepted this disease with dignity and grace. "He does not let the disease define him". There are only 120 children worldwide known to have ET. Cannon is part of a research program at Weill Cornell in New York City. As Ann explained Cannon's award and disease, she mentioned that prior to the pandemic she was organizing a MPN fundraiser. Needless to say it was cancelled/postponed.

Side note here - Patsy has a friend with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia. My husband has CML. Lisa Malmin has CML. Lisa is the art director for our club newsletter and is one of the facilitators of our Facebook group. This is another rare form of leukemia.

Community is about reaching out in time of need. Community is finding commonality's that make us united. Community is friendship, commitment, and what makes us strong. I'm very proud to be part of the Democratic club and a resident of HSV. I am humbled by the folks that I'm surrounding myself with. This little story is what we are all about. We do not need praise, nor do we expect any fanfare for the things we do for our community. What we need is each other.

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Century Club Members 2020

Donor List

These are members choosing to donate \$100 above membership dues to the Club annually to support Club activities.

Not meeting in April or July made it tough to remind everyone as we would have if attending meetings as usual. A special thanks to any member who has already donated since the shutdown be a Century Club Donor this historic year.

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Gailen Stockwell
Peter & Sissy Trabant
May Ann Witcraft
Tim & Barbara Young



Thank You for Responding to Our Call!

These past few months demanded lots of Plan B's & C's. In this pivotal historic year we decided to come to you all with a big ask: with no actual FunRaiser, no Dinnerdance, & no Silent Auction, we called every member to consider donating to help our amazing area & state candidates.

Thank you for a wonderful response! Your understanding and willingness to renew your membership and contribute has been & will continue to be so important to achieving our Democratic goals. And at the same time it was such a privilege to visit with many of you about politics, pandemic realities and just how we are coping or struggling and rediscovering how to be a bit quieter & more reflective.

Thank each of you TruBluThru&Thru members for responding so generously & graciously to our call.

Peg McCoy, Membership Chair



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April Newsletter Clarification, page 6: "our all female Board" should have read "our all female elected board" (The elected board is all female, the full board is not)



Candidate Q & A



Our New Website is Under Construction!

Something very exciting is taking place on our Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village website. In an effort to provide a single point of reference that clearly describes who we are, what we stand for, what our values are, along with how to contact us and where to find more information, the website is undergoing a complete re-design. Relying on word-of-mouth in the community is so important, but we also need other ways to communicate - especially in this time of a pandemic.

Our goal is to harness the power of the internet and have a well-defined website that is up-to-date and packed full of information. We want an easy to navigate, strong internet presence with many favourable links, drawing people to the site because of the dynamic and exciting environment we have built.

In this day and age it is commonplace for people to research organizations, compare alternatives and come armed with information before they will try anything. Put yourself in their shoes and ask – if I wanted to find out about a Club – where would I go? We owe it to our long-term future to build our club website and get it out in the public eye.

As a bonus, our new website will provide more interactive and up-to-date information with key documents and photos. We will also be able to accept donations, re-new memberships, sell club items and event tickets easily and securely. **The Paypal functions are still being set up and tested at this time, so please use our mailing address for any donations or payments: P.O. Box 8693, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71910.**

Stay tuned and keep an eye on your email for the launch of the new site. As always, we welcome your input on ways we can make the site a useful tool for you and the Democratic Club's success.

Thank you for your patience!

Join us for a Candidate Q & A with U S Congressional Candidates: State Senator Joyce Elliott and William Hanson. Hanson is running against incumbent Bruce Westerman. Sen. Elliott's opponent is French Hill. They will be our special guests for our July 24th quarterly meeting. Although we won't be seeing them in our usual setting (i.e., the Coronado Center), a recorded interview will be available to members. Both will be asked questions that you, our members, have sent to us following the recent e-blast requesting your input. Watch your email for more information on how and when the interview will be available for watching on our website at www.hsvdemocrats.com and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/819951531717355.

As a reminder, Mr. Hanson is running in Congressional District 4, which includes Garland County. Sen. Elliott represents District 31 in the State Senate and is running for Congress in Congressional District 2, which includes Saline County. We are looking forward to talking with them and sharing those interviews with you.



William Hanson



Senator Joyce Elliott

In Memoriam - Mary Catharine Zahrt Adams



A cherished friend to many and a passionate Democrat, Mary was born July 8, 1946, in Dayton, Ohio, and left us suddenly on June 14, 2020. We knew her in retirement, when, after her mother, Catharine Zahrt, died in 2015, she turned some of her energies to the Democratic Club of HSV, the Democratic Club's state political action committee and other organizations. She was treasurer of the Democratic Club and its PAC, and, also oversaw the quarterly meetings and memberships for several years. She will be missed.

In her "spare time" from Democratic Club tasks she was serving as the 2020 president of the Hot Springs Village Genealogy Society. She had been working on tracing her ancestors from Germany, having caught that interest from an uncle who was trying to prove his lineage to join the Sons of the American Revolution. He died before finding the link he needed, but she found it in 2004 on a trip with her mother into Pennsylvania.

She joined the Akansa Chapter of the DAR, with the goal of helping others trace and prove their lineage to join DAR. Her sister, Linda Jorgensen, who lived in the Village, had died of cancer. In her honor, Mary participated in HSV Pink Ribbon Sisters. And, for fun, she joined with her Nifty Neighbors group monthly for liver and onions at Tanner's followed by games of dominos.

And, when she was not working on various organization-related tasks, she collected pattern glass, by visiting estate sales in the Village and in the local region. She sold some items at two nearby antique shops.

In her working life, Mary was a licensed dietician for over 20 years, first in New York and later in Texas. After that she worked for almost another 20 years in the field of community health covering a large region of West Texas. During that time, she served on several state level boards.

She was most proud of her advocacy on behalf of individuals with disabilities, especially those who had experienced traumatic brain injury. Some of that work involved traveling with her clients to Austin for them to meet with the governor, agency heads and legislators.

A Requiem Mass was said for her by Father Marcus Emmons at Christ Anglican Church in Hot Springs on Saturday, June 27, and her ashes were interred, joining her sister, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church that afternoon, led by Father Neil Kaminski. Mary was an organist and a member of the Vestry at Christ Anglican and sang in the Choir at Holy Trinity.

She meant a lot to many, and we all will miss her smile, her willing participation in tasks to be done, and, especially, her friendship.

- Nicky Sherman

Sarah Polk's Hickory Nut Cake Recipe

Directions:

- Place egg whites in a small bowl; let stand at room temperature 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 325°. Grease and flour a 10-in. tube pan.
- In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in extracts. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and baking soda; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beating well after each addition.
- Add cream of tartar to egg whites; with clean beaters, beat on high speed until stiff peaks form. Fold into batter with almonds, cashews, pecans and walnuts.
- Transfer to prepared pan. Bake 60-65 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.
- For glaze, in a small bowl, mix confectioners' sugar and enough milk to reach desired consistency. Drizzle over cake and, if desired, sprinkle with additional nuts

Topping:

- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 3 to 4 teaspoons 2% milk

Additional slivered almonds, salted cashews and pecan and walnut halves, toasted, optional. To toast nuts, bake in a shallow pan in a 350° oven for 5-10 minutes or cook in a skillet over low heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.

Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs, separated
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 cup slivered almonds
- 1 cup each chopped cashews, pecans and walnuts



Arkansas Absentee Voting

<https://www.vipvoter.org/>

COVID19 cases are going up in Arkansas. You can help everyone vote safely by requesting your absentee ballot now, and asking your county clerk to please prepare for safe absentee voting this November.

1. Call your county clerk, and ask them to mail you an "absentee ballot request form". It's easy!
Or, you can download the Absentee Ballot Application (aka "request form") and print out your own copy. Here is the link: www.sos.arkansas.gov/uploads/elections/Absentee_Ballot_Application.pdf
2. Complete the form thoroughly. Print in black ink, clearly and neatly.
If you're voting absentee due to COVID19, just check off because "I will be unavoidably absent from my polling location." Under 'I Request the Appropriate Ballot for the Following Elections', check the option for "General Election/Nonpartisan Runoff & General Election Runoff"
3. Drop off or mail to your County/Circuit Clerk's office; OR, take a picture of your completed form and fax or email it.
4. Find your County/Circuit Clerk's address/email/fax here: https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/uploads/elections/county_clerks_for_website.pdf
5. Look for your 2020 Election Ballot in your mailbox in October!

What's the Difference Between Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail?

Short answer is, not much. Both are ways for a voter to receive a ballot in the mail or pick it up and take it home. Some states mail ballots to every registered voter for each election. Some states require voters to apply for a ballot and have an excuse to vote absentee. Some states have no excuse absentee voting and any eligible voter may request a ballot by mail. Some states pay the return postage for mailed ballots and have secure drop off locations for returning voted ballots. Absentee voting is not new. It's been used for decades by the US armed services, overseas citizens, and others unable to get to a voting location. Currently in Arkansas, there are three different ways to vote:

Election Day Voting

In person at an assigned voting location or a vote center only on Election Day.

Early Voting

In person at an early voting location for up to two weeks before

Absentee Voting

Not in person by submitting an absentee ballot request form to the county clerk. The actual ballot can be mailed or picked up. Printed absentee ballots are available no later than 47 days before Election Day.

Arkansas requires the voter provide an excuse to vote absentee, and currently Arkansas does not pay for return postage. **There are deadlines to submit an absentee ballot application**, too. The clerk

must receive mailed applications seven days before the election; hand delivered applications must be received the day before Election Day. For more detailed information about receiving an absentee ballot and returning it, follow this link: <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/voter-information/absentee-voting>

ARKANSAS APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT
(Revised 07/17)

IF YOU PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM, YOU MAY BE GUILTY OF PERJURY AND SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO 10 YEARS.

TO COUNTY CLERK: _____ DATE: _____

I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BECAUSE [CHECK ONE]:

I will be unavoidably absent from my polling site on Election Day, OR

I will be unable to attend the polls on Election Day because of illness or physical disability, OR

I reside in a long-term care or residential facility licensed by the state.

I RESIDE [CHECK ONE]:

within the county in which I am registered to vote.

outside the county in which I am registered to vote.

I am a member of the merchant marine or uniformed services of the United States on active duty or service (UOCAVA).

I am a United States citizen residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and the District of Columbia (UOCAVA).

I am a spouse or dependent of a member of the merchant marine or uniformed services of the United States who will be absent from the place where I am qualified to vote because of the member's active duty or service (UOCAVA).

I REQUEST THE APPROPRIATE ABSENTEE BALLOT(S) FOR THE FOLLOWING ELECTIONS:

Nonpartisan General Election only

Preferential Primary/Nonpartisan General & Preferential Primary Runoff

[INDICATE POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE]: _____

General Election/Nonpartisan Runoff & General Election Runoff

Annual School Election and Runoff

Special Election on _____ (Date) and Runoff, if applicable.

All elections for one calendar year. *I am a voter with a disability, in a long-term or residential care facility, or living outside the county.*

[INDICATE POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE]: _____

All Elections through the next Federal General Election cycle. I am a UOCAVA voter.

[INDICATE POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE]: _____

I WILL RECEIVE MY BALLOT BY [CHECK ONE]:

Coming to the office of the county clerk by the time the county clerk's office regularly closes on the day before the election.

Electronic Means* - My email address is: _____ *(Only available for UOCAVA voters)

Mail. I request that you mail my ballot to the following address:

Designated Bearer, Administrator, or Authorized Agent: [PRINTED NAME]

Note: A designated bearer may obtain or deliver absentee ballots for no more than two (2) voters per election and may only do so within the 15 days before a school, special election, preferential primary, or general election or the 7 days before a runoff or general primary election. A bearer, administrator, or agent must provide a current and valid photo ID to the clerk and must sign the register, under oath, when picking up or delivering an absentee ballot.

The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be guilty of perjury and subject to a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or imprisonment for up to ten (10) years, or both under federal laws.

I certify under penalty of perjury that I am registered to vote, and that I am the person who is registered.

Printed or Typed Name of Voter

Signature of Voter

Voting Residence Address of Voter

Date of Birth of the Voter

City or Town, State and Zip Code

Signature of Bearer, Administrator, or Agent (if applicable)

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR COUNTY CLERK.
You may obtain your County Clerk's return address for your Absentee Ballot Application at the following link:
<https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/uploads/elections/countyclerksthewebsite.pdf>

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vote absentee

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Black Lives Matter

Mark Walz, Comment: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

The first principle of my religion is to "Affirm and Promote" the inherent worth and dignity of every person. It hurts us to see it betrayed. Some folks just cannot bring themselves to say, Black Lives Matter. They insist on saying All Lives Matter, or Blue Lives Matter. Of course, all lives should matter, but they don't. Taking off the uniform removes the "blue," but skin tone is forever.

Life is more dangerous and frightening if you are identified as Black. Refusing to acknowledge Black Lives Matter is to willingly ignore the terror of being Black in this culture.

We have created a world where a young Black girl can ask, "do you ever wish your skin was different?" Someone wrote to me saying police killings would not happen if these folks weren't committing crimes.

The "crime" George Floyd died for was attempting to pass a counterfeit \$20 dollar bill. He wasn't a criminal mastermind with counterfeit plates, or we would have heard about it by now.

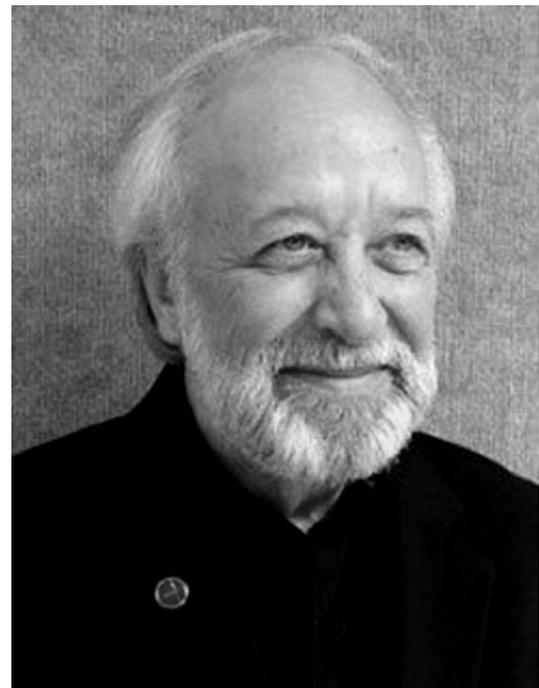
Questions remain. Did George know it was a counterfeit bill? We will never know because he is dead. Did someone give it to him? We will never know because he is dead. The store owner has said that if he'd known the police would kill Mr. Floyd, he never would have called them. Do you have a counterfeit bill in your purse or wallet? How would you know?

Ahmaud Arbery was killed for jogging through a neighborhood after visiting a house under construction. He wasn't carrying anything stolen from the house. Just jogging at night. But he's dead now, too. Jogging while Black. Years ago, my college roommates visited a house under construction and came away with 3 pine planks and several bricks to build a bookcase. Apparently, they weren't seen, and they were white.

Saying All Lives Matter, or Blue Lives Matter, and looking away from the all-pervading problems of deadly bigotry will not restore peace. We condone different levels of respect and freedom every day. Remember when that crazed, old white man stood in a Kalamazoo intersection with a rifle in a standoff with police? He cursed and taunted the police. It took 45 minutes for them to talk him down, disarm him, and take him into custody. The next day they released him and gave him back his rifle. Can you imagine the outcome if he had been Black?

There will be a right side and a wrong side of history. Remember, change is coming.

Mississippi just voted to retire the Confederate symbol from their State Flag. If you struggle to assert that Black Lives Matter, you have work to do. Never was it written that Love of Neighbor came with exceptions. Today, for a better, more equitable future, we need all hearts and all hands, on deck. Black Lives do Matter. Mahalo..



Spiritually Fearless

Rev. Mark Walz, pastor
Unitarian Universalist Village Church

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New HSV Rules for Signs

Tired of seeing Trump signs in the neighbors yard? In the OLD days, the rules were as follows:

According to the POA Protective Covenants (para 12.1.8), Political Signs could be erected 25 days prior to an election.

You were allowed ONE sign per candidate or issue per lot, up to 3 signs total, except for polling places.

The current HSV Board has adopted NEW rules (May 2020) regarding ALL signs as follows:

Paragraph 18 of the Protective Covenants:

Signs. All signs are prohibited in areas zoned upon any recorded subdivision plat as Residential except:

- Signs erected by the POA;
- Signs of a temporary nature advertising property for sale and construction signs ...
- Signs erected by Developer in connection with its sales program.

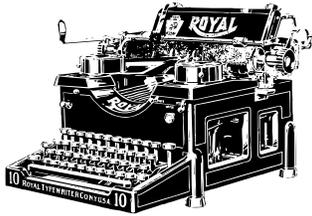
The erection of signs in areas zoned commercial upon any recorded subdivision plat shall require a permit of the A.C.C.

Under the current rules, yard signs are NOT permitted by current Protective Covenants.

If you want to file a complaint about a TRUMP 2020 sign or anything else that might be similar to a sign, please contact the Compliance Division of the Police Department.

This can be done online (POA website), by email Bpate@hsvpoa.org, or by phone 501-922-5562.

Of course, these new rules also mean that we can't put up Democrat candidate signs in HSV either.



Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village Newsletter

Letters to the Editor

Do you have friends who profess disinterest in politics, dismissing the enterprise as dirty or rigged or too discouraging? Historian Jon Meacham, in his terrific and highly readable book "The Soul of a Nation", contests that attitude:

"The battle begins with political engagement itself. Theodore Roosevelt said it best. 'The first duty of an American citizen, then, is that he shall work in politics; his second duty is that he shall do that work in a practical manner; and his third is that it shall be done in accord with the highest principles of honor and justice.'

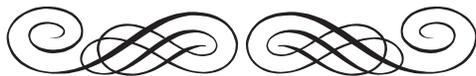
"Those who disdain the arena are unilaterally disarming themselves in the great contests of the soul, for they are cutting themselves off, childishly, from what Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., called the 'passion and action' of the age. Politicians will disappoint; that's inevitable. But they will also, from time to time, thrill. 'Every man who has been in practical politics,' TR remarked, 'grows to realize that politicians, big and little, are no more all of them bad than they are all of them good.' One need not become a candidate (though that's certainly an option worth considering) or a political addict hooked on every twist and every turn and every tweet. But the paying of attention, the expressing of opinion, and the casting of ballots are foundational to living up to the obligations of citizenship in a republic."

Do you have friends who turn to the Bible as the core source of information on women's reproductive rights? Of course you do! Here's a Biblical reference to keep tucked into your own pocket to argue the right of a woman to choose her own fate. This appeared in the Letters to the Editor of the Arkansas Democrat Gazette last year: "No Life Without Breath"

"Mary Ann Vance asked someone to tell her the difference between an aborted fetus and the child born to a woman who then put it into a trash bag and killed it. The King James Bible has an answer: 'God ... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.'

Breath is the difference. If there is no breathing, there is no soul to kill. Life, as an individual, begins with the first breath. In the womb, for starters, no breathing."

E. Coker, Dardanelle



Since the acquittal of Trump, what action do you think that the Democrats should take?

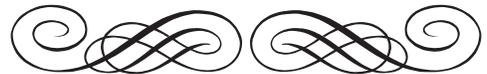
I want the party to focus on what we can do: #1 Work for policies that will help all Americans and quit belittling and casting doubt on those who don't look or act like you. (Did you notice all the Super Bowl commercials that were affirming of diversity!) and #2 Yes, say that we

want a President who promotes working together here and abroad, plus can speak in coherent sentences with knowledge and thought.

I watched PBS where they talked to three presidential historians. Reagan was the first President to offer "showmanship" during the State of Union of address. (Imagine honoring Rush Limbaugh!) They also asked "Was there reason for hope?" One of them pointed to the positive things happening in our communities - outside of Washington. I told my husband Jim that I need to live a long time because I want to see what historians say about Trump in 20 years!

My goal is to offer a calm presence.

L. Castaldi, Hot Springs



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It felt really good to make phone calls. I ended up calling about 14 senators about witnesses. It may have not done that much good but maybe the tally that they make from the phone calls might stick in the back of some of those senators' minds. I just decided I don't like sitting back and complaining and not doing anything. I don't want to get heavily involved with the Democratic Party anymore but there are so many things that we can do from home. I am a true blue Democrat.

When I was involved with the Democrats here in Hot Springs I made about 2000 telephone calls. It was a hard thing to do at first but then after a few calls it became pretty easy. It was fun to educate some people if they were willing to listen. Some of the things I'm thinking about doing: telephoning, in March I think the women's march is going to happen, signing petitions, going back to the Village quarterly meeting especially since Jane is president, donate money, help candidates send out mailings. I don't plan on spending a whole lot of time but I want to do whatever I can do to help me feel better about the situation. I may go to some Hot Springs meetings.

If everybody just did one thing I think we could turn things around. I've been trying to convince my housekeeper to vote and I was explaining to her how voting or not voting affects her life and it surprised me how much more important it is than I had thought about in a long time. Even though I knew they were going to acquit Trump it was such a punch in the stomach to realize what our situation is in this country. I'm just so sad and so fearful for our country. Of course this affects me personally because of my daughter living in New Zealand and not moving back because of the way our country is divided.

C. Harvill, Hot Springs

IN DEO FIDEMUS*

by Michael Dryhurst



A Roman phrase upon which our country was founded, but in looking around, not just here but worldwide, one ponders if our God has forsaken us?

Many a reader thought our April newsletter was full of 'Doom and Gloom', but as we survey that which currently surrounds us, it is perhaps difficult for the optimum optimist to feel anything other than...despair?

The world is engulfed in a pandemic the like of which has never been encountered on this planet, and within the immediate future, there does not appear to be any lessening of its virulence, despite the 'opening-up' of the country, as advocated by the spiteful, vindictive man-boy president and his cohort of myopic sycophantic lemmings, aka the government. One doesn't have to be a Warren Buffet to understand the devastating effect the pandemic is having on the nation's economy, but we face a terrible choice - risk losing more lives, risk greater pressure on the health service and hospitals by opening up or, risk even more layoffs and unemployed, adding to the poverty and misery of our fellow Americans?

Concurrent with the ongoing Covid-19 problem, we are faced with yet another epidemic – the constant and continual plight of racism and attendant police brutality. Surely this issue should be easier to fix than the pandemic, but after nearly 400 years, it is as insoluble today as it was when the first slave ships arrived all those centuries ago. Unfortunately, the history of the United States is founded on violence. One has only to look across the 49th Parallel to see the difference.

When Canada was being opened up, the first inhabitants were the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, so that law and order were established from the get-go, whereas in the U.S., as new territories were created, the law was usually the last to arrive, which led to the 'law' being applied by citizens. Usually violently.

'To Protect and to Serve' is a motto adopted by numerous police departments throughout the country, but to protect and serve whom – police officers or the general public? Our law-enforcement agencies have evolved into paramilitary forces, protected by federations/unions and the masonic-like secrecy of individual officers, accountable to nobody, but where do we start, where can change be effected? Racism is rife and yet one cannot legislate against bigotry, inbred and passed from generation-to-generation. How do we overcome that? By education! But our education system seems to be in as poor a mess as is our law enforcement.

There has to be change! But where is the groundswell to mobilize a population of 300 million-plus to effect such change? How come in countries such as England, Scotland, Wales, and the Republic of Ireland, the police on the street don't carry firearms? Why are we, the United States, the only developed country to retain capital punishment, a fate decreed only by Third World countries?

I do so wish I could end on a happier note. But. Be safe, be healthy, be happy!

Democrats of Hot Springs Village Campaign Headquarters

Currently recruiting volunteers to staff office. Schedule will be set & volunteer staff will be confirmed. If you can work one or several shifts, please email Peg at: chocoltmccoy@gmail.com

September 8 – Nov. 3

Monday – Friday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The site of the office is TBD based on vacant space available owned by longtime supporters of Democratic cause. They prefer to be silent supporters for business purposes.

Campaign signs and campaign materials of local, county regional, state & national candidates will be housed at our office for area residents to come by & pick up.

Early & Election Day voting sites and dates & hours will be available. Duties of office volunteers are simple but very important. To offer positive and professional face to the Village of our Democratic Party & HSVDC.

It's a very pleasant and quiet post. Lots of time to read and use your cell. Any questions volunteer cannot answer, take name & number and we'll have list of persons or agencies to query or for referral. What better year to say, "I did my part. I worked to change the course of history. I'm all in!!!"

Thanks! We can make a difference!

Peg McCoy



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