

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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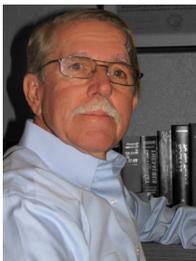
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Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village, serving our community for over twenty years



Headed For the Door... Cya

*From the Pen of the
President, Steve
Rittenmeyer*

Over the past two years I've made a practice at Village Democratic Club meetings of jokingly introducing myself as "Steve Rittenmeyer, still President..." That comes to an end on January 24 with the election of new club officers. So, this article will be one of the last acts of a lame duck.

First, I must say it has been my great honor to have spent the last two years fighting the good fight with so many fine, smart, motivated, happy people. When the political climate in Arkansas and America has been anything that would invoke happiness among Democrats, which makes the happiness of Village Democrats so noteworthy. Perhaps it's the fact that together we put the lie to the idea

that there are no Democrats in Hot Springs Village. We set records for membership growth and fundraising. And for that we have the present occupant of the White House to thank, if we wanted to do such a thing. It was very gratifying to see people's faces light up when they first became aware that Democrats in the Village are alive, well and active in impressive numbers.

In 2018 we fielded one of the best arrays of candidates anyone could imagine from offices in Garland and Saline counties to state and national positions. Unfortunately, most Arkansas voters proved the truth of H.L. Mencken's words when he wrote, "No one ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American public." Still, on a national level we participated and reveled in the Blue Wave that swept through the U.S. House of Representatives and is now holding the occupant of the White House accountable.

In the wake of the solid Red victories back home it would have been easy for, and one might expect, Village Democrats to retreat and pull the covers up over our heads until

things change. But you didn't! In 2019, to borrow a nick name given to Senator Hubert Humphrey, the Village Democratic "happy warriors" continued to sign up and show up in record numbers. Volunteers were numerous and, again we set records with the club "Fun Raiser" to help our candidates and operate the organization. Without such willing participation our club would not be the vibrant association it is. I thank each and every one for any and all the good work.

Before I close, I must recognize the board members and volunteers who, though not board members themselves, continually came to the meetings and happily offered to help and accepted assignments. So to Larry, Bob, Mary, Peggy, Jean, Nicky, Glen, Linda, Nancy, Deb, Lisa, Josie, Ruth, Joe, Jane, Linda, Betty Lou and all those who showed up to lend a hand when needed, thank you.

Finally, the good times will just get better as we elect our new board officers for 2020-2021. I'm sticking around for that. Cya...

100%

*Dedicated to turning
Arkansas blue in 2020*

- 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



**JOIN US FOR A
SALAD POTLUCK
AND A
"HEALTHY" LEAD
IN THE 2020
POLITICAL RACES!**

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Friday, January 24th
at the HSV Coronado Center
Social Hour Begins at 3 p.m.
with **FREE WINE & BEER!**
Meeting Begins at 4 p.m.

Spend An Evening with
John Brummett

Also featured is
David Couch
on his ballot initiative to establish
an independent commission on
redistricting.



**Democratic Club
of Hot Springs
Village**

Quarterly Meeting Agenda:

Veteran journalist John Brummett will be speaking our quarterly meeting of the Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village on Friday, January 24th, 2020 on a range of topics, including his opinions on the U.S. Electoral College. Brummett, a lifelong "newspaper freak", is a native of Little Rock and began his career on his high school newspaper. He started writing professionally as a high school senior, covering high school sports for the old Arkansas Democrat. He went to work as sports editor for the Log Cabin Democrat in Conway and attended UCA before turning to political coverage for the Arkansas Gazette. He is now op-editorial columnist for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

The meeting will be held at the Coronado Center and begins at 3p.m. with a social hour featuring potluck style food and free beer and wine. The program begins at 4 p.m. In addition to Mr. Brummett, David Couch will be reporting to us on his ballot initiative to establish an independent commission for redistricting in Arkansas. Various candidates in local non-partisan judicial contests will be on hand to greet those in attendance.

FOOD DONATION REQUEST

We need a few more food donations for the January 24th quarterly meeting. Several members have already offered to bring food for the Buffet. We still need five (5) salads and eight (8) desserts that would serve 10-12 people. We also need two (2) volunteers to help staff the buffet line. Salad ideas – taco, pasta, Asian, fruit, Romaine.... Dessert ideas – cookies, bars, small candies, panned cakes, nuts....

- Please precut bars and cakes.
- Please **NO** food items that require electricity or assembly.
- Label your containers and serving utensils.

PLEASE contact Nancy Baumgartner with your donation by January 20th via email: nancybaum02@gmail.com, text or phone: 715-671-3019. (Robert VanWormer sometimes shows up as my caller ID.)

Communication is the key to our success. Your volunteerism is what makes our club productive and relevant!

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Your Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village is requesting that a long-standing member of the Club to volunteer as Historian. If you have newspaper articles, photos or even verbal memories that you can put to paper, we need you. The Historian would record our activities and assemble a pictorial and documentary record. Contact Jane Browning via email:

browning.jane54@gmail.com

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Linda Ragsdale

2020 Slate of Candidates

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Redistricting

Everyone hates the gerrymander, a beast named after a salamander-shaped district authorized by Massachusetts Governor Gerry in 1812. Most people agree that voters should choose their politicians, rather than politicians choosing their voters - Kristin Eberhard



"The Gerrymander: a New Species of Monster" Boston Gazette, March 26, 1812, page 2, Library of Congress Newspaper, Serials and Government Publications Division.

Redistricting Definition - Wikipedia

Redistricting is the process of drawing electoral district boundaries in the United States. A congressional act passed in 1967 requires that representatives be elected from single-member districts, except when a state has a single representative, in which case one statewide at-large election will be held.

Who is in charge of redistricting?

State legislators and governors re-draw the boundaries of the US House districts, although Congress has the right to regulate and modify state plans.

Is redistricting in the Constitution?

Article One, Section 2, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution initially provided: ... Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed.

How are districts determined?

The Census Bureau within the United States Department of Commerce conducts a decennial census whose figures are used to determine the number of Representatives that each state sends to Congress, and therefore the number of congressional districts within each state, (decennial – recurring every ten years)

What is gerrymandering in government?

Gerrymandering is a practice intended to establish a political advantage for a particular party or group by manipulating district boundaries. The difference between redistricting and gerrymandering is a matter of intent. Gerrymandering refers to the use of the redistricting process to unfairly disenfranchise specific groups of people.

Support Our Candidates! Democrats Running for Office

Garland County:

U.S. Congress District 04 - **William H. Hanson**
State Representative District 26 - **Joyce Schimenti**
Justice of the Peace District 1 - **Dave Reagan**
Justice of the Peace District 2 - **Thomas J. Anderson**
Justice of the Peace District 3 - **Esther M. Dixon**
Justice of the Peace District 4 - **Larry Williams**
Justice of the Peace District 6 - **Ray Owen, Jr.**
Justice of the Peace District 9 - **Cortney Warwick McKee**
Justice of the Peace District 10 - **Lee Crawford**

Saline County:

U.S. Congress District 02 - **Senator Joyce Elliott**
State Senate District 13 - **Brandon Overly**
State Representative District 31 - **Mazhil Rajendran**
Justice of the Peace District 2 - **Rodney Goshien**
Justice of the Peace District 4 - **April Joy Reisma**
Justice of the Peace District 7 - **Patricia (Pat) Edwards**
Justice of the Peace District 8 - **Sha'Nell Beaugard**
Justice of the Peace District 9 - **Fanny Neely**
Justice of the Peace District 13 - **Melinda Lou Williams**

VOTE!

A Reminder:

Loyal follower of Donald Trump, Tom Cotton has two opponents on the 2020 ballot against him. Libertarian Ricky Dale Harrington Jr. and Dan Whitfield, progressive running as an independent

(The 2020 Primary Election is March 3rd. If you are not registered to vote, you must register by February 3rd to cast a ballot.)

You can download a voter application here:
<https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/.../ArkansasVoterRegistrationApp...>

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ARKANSAS VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Check all that apply:
 This is a new registration.
 This is a name change.
 This is an address change.
 This is a party change.

Office Use Only

Assigned ID _____

1 Mr./Ms./Miss/Name _____ Jr./Sr./First Name _____ Middle Name _____
 2 Address Where You Live (See Section "C" Below) Apt. or Lot# City/Town _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
 (Rural addresses must draw map.)

3 Address Where You Receive Mail If Different From Above Apt. or Lot# City/Town _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

4 Date of Birth _____ 5 Home & Work Phone Numbers (Optional) _____ 6 Party Affiliation (Optional) _____

7 E-mail Address (Optional) _____ 8 Have you ever voted in a federal election in this State? Yes No

Signature of elector - Please sign full name or put mark. _____

9 ID Number - Check the appropriate box and provide the appropriate number:
 Arkansas Driver's License number _____
 If you do not have a driver's license provide the last 4 digits of social security number _____
 I have neither a driver's license nor social security number _____

10 Are you a citizen of the United States of America and an Arkansas resident?
 Yes No
 (a) Are you 18 years of age or older on or before election day?
 Yes No
 (b) Are you presently adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction?
 Yes No
 (c) Have you ever been convicted of a felony without your sentence having been discharged or pardoned?
 Yes No
 If you checked Yes in response to either questions A or B, do not complete this form.

11 The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I do not state the right to vote in another county or state. If I have provided false information, I may be subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 30 years under state and federal laws.
 Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Phone# _____

Please complete the sections below if:
 • You were previously registered in another county or state, or
 • You wish to change the name or address on your current registration.

MAIL REGISTRANTS: PLEASE SEE SECTION D.
 Agency Code (For Official Use Only) _____

Date of Birth _____

A Previous Last Name _____ Jr./Sr./First Name _____ Middle Name _____

B Previous House Number and Street Name _____ Apt. or Lot# City/Town _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

If you live in a rural area but do not have a house or street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

C Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest where you live.
 Draw an "X" to show where you live.
 Use an dot to show any school, churches, stores or other landmarks near where you live and write the name of the landmark.

Example: Grocery Store, Woodchuck Road, Public School. NORTH ↑

D IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
 IMPORTANT: Applicants will be required to verify their registration when voting in person or by absentee ballot by providing a required document or identification card as provided in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, Section 13. If your voter registration application form is submitted by mail and you are registering for the first time, and you do not have a valid Arkansas driver's license number or social security number in order to avoid the additional identification requirements upon voting for the first time you must submit with the mailed registration form: (a) a current and valid photo identification; or (b) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.



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Supporting Each Other



This election year we will be introducing 2020 Saline Co Democratic candidates. Don't miss your chance to meet our first candidate at our monthly meeting this Tuesday. Brandon Overly is running for State Senate District 13 covering portions of Garland, Hot Spring, Grant and Saline County. Let's help him defeat Alan Clark.

Where: Democratic Party of Saline County Headquarters
 101 S Market St., Benton, AR 72015
 When: Tuesday, Jan 14 at 6:30 p.m.

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www.hsvdemocrats.com



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Mark your Calendar!

Hot Springs Village Celebration Kickoff

Come by and visit with us!

January 28th - 3 p.m.- 6 p.m.



As many of you may know, The Village is **50 years old!** The HSV POA has organized several events and ad campaigns to honor this milestone. Our Democratic Club of HSV has jumped onboard this celebration.

The **HSV POA** in partnership with the **Hot Springs Village Voice** are publishing a keepsake-edition magazine that will include a perforated cardstock pull-out calendar of all local 2020 events. The Democratic Club's 2020 calendar of events will be included. Eleven thousand copies will be printed and five thousand copies of the calendar will be inserted in an upcoming issue of the Village Voice. Remaining copies will be distributed in various ways.

On January 28th, The Democratic Club is participating in the **Hot Springs Village 50th Anniversary Kickoff Open House**. There will be 50th Anniversary merchandise for sale along with refreshments and prizes. In addition, there will be booths representing a variety of businesses, non-profit groups, and local support organizations. Be sure to visit our booth that will be staffed with energetic club members ready to sign up new members, and sell T-shirts. MOST important, we will be there to make our presence known and share our 2020 schedule of events.



Arkansas Federation of Democratic Women

Action Alert

From NFDW President Cindy Jenks December 22, 2019

"It is with great disappointment and concern that I am reaching out to our NFDW members and supporters to inform you about the lawsuit that has been filed to prevent the 38th State from ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment. The states of Alabama, Louisiana and South Dakota have filed in federal court to preempt a 38th State from ratifying the ERA," said NFDW President Cindy Jenks.

The issue of the ERA being decided by a court has been looming ever since the renewed interest to ratify began in recent years. Opponents of the ERA are claiming that the time for passage has expired. Supporters of the ERA are claiming the Madison Amendment, which led to the passage of the 27th Amendment more than 200 years later, as the precedent for now passing the ERA.

"We must ramp up our efforts to call all members of Congress and the U.S. Senate to sign and pass H.J. Res 79, Congresswoman Jackie Speier's legislation to remove the deadline for ratification of the ERA, and Senator Ben Cardin's S.J. Res 5, which also removes the deadline for passing the ERA. We must continue the fight for the equality," said Jenks.

From the Associated Press:

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Alabama comes in response to a renewed push to get the required 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, which would ban discrimination on the basis of sex. The lawsuit notes that Congress set a 1982 deadline to get the required 38 states to agree and seeks to prevent David Ferriero, the archivist of the United States, from accepting a new ratification from a state.

"The people had seven years to consider the ERA, and they rejected it. To sneak it into the Constitution through this illegal process

would undermine the very basis for our constitutional order," Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said in a statement announcing the lawsuit.

Marshall said Alabama, Louisiana and South Dakota are committed to equality but contended the "ERA would not promote true equality, but rather a far-left agenda." He argued the amendment could be used to strike down abortion restrictions or require boys and girls to compete against each other in sports.

The Republican Alabama attorney general also noted that five states that previously ratified the amendment later moved to rescind their support.

The amendment, submitted to the states in the early 1970s, would ban any discrimination based on sex. It fell short of the required 38 states needed to make it the 28th amendment to the Constitution. There is an effort in Congress to try to remove the 1982 deadline. The ERA Coalition, a group working for the ratification of the amendment, criticized the lawsuit as a "disgraceful exercise in fear mongering."

"The filing of a lawsuit by Alabama's Attorney-General to stop the Equal Rights Amendment is a shameful effort to keep women from gaining Constitutional equality," the organization said. "Alabama has filed this lawsuit to thwart the democratic process, and the will of the overwhelming majority of Americans to enshrine the fundamental right to sex equality in our Constitution. The Attorney General of Alabama has done a disservice to women, including the women of Alabama." Virginia is among the states considering ERA ratification. Charlotte Gomer, press secretary for Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, said their office will examine the suit to see if they need to get involved.

"It is absolutely ridiculous that in 2019 states would preemptively sue to block equality from being enshrined in the Constitution. When Virginia ratifies the ERA in the upcoming legislative session Attorney General Herring is prepared to take any steps necessary to ensure it is added to the Constitution, as it should be," Gomer wrote in an email.

Additional note: NFDW will conduct Women in Blue in Washington, DC March 25 and 26, 2020. We will gather for discussions on the evening of March 25 and then visit with members of Congress on March 26. See NFDW's website for more details: www.nfdw.com.

Climate Emergency and Future Extinction

Blue Plate Special Nov 2019

Village resident and oceanographer Peter Trabant PhD gave a presentation and discussion on our Climate Emergency and Future Extinction to the Blue-Plate Luncheon in November. His presentation opened with Albert Einstein's statement that "Compound interest is the most powerful force in the Universe". As compounding growth is at the root of overpopulation, resource depletion and carbon pollution of the atmosphere causing global warming. However, as carbon emissions warm oceans and air it is the herbicides, pesticides and petroleum chemical derivatives including plastics that are leading towards extinction.

Earth's sixth major such event over the past billion years as we eliminate entire layers of our food chain including the bees that pollinate crop plants without which they

cannot grow. At eight billion human beings we require two entire earths to live at a sustainable level along with our menagerie of 1.5 billion heads of cattle and 780 million pigs. We have eradicated 40% of the 10 quintillion insects in just the past 50-years.

Mankind's dilemma with the issue of global warming and his demise at his own hands, is that no one is willing to reduce their standard of living, at least willingly, if it means that their neighbors do not do the same thing. This applies equally to nations as if one nation reduces its use of fossil fuels it becomes vulnerable to attack by those who don't. It is an intractable situation we must live with for what time we have left.

On a hopeful note, the meeting ended with a discussion of ideas about what we can do in the Village to reduce, reuse and recycle.



Blue Plate Special

A Blue Plate Special on the topic of race relations is being organized for February, with time and place to be announced.

If you are interested in attending, contact browning.jane54@gmail.com to get on the list.



Lifetime Members 2020

Lucy Ainge
Earl & Suze Babbie
Colleen Boardman
Thomas Boardman
Bob & Mary Christians
Lee & Celestee Crawford
Glenn & Molly Crawshaw

Kay Croshaw
Bob & Carole Dubbelde
Ralph & Carol Hammer
Charles & Sue Hood
Jack & Lucia Iafate
Hank & Mary Ann Jarvis
Shirley Koonce

Meg Koziar
Ron & Cindy Nance
Glen & Linda Rider
Steve & Mary Ann Rittenmeyer
George Tatum & Nell Brewer
Tom & Brenda Tirrell

Ingredients:

- 1 pound penne pasta
- 1 cup 2-percent or skim milk
- 1 pound shredded cheddar cheese (or a mixture of your favorite melting cheeses)
- 1/2 head cauliflower, cut into florets
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs

Michelle Obama's Cauliflower Mac and Cheese

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Bring salted water to a boil and cook the pasta until al dente.

Steam the cauliflower until soft, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a blender along with a few tablespoons of the steaming liquid. Puree the cauliflower, adding more steaming liquid to thin the puree if necessary.

In a medium size casserole dish, combine the pasta and hot cauliflower puree. Add the milk, both cheeses, parsley, and season with salt and pepper to taste.

In a small bowl, mix the butter and breadcrumbs with your fingers until it resembles damp sand. Sprinkle across the top of the pasta mixture, then place the dish in the oven for about 20 minutes until the top is crispy and the sauce is bubbling.

Makes 4-6 servings.

Tip: To ensure a crunchy crust, sprinkled some buttered bread crumbs across the top and popped the dish in the oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Meet Bob Dubbelde! DID YOU KNOW?

By Nancy Baumgartner

Bob Dubbelde became a member of the HSV Democratic Club sixteen years ago when the club had only fifty members. He served as Vice President under 4 Club Presidents. Bob recalled how many of the state Democratic representatives were guest speakers at the HSV Democratic Club quarterly meetings. Arkansas was a BLUE state with 3 Democratic Representatives and 2 Democratic Senators. In 2020, Bob will step down as Vice President. He is and will always be a loyal Club member and intends to remain active.

Bob Dubbelde is passionate about politics. Bob was raised on a farm in South Dakota. His first memory of a presidential race was in 1952 when Dwight D Eisenhower ran for president against Adlai Stevenson. Bob was infatuated with the "I LIKE IKE" campaign slogan. Bob's favorite US President is Franklin D Roosevelt. Bob believes the New Deal and the Fireside Chats was FDR's greatest contribution to our country for the recovery from the Great Depression. In 1963 he was a Goldwater fan and had the privilege of meeting Mr. Goldwater. In 1984, Bob was at a business conference. He watched the Reagan/Mondale first debate on TV. It was during this debate when President Reagan appeared confused and was not able to answer questions appropriately. Bob knew, "without any doubt", that the President was not fit for duty due to Alzheimer's disease and he could not understand how the Republican Party could stand behind someone with diminished capacity. Bob's first thought was

"We are in trouble"! That is when he became a Democrat.

It became very clear while interviewing Bob that family comes first and he is proud that his children and grandchildren are politically inclined and have carried on the family tradition of political awareness and activism. He was proud to remark that his 4 grandkids are Democrats. Bob shared a story about his grandson, Ashton. When Ashton was 15 years old, Mitt Romney was running for President. There was a story circulating that in 1983 Mr. Romney was taking a family vacation on a 12-hour road trip. The vehicle was packed with suitcases and humans. The dog was loaded on top of the car in a carrier. At some point, the dog got carsick and the sickness started dripping down the back window. Romney pulled into a gas station, hosed down the dog and the car, and then got back on the highway. Needless to say, this didn't sit well with the public. Ashton was appalled by this incident and he informed his maternal Granddad, a Republican, that any person who power washes his dog is NOT good enough to be President. Out of the mouths of babes!!!

Speaking with Bob was delightful and informative. He is quite the storyteller and he clearly enjoys talking about politics at every level. One interesting topic was Senator Tom Cotton's "real" address. After high school, Mr. Cotton headed to college in another state. After college he served in the military out of state and overseas. After serving in the military he returned to his family farm in

Arkansas and soon ran for political office. Once in office he moved to Washington D.C. Bob's concern is Mr. Cotton's knowledge and loyalty for a state that he has not lived in since he was in high school. And most of his campaign contributions come from out of state interests. Bob feels strongly that Senator Cotton is NOT an Arkansan and only has political ambition for being in Washington DC.

We ended the interview with a hypothetical question. "If he had \$30,000 to donate to the Democratic Party how would he want it used?" Bob is disappointed with the Democratic National Chairman Tom Perez. Bob has written him 7 letters and has not received any response to any of the letters. Bob has written many letters to many political individuals over the years – Perez is the only person who has not taken the time to respond. Bob has several concerns about the lack of a strong and specified Democratic National Platform. He is concerned about Perez's ethics. He is concerned that the party is not focused beyond "Beating Trump". He is concerned... So, he would want his money going to the candidate(s) that commit to the core values that protect social programs and address the specific needs of our citizens and our environment. He wants to support a candidate who would fight against racial inequality and the lack of democratic education and values. He wants Democrats to continue to support and strive for Liberty, Equality, and Justice for all.



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Don and the Giant IMPEACH*

Contributed by Michael Dryhurst

Impeach: Verb; accuse, esp. of treason, etc; call into question; disparage (Oxford English Dictionary)

Impeach:

1. Accuse (a public official) of misconduct.
2. Discredit; disparage. Note that impeach means accuse, not to remove from office. (The New American Webster Handy College Dictionary)

Back in 1973, I was working at Warner Bros. and living in Hollywood. Every evening after leaving the studios, it was a zip over the hill to my home. I would turn on PBS to watch that evening's gavel-to-gavel coverage of testimony given to the Select Committee on the Presidential Campaign Activities, aka the Senate Watergate Committee, headed by Senator Sam Ervin, on the impeachment of Richard Milhouse Nixon.

It was no less riveting than the current situation except for one big difference. There wasn't the division in partisanship which demeans today's inquiry. There were three (3) Republicans on that 1973 committee. Senator Howard Baker of TN was the ranking member who was

supported by Senator Edward Gurney of FL and Senator Lowell Weicker of CT. Those Republicans weren't sycophantic myopic ostriches swayed by a manic idolization of an impetuous authoritarian bullying lamebrain bankrupted so-called businessman who doesn't even begin to understand the courtesy of governing or of being presidential. Senators Baker, Gurney and Weicker were open to the facts that were revealed continually, and to the damning testimony of the president's special counsel, Republican John Dean III. John Dean was not a Judas, he was not blinded by party politics and he was not blinded by obsequiousness. He was under oath to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. He was not prevented from doing so by an embattled president. He paid for his honesty with jail time and served his nation well.

Today, if only the likes of Republican Representative Jim Jordan, Senator Mitch McConnell and Representative Devin Nunes and others of the red states weren't so blinded. And, as for the so-called testimony of Ambassador Jordan Sondland, I'd say it was summed up years ago by Macbeth – "tis a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying... nothing". How can today's Republican legislators turn a deaf ear to the testimony of Fiona Hill, especially when the lady lucidly and clearly said which country interfered in our 2016 election? It was the Russians!!!!

How can their eyes be opened to the truth? The Cheeseburger Hamlet emperor has no clothes? As a nation we are blighted by the most evil, insidious and mendacious president in the history of our country. As he struts upon the stages of party rallies, the frenzied glorification of his adherents remind one creepily of the rallies staged at Nuremberg in Nazi Germany, which was captured on film so chillingly by the brilliant and morally corrupt, vacant politically misguided Leni Riefenstahl. Her film Triumph of the Will was possibly the most powerful propaganda movie ever made. It was also the most chilling and the most frightening. Equally terrifying is the blind narrowminded hysteria of Trump's supporters.

The demi-god must be dethroned. As I see it, the only way is by EVERY Democrat voting in the forthcoming November election. Paraphrasing

England's King Henry II..."will no one rid me of this turbulent president?" And, as was said so eloquently by John Dean back in 1973..."there is a cancer growing on the presidency and if the cancer is not removed the president himself will be killed by it," Unfortunately for the American people, that cancer has proved not to be benign but malignant. We don't want this evil to be eradicated by a Lee Harvey Oswald or a John Hinckley. We want it to be the will of the American people. We must vote in November 2020. Keep in mind if by some impeachment miracle Tweeting Trump is removed - we get Mike Pence. Talk about "out of the frying pan and into the fire..."

As one who worked in the movie industry for 50+years it follows that I'm also a huge movie buff. When watching movies, I bore my long-suffering wife Karen with dialogue before it's uttered on screen. In my opinion, there is one such movie speech germane to ousting from the presidency of Donald J Trump. In the 1961 version of The Magnificent Seven, the elderly villager says to his neighbors "Fight! You must fight! Or die ..."

The Republicans have one decisive advantage over the Democrats. For the 2020 election they have only one nominee. Ugh! However, we Democrats still have 12 candidates hoping to be the anointed one. How can an undecided swing voter be persuaded to give their vote to a party which can't decide or make up its mind on one candidate who can trump the Trump? As a party we must do better. I believe we should quickly reduce the number of nominees to 5! Does anyone at DNC headquarters listen to grassroots Democrats such as those of us in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas?

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- President John F. Kennedy while a United States Senator in 1957



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