



# UNITY & COMMUNITY

## THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2021



## Moving Forward

*From the pen of the president,*

*Jane Browning*

We in the Village are mostly retired, but the world hurtles on at a tremendous pace. I for one am thankful we have a man of courage, wisdom and experience in the White House. Despite earth-shattering distractions all over the globe, he remains focused on transforming America to meet the future – to assure there is a future!

To that end, I am heartened by the international Youth Summit on Climate, teens and 200something assembling from Pakistan, Mozambique, Norway, and more to call upon world leaders to act boldly and urgently instead of wasting their time just talking: “Blah blah blah, blah blah blah” in the words of the great Greta Thurnburg. I also applaud the Nobel Committee for rewarding journalists speaking truth to power at risk of their lives, and scientists who have laid the groundwork for modelling climate change.

In Arkansas, I celebrate a roster of truly excellent candidates running for office as Democrats up and down the ticket. Several of these brave men and woman will come visit the Hot Springs Village Democrats on Friday, October 22 at 3:00 p.m. at our Oktoberfest. We will be partying in the Lake Balboa Pavilion. Each candidate will host a table and welcome our members as they transition from table to table “speed dating” style. Among those you’ll get to meet are Grant Tenille, the new state party

chair, and gubernatorial candidate Chris Jones; Lieutenant Governor candidate Kelly Krout; Natalie James, U.S. Senate candidate; Josh Price, candidate for Secretary of State; and Jessie Gibson, candidate for Attorney General. Of course, there will be free brats and beer! Please register on our website so we can plan on having enough to eat. Clampit’s will be catering a full spread.

If you seek entertainment, arrive at 2 p.m. to witness the Halloween Pooch Parade. Categories of entrants are Political Animals, Team Mascots, and Traditional Spooky Halloween costumes. We’ll have judges and prizes. If you want to enter your pup in the fun, register on the website: \$15 for the first entry, \$10 for a second pooch. The parade will begin in the Lake Balboa parking lot and end in the Pavilion for the award of prizes.

Not so much fun is the Arkansas legislature, which shows every sign of rushing recklessly to the Right and taking down the pillars of the US. Constitution as they go. The only solution to the Republican Super Majority is to follow the Stacy Abrams model from Georgia and register new voters. The HSV Democrats are posting information and guidelines on the website to help us all do our part.

Kudos to Gary Clingman who has taken on leadership of our fledgling Governmental Affairs Committee. If you want to get involved, let me know and we will welcome you as a committee member and help you pick the tasks you wish to tackle.

Hope to see you all at the Oktoberfest!

Yours truly,

*Jane Browning*

President, Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village

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**Friday, October 22 at at Balboa Pavilion**

Celebrate Oktoberfest with brats, pulled pork and coleslaw from **Clampit's Country Kitchen**.

(There will be a vegetarian option as well)

Dessert will be provided by **Sweet Mary's Delites**

Musical Entertainment will be provided by **Rick McKean**

As always, there will be beer and wine too!

It's **FREE**, but you need to sign up on the website so we can get a head count for the caterer.

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PARADE**

*Dress your pet in its best  
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and join the fun!*

**2 p.m. - Friday, October 22 at at Balboa Pavilion**

Dress up your doggies and bring 'em to the Balboa Pavilion for a costume contest and parade.

The categories will be traditional Halloween, political, school mascots, and funniest, and there will be PRIZES!

**REGISTER YOUR FUR BABIES TODAY** and pay online at [www.hsvdemocrats.com](http://www.hsvdemocrats.com)

or send the form and a check to Mary Eliades, 10 Invadir Circle, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909.

Registration Fee: \$15 for your first fur baby, and \$10 for additional pet.



Meet some of our Democratic candidates and leaders at this year's

# Oktoberfest



**Dr Anthony Bland**

Candidate for Governor of Arkansas  
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**Grant Tennille**

Newly-Elected Arkansas Democratic Party Chair  
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# Blue Plate Special



In the fall of 2019, the Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village initiated a series of “Blue Plate Specials,” lunch hour discussion groups held at local restaurants. We had covered the topics of gun violence, immigration and climate change when Covid put an end to our in-person luncheons. Last month, I re-started the discussion group via Zoom in a lively question and answer meeting with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Chris Jones.

We would like your advice as we go forward with this valuable means of airing our opinions and learning valuable new information about issues of importance to us. First, are you ready to start meeting in-person? Second, what is the topic you would most like for us to address in our next discussion?

**Thank you for your help in restoring the Blue Plate Specials!!**

- Jane Browning, President

## Hot Springs Village **COMMUNITY FAIR**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Wednesday ~ October 20th ~ 12-3pm  
Woodlands Auditorium parking area**

**SHOWCASING CLUBS, CHURCHES,  
ORGANIZATIONS & LEAGUES IN HSV**

The Democratic Club is happy to announce that they are participating in the Community Fair of Hot Springs Village October 20, 2021 from 12 - 3pm.

The fair will be held in the parking lot of Ponce de Leon Center. The Community Fair is an opportunity for property owners and visitors to gather information and hear about various activities and the organizations that serve Hot Springs Village. Gary Clingman and Linda McAteer will staff the booth.

**Stop by to say Hello!**

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**1** Text “resist” to 50409

**2** Our little chatbot will respond

**3** Send a quick unique message to your senators, congress person, governor, and more!

**4** Resistbot will deliver it in 2 minutes or less, and send you a confirmation text!

Resistbot does not tell you what to write, but you can ask it for help by entering the word topic. Resistbot will then suggest current issues. Congressional staffers say that form letters (and petitions) are usually treated less seriously as they take very little effort and don't show deep involvement on an issue, so Resistbot suggests that you don't use scripts.

Like many people, I don't have the time to stay on top of every issue that is important to me. I depend on sources like Indivisible, 5 Calls, PAGE, and, of course, Democrats Abroad to keep me informed about current issues and pending congressional actions. I usually take a script that they offer on an issue, quickly re-write it in my own words, and enter that as my message in Resistbot.

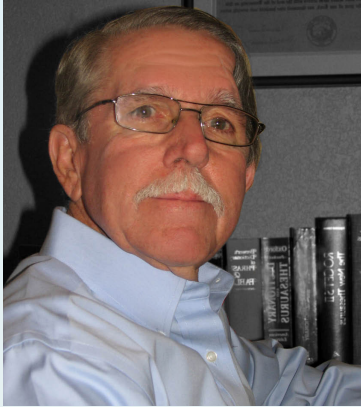
I happen to vote in a very blue state, and all three of my Congresspeople are Democrats. We are not always in agreement. When I feel strongly about an issue or an upcoming piece of legislation, I request them to take specific action. Importantly, I also use Resistbot to thank them when they sponsor a bill that I agree with, or when they vote in a way that I want.



# HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE POA

## Governmental Affairs Committee Report\*

\*HSV Democratic Club past president, Steve Rittenmeyer, has volunteered to attend the monthly meetings of the Hot Springs Village POA Governmental Affairs Committee and report back to the Democratic Club Board and membership on matters affecting Hot Springs Village. This is his first report.



Right now I'm somewhat unsettled on how to go about reporting the activities of the POA Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC), so this is a work in progress. Most Villagers know very little about the GAC. So, I guess, the best place to begin is with the committee charge that appears on the POA website. It reads:

*"The Governmental Affairs Committee advises and assists the POA Board in enhancing Village relationships with area, local, state, and federal government agencies, elected officials and abutting school districts."*

The committee has eleven members appointed to staggered three year terms. Presently, the committee is chaired by Greg Jones. The staff member is interim GM John Paul and the board member is POA board chair Joanie Corry.

### September 3, 2021

My first venture was the September 3, 2021 meeting convened by vice chair, Bob Pettey. I was unacquainted with most of the members, so I'm feeling my way at this point.

Guest speaker - Keith Keck for the Future Revenue Analysis Task Force. Pettey introduced the guest Speaker, POAGAC member and Future Revenue

Analysis Task Force (FRATF) member, Keith Keck., who then presented a detailed description of the work of the FRATF, citing data and statistics of the efforts of the task force. POA chair Corry praised Keck and the FRATF and supported their work as the most complete examination of Village revenue and financial obligations, both past and future, ever done an evaluation taken to task by member Sam Sacco, who warned that the POA board is laboring in an atmosphere of community mistrust and may be headed to defeat with the proposed assessment increase. Both Keck and Corry defended the present board as new and devoted to doing the right thing to advance the interests of the Village as a whole.

### **Interim POA manager John Paul highlighted the following:**

- Staffing challenges. Lost 6 police officers and a recreation staff in quarantine.
- Gate improvements at Balboa, Glazy Peau, and Danville to deal with tailgating.
- Culvert repair at the Barcelona/DeSoto intersection, then 5 more on Levantino.
- Request from the superintendent of the Fountain Lake School District that drivers avoid the construction area near the school around 8 am and 3 pm.

### **State Representative - Richard McGrew highlighted:**

- Possible district change with redistricting. Any changes remain to be seen.
- Problems with the "left and right" in the legislature fighting. He wishes people would come together to do the people's business. Interesting position for one who campaigned on a platform of being "100% conservative."

### October 1, 2021

The second visit was more comfortable than the first. The meeting was convened by chairman Greg Jones, who announced that Sheri Nelson has resigned from the committee because of family matters. Jones then introduced the guest speaker; Saline County Judge Jeff Arey

### **Guest Speaker - Jeff Arey for the Southwest Trail**

Judge Arey presented an extended, multi-media description of the proposed 60-mile, multi-use trail linking historic sites in Pulaski, Saline and Garland counties. ( Little Rock Central High, the Old Saline River Bridge and Hot Springs National Park), a trail for biking, hiking, walking and as an "alternative transportation route." Following Judge Arey's presentation, GAC member Keith Keck stated that any connection to the Village will be at least, ten years in the future, and that a large gap exists between the Village and one trail terminus in downtown Hot Springs.

### **Interim GM John Paul for Joanie Corry, brought the following to the committee's attention:**

- Assessment campaign is kicking off. Budgets are being built in two formats, one with the assessment increase, one without.
- Again, the POA is working steadily to improve security with gate enhancements.

The POA board is fashioning a policy that will guarantee assessment monies go to the stated purpose, and that a supermajority of any future board will be needed to redirect said monies.

### **Saline County Quorum Court Member Keith Keck on broadband**

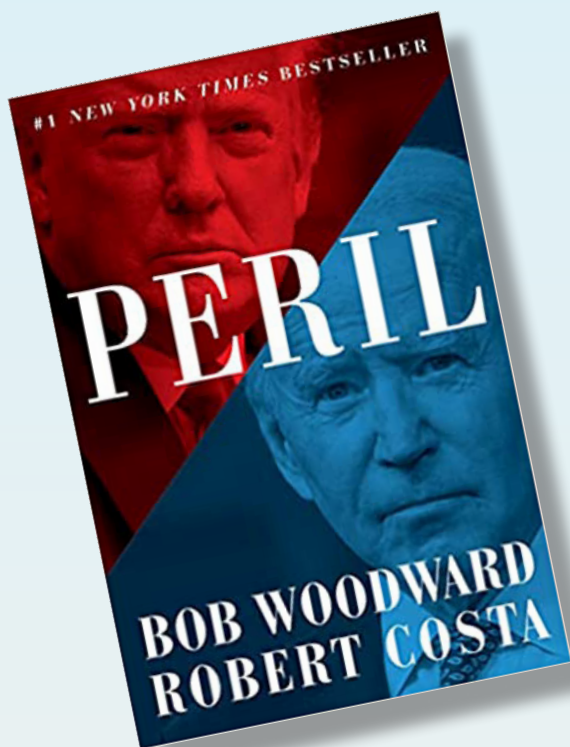
- According to Keck, First Electric is moving "very fast" with installation of broadband in Saline County, perhaps too fast for the Village to accommodate. The utility wishes to begin boring for installation. However, the Village has neither the personnel nor the money to move other utilities and fix any damage.
- Chairman Jones added that at the present time First Electric is the only utility working with the Villag, which will leave the Garland County area of the Village unaddressed, as Entergy, Suddenlink and AT&T have expressed no desire to work with the Village.
- In the four county Metro Planning group (Faulkner, Pulaski, Lonoke, Saline) all the county judges and all the mayors signed a resolution to the state legislature asking that the Second District not be broken up in redistricting.

### **Reps from Jessieville and Fountain Lake School Districts**

- Virtual schooling: Both agreed that very little progress was made by students whose parents chose virtual schooling during Covid last year.
- In-person schooling: Both agreed that the districts are experiencing a spike in emotional, mental health and behavior problems since bringing students back to school, especially with young students. The Fountain Lake representative said they have first graders who have never been in a classroom.

# INTERESTING TIMES?

Michael Dryhurst



I have just finished reading the latest Bob Woodward book, 'Peril', co-authored by Robert Costa. It recounts the last weeks of the Trump mal-administration and the first few of the incoming Biden team, and although we have all lived through the events detailed in the book, the back-stories are revealed here as a result of which it makes the read all that much more fascinating.

The media has made much about the revelation that the Joint Chiefs General Milley put in a call to his opposite number in the Peoples Republic of China. However, the book reveals Milley's rationale in making the call, all of which in retrospect makes sense. Did the General usurp the authority of the-then President? Given the circumstances of Trump's demeanor post-election, one feels any cogent person would have taken exactly the same course as did Milley.

In some ways I found the book depressing. President Biden presented on 14th January last his administration's agenda and his goals, including his plans to tackle the lack of investment in the country's infrastructure. Immediately there were cries of 'Whoa! Way too expensive!!' Well, given the fact that numerous previous administrations turned a blind eye to the crumbling infrastructure, of course it's going to cost. After all, ignoring for any length of time that warning light on the dashboard means the cost of the repair is going to be greater, right? One doesn't have to be an Einstein to understand that? But here we are, some nine months later and the Bill is no further forward, due to a couple of idealistic myopic Democrat senators and of course, the whole of the GOP senate. And what is so frustrating is that the greater amount of the American public wants to see the Bill passed and to benefit from its scope. Politics? A pox on the GOP house! Wasn't it Winston Churchill who said words to the effect "...Democracy is a very bad form of government. But then, all the others are so much worse." Amen to that? I pray that in the

immediate future good sense will prevail and the needs of the American public will be put before party politics and the Bill will become law. Don't they have potholed roads, crumbling bridges and dodgy water in red states? Just take a ride from here to Hot Springs and by the time you arrive, the springs of your car will be hot, from potholes and ruts in the pavement. Eh, isn't Arkansas a red state? Hmm... A peculiar characteristic of all politicians irrespective of party affiliation is selective memory loss. Once elected, they forget who it was who got them there. It was US! The American electorate. As soon as in office We are the masters, they are the servants and they need to bear that in mind... constantly! They are entrusted to vote for the public good, which is also the good of the country.

A little rhyme to loosen-up:

Humpty Trumpty got Covid nineteen, he also got the first vaccine, thus all the GOP horses and all the GOP men knew that Trumpty was perfect again.

Humpty Trumpty lost the vote, knew he had to do something of note, all the GOP horses and all the GOP men knew that Trumpty would save them again.

Humpty Trumpty fueled a huge lie, 'twas as deep as the ocean, as high as the sky, all the GOP horses and all the GOP men knew that Trumpty was truly supporting them.

Humpty Trumpty built a vast wall but Humpty Trumpty had a great fall, all the GOP horses and all the GOP men are trying to put Trumpty together again.

Facile  
Obnoxious  
Xenophobic  
Neo-Fascist  
Egregious  
Wearisome  
Seditious



# No Veto & No Faith In The Legislature: AR Illegal Congressional Maps

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REDISTRICTING

LITTLE ROCK – Despite well-documented reservations and public acknowledgements, Gov. Asa Hutchinson is choosing not to veto new legislation that infringes upon the rights of Arkansans. The governor is instead allowing an illegal redistricting map, predicated on manipulating racial demographics, to become law without his signature.

“The governor’s comments reveal both a lack of faith in the legislation passed and in the Legislature itself. He doesn’t trust his own Republican Party controlled Legislature to receive a veto and then come back with fair maps and laws,” said DPA Chair Grant Tennille.

“The governor knows what we know, that the courts will have to get involved to straighten out this illegal mess, and that the Legislature is failing to be a good faith actor in the redistricting process. The Democratic Party of Arkansas is prepared to fulfill our part in whatever manner is appropriate with all parties involved in the coming legal process to protect Arkansas voters.

“From day one the Democratic Party of Arkansas has been clear that our Congressional maps must be fair and that under no circumstances can we allow lawmakers to blatantly manipulate race as a basis for drawing new district lines. The maps passed in the Legislature are illegal on the surface and those who passed it know it — they were told to their faces multiple times about the impact of their maps, yet chose to ignore them. They won’t be able to ignore the facts in the court of law.”

Gov. Asa Hutchinson’s admission that the redistricting effort is flawed and predicated on premeditated racial divisions, “I am concerned about the impact of the redistricting plan on minority populations,” the governor said during his weekly briefing at the state Capitol. “While the percentage of minority populations for three of the four congressional districts do not differ that much from the current percentages, the removal of minority areas in Pulaski County into two different congressional districts does raise concerns.”

**State Sen. Joyce Elliott (Little Rock)** - “Let’s state the obvious. The way these maps were drawn, by manipulating and abusing communities based on racial demographics, was a choice. 36 redistricting maps were submitted, 11 didn’t split any counties and met all legal criteria for redistricting. We should acknowledge why this was done this way.”

**State Sen. Linda Chesterfield (Little Rock)** - “The people I represent feel that this is a hellish map. It is prejudiced, it is hyper-partisan, and it is petty,” Chesterfield said on the Senate floor.

**State Sen. Clarke Tucker (Little Rock)** - “We are slicing and dicing the minority population in Pulaski County into three different districts. Projects to improve infrastructure, economic development, and quality of life will be harder to accomplish as these communities have their voices diluted and drowned out by being placed into districts with heavily white and rural populations.”

**Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus Chair, State Rep. Monte Hodges (Blytheville)** - “There are people who don’t want to see this for what it is. But I see race, and I see racism, because I see reality. And I see Republicans drawing districts explicitly to weaken minority representation. Any partisan advantage gained by this map is worth little compared to the negative effects this will have on the Black and Latino communities of Pulaski County.”

**House Minority Leader Tippi McCullough (Little Rock)** - “As lawmakers, we ought to listen to people who live in the communities our bills affect. Not once did the Republican members attempt to involve the very communities they are splitting up. This is plain wrong.”

**Nicole Hart, Democratic Party of Arkansas Vice Chair** - “Our Democratic Caucuses repeatedly stood up to defend the voices in Pulaski County and across the state that will be negatively impacted by these maps. Many of those people affected look like me and have lived my experience. I’m proud that this is the party that stands up for our voting rights.”

**Grant Tennille, Democratic Party of Arkansas Chair** - “This failed effort is widely expected to be dealt with swiftly in the courts. It’s a blatant power grab predicated on racial division. Ironically, I believe this will end up hurting the Republican legislators in Pulaski County who voted to divide and weaken their own communities.”

**Representative Andrew Collins** - “Arkansans deserve fair maps from a proficient and impartial process, not bizarre partisan ones that dilute your representation as the party in power tries to run up the score. Here’s hoping this is the last time we do it this way.”

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# SUMMER FUN'RAISER

The July **"SUMMER FUN'RAISER"** hosted by the Democratic Club of HSV was held at the Desoto Club on July 23rd. Over 140 club members and guests attended the event. The meal was prepared by the XPLORE staff. Many attendees commented on the lovely location, the meal, the service and the lively atmosphere. The staff were friendly, the service was well organized, and the food was very good.

The entertainment was provided by Shannon Hushaw. This talented performer offered a variety of music. The dance floor was full and joyful. In 2020, our annual fundraiser was a virtual event, and it was very clear that folks were ready to swing to the music.

There was also plenty of time to speak with the three Democratic candidates who attended our event: Jesse Gibson – running for Attorney General, Dr Anthony Bland – running for Governor, and Natalie James – running for US Senate, challenging Sen. John Boozman all spent time conversing with our members and guests. Club volunteers escorted the candidates throughout the evening to enable them to have the opportunity to speak with everyone. Our members and the candidates were engaging and enthusiastic.

"Success is in the Result" ...**THE SILENT AUCTION**... The donations were wonderful and diverse. The boat cruises are always a big hit. The variety of artwork, home décor (indoor and outdoor), and unique treasures for the

new owners was fantastic. There were several items with active bid sheets – lots of competition. So, what is the financial outcome??? The net income for the event was \$5306. We have a very healthy budget for our donations to Democratic Candidates.

In closing, it takes a Village to pull off a large, complex and successful event of this nature. We had over 20 volunteers and a large Xplore staff to pull this event together. A big thanks to Greg Jones for providing the Desoto Club; Lisa Malmin for artwork and advertising; Nancy and Rich Jag-Nathan for Website RSVP setup & organizing the silent auction, AND, all the wonderful volunteers who jumped at any opportunity to help pull this event together.

Respectfully submitted by

Nancy Baumgartner – Event Coordinator





# Century Club Members

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

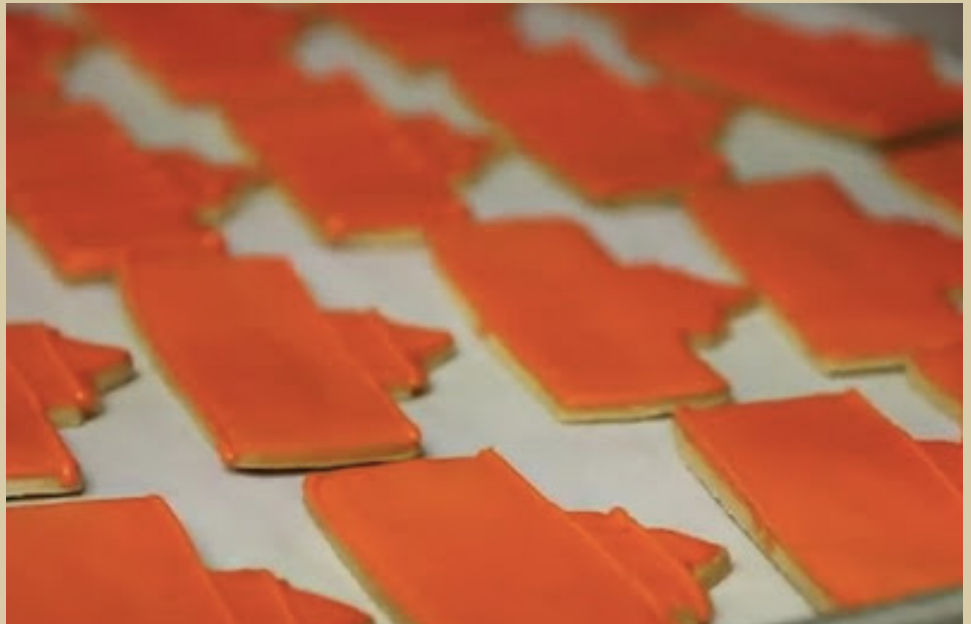
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## White House Halloween Cookies (Sweet Dough Butter Cookies)

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb Sugar
- 2 lbs Butter
- 3 lbs All Purpose Flour
- 3 Eggs
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 tsp Salt

**\*Dough must be chilled overnight**



1. Mix the butter and sugar till soft and well beaten.
2. Then add eggs, vanilla, salt and half the flour. Beat on slow speed till mixed, then add the rest of the flour and mix until incorporated.
3. Push flat onto a cookie sheet and refrigerate overnight.
4. The next day, roll dough out to one quarter inch thick, and cut out cookie shapes with cookie cutter.
5. Bake at 350F for 14 minutes and then allow to cool.

*Decorate as desired. Number of cookie servings varies depending on size of cookies cut.*

**Arkansas Democrats Elect**

**Chair Grant Tennille!**

Welcome the former head of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission under Governor Mike Beebe's administration to the ArkDems leadership team!



CONGRATULATIONS TO  
Vice-Chair of Counties  
Dustin Parsons!  
Treasurer  
Phillip Hood!

**THANK YOU**  
**Vice-Chair Nicole Hart**  
for your service to the party  
as Interim Chair and Vice Chair!

Arkansas Democrats just elected a new Chair of the Democratic Party of Arkansas! Grant Tennille headed the state's economic development agency during former Governor Mike Beebe's administration — now he's at the helm of the DPA. During his time with Gov. Beebe, Tennille and his team helped secure the largest economic-development investment in the state's history, Big River Steel. This is GOOD news for Arkansas Democrats headed into 2022.

We're excited for the leadership moving in to build our Democratic Party of Arkansas and hope you are too. This is an opportunity for us all to get involved, become part of the new team, to get our Party into position to take on Sarah Huckabee-Sanders, and to build for our future. We are in good hands and now is the time to lean in and build together.

Grant got elected at the Party's State Committee meeting on Saturday, comprised of multiple elected delegates from each county in Arkansas. The news has been getting out this weekend and we're feeling the love — thank you for the support!

"I'll leave you with this promise: I will work hard every day; I will unite this Party; I will tell you the truth and I will make you proud to be an Arkansas Democrat," said DPA Chair Grant Tennille.

Among his supporters was our champion, state Senator Joyce Elliott, and former Gov. Mike Beebe who wrote in a letter of support, "For Grant, there is no job too big, no job too small; he's trustworthy, capable, and ferociously loyal."

The election of the Party's new Chair concludes a month-long transition process led by Interim Chair Nicole Hart, who stepped up from Vice Chair following former Chairman Michael John Gray's acceptance of a position with an election PAC to take on Sarah Huckabee-Sanders.

Tennille criticized Republicans' response to the COVID-19 pandemic and said Democrats should oppose Republican extremists in the Legislature. He said Democrats will support investments in rural infrastructure and will oppose Republican efforts to end the state's income tax.

"I certainly think that, as it stands right now, we're the party of facts," he said. "We're the party that supports science. We're the party that thinks that we ought to think rationally about our challenges. And I'm not seeing a whole lot of that from the other side. And so I think it's incumbent upon us to stand up and tell people what we believe, and I think that there are a strong percentage of Arkansans who agree with us."

Tennille lives in Little Rock with his wife Rebecca. They have three children: Will, 26; Sarah, 18; and Annie, 16.

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## Democratic Club of Hot Springs Village Membership Application Form

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