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FROM THE CHAIR

There's a few more day's before our Holiday Party on December 5th at the Richland Red Lion.

: promised to be positive, forward looking event, some awards , some commentary, a great Brunch and kickoff of our Holiday Season. For more details see the article later in this issue.

Come next month I'll be turning over the Party's reins to a NEW Benton County Democratic Chair. I've enjoyed serving you these past 6 years, it's been enjoyable really. And I thank all of you that helped share the work. Rather than looking back, we have to look forward to 2012 and another Presidential race, Senate, House and possibly some County and State Leg races as well. Being in one of the Reddest Counties in the US, it's going to be an uphill battle.

To all those that will take Office in January, I wish the best of luck in their planning, in developing a new and different playbook, for the challenges ahead. But the best of plans cannot accomplish much without supporters, Committee Chairs, Precinct Committee Officers and supporters that can help with all those diverse tasks so necessary to make the Party successful. Without supporters, Democrats willing to devote their time on behalf of the Party, the challenges we face as Benton County Democrats will be every bit as difficult as it has been in the past.

Join me in the belief that 2010 has been the low point in Party strength and that 2011 will mark a new beginning for the Benton County Democratic Party.

Bob Parazin

HURRY AND VOTE FOR DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR

This year your nomination will be YOUR VOTE so please select the local Benton County Democrat who you believe has clearly demonstrated their commitment to the Party. All self-declared Benton County Democrats are eligible.

TWO CATEGORIES

Democrat of the Year

(open to ALL Benton County Democrats)

Young Democrat of the Year (open to ALL Benton

County Democrats age 35 or younger)

You can nominate one candidate per category. But PLEASE only one entry per person or e-mail address. Send your entries to vicechair@bencodems.org or call our SPECIAL Nomination Phone No. 987-5829. You can also text to this number as well. So give it some thought and submit your nomination ASAP. Nominations close on **Friday December 3rd at 8 pm.**

HOLIDAY PARTY DEC 5TH DETAILS

This year's Holiday Party/Brunch will take place at the Richland Red Lion – Ripples Room.

For a donation of \$20 you'll receive a great buffet including ...Omelet Station – With Chef, Scrambled Eggs, Roasted Bacon & Sausage, Assorted Breakfast Breads, Roasted Red Potatoes, Wild Rice, Assorted Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Tossed Green Salad with, Assorted Dressings, Chef's Choice Salad, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Sliced Turkey with Sage, Stuffing and Gravy, Basil Butter Salmon with Mini Bagels and Cream Cheese.

Door will open about 12:45 with the Brunch beginning at 1 pm. We'll have a brief Program including the Democrat of the Year awards, a Holiday Presentation by Theresa Richardson, Habitat for Humanity, and Holiday greetings and commentary from our recent candidates, Carol Moser, Jay Clough, and County Prosecutor Andy Miller and our 8th Leg District Chair Kendall Miller.

Please RSVP by Dec 4th by e-mailing to vicechair@bencodems.org or our regular HOTLINE **546-8115** [leave your name and # of attendees after the beep].

2010 BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY SURVEY!

In the coming days, those of you on our e-mail list will be receiving a 28 question SURVEY from the local Party. It was decided to conduct the survey at this time to establish a baseline as to the mood, opinions and interests of our supporters.

You'll receive an e-mail invitation from the Party asking

you to take the survey on-line. It's quick and simple, but please don't rush it. All results will be kept confidential.

The process will ask for your e-mail address to prevent duplicates however. So if you have multiple supporters in your household with the same e-mail address, please let us know and we'll e-mail you an individual survey but it will have to be sent to a different e-mail address. If you don't have e-mail or choose to complete the survey by hand and mail it to us, please let us know by leaving a message [after the beep] on our HOTLINE 546 8115. We'll gladly mail you one.

Regarding the SURVEY, please be honest, truthful and forthright with your responses, we really want your candid opinions. Leave the chronic 'happy talk' or 'pessimism' for another time, we'd like to know what you really think. If you don't like a questions, etc. ... simply don't answer it; but PLEASE TRY! Our new officers and leadership will appreciate it.

BIENNIAL REORGANIZATION MEETING JAN 15TH

Our Reorganization Meeting is quickly coming up on Saturday January 15th at the Richland Public Library at 10 am.

If you or a Democrat you know may be/could be interested in running for Office within the Party, please note that ALL positions are available with both the County and 8th Legislative District organizations.

We'll be electing a total of 12 individuals to represent these organizations, Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, and two State Committee members for each organization. I'm certain a number of incumbents will want to run again, but the field will be wide open and we know a number of Offices will be vacant.

If you'd like to know MORE about these positions, please check out their descriptions given in our Bylaws available for download on our website www.bencodems.org under DOCUMENTS.

Or BETTER YET ... give us a call and we'd be pleased to get together with you for follow-on

information, to answer questions, etc.

Note that the Reorganization Meeting is one of the few where only ELECTED Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) are allowed to VOTE and no proxy voting is allowed. That said, the meeting is otherwise open to the public and any Democrats that wish to come - and we hope that you do - to ask questions of your candidates, outgoing officers, etc.

We'll have more information on this in our January Newsletter. But if you know of folks that are interested presently, PLEASE pass along this information!

FROM THE 8TH LD

Now that elections are over it's time to look ahead. If we want our local organization to be effective, if we want to have the resources we need to build the party from now to the next election cycle, and if we want to feel good about changing things for the better, we need to take some basic actions now.

The most basic of which is to contribute our funds to the local organization. I challenge each of us to set up a way to make a small contribution on a regular basis. It's easy with tools like Quicken, or your online banking and bill-paying system. It's an easy habit to develop and it's practically painless.

For the party it's always easier to get things done when the funds are there to do it. Another benefit is that most folks tend to be more emotionally invested in areas where their money is going. The party always does better when more people are involved.

Remember to supply your occupation and employer information as required by the PDC to the treasurer via

email or snail mail if you are using an online method to send in your money.

Kendall Miller

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NAMED TRI-CITIES CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR 2010

Thought you might like to know that the Tapteal Greenway Association named Ed Rykiel as Conservationist of the Year at their annual meeting held at the Kiona Winery in October. Ed received a beautifully framed picture of a Kingfisher with a fish in its mouth. The Kingfisher is Tapteal's logo bird.

Rada Fund Raising Event

Buy American and Support BCDCC

We're selling American-made Rada cutlery, stoneware, quickmixes and candles to raise money for the BCDCC.

These products carry a lifetime guarantee and make great gifts.

Contact Malakay Betor

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INSTEAD OF WANTING AND TAKING, HOW ABOUT HELPING AND GIVING?



DECEMBER 2010 CALENDAR

Sun Dec 5	1:00 – 3:00 PM	Holiday Party - Red Lion Hanford House, Richland - Doors Open at 12:45
Tue Dec 7	7:00 PM	Drinking Liberally - Shilo Inn - O'Callahan's, 50 Comstock, Richland
Thu Dec 9	6:30 PM	Executive Board Mtg – Richland Community Center
Fri Dec 10		Hanford Friday OFF (site-wide)
	6:00 PM	CANCELLED! Tri-City Democrats Meeting
Tue Dec 14	7:00 PM	Drinking Liberally - Shilo Inn - O'Callahan's, 50 Comstock, Richland
Wed Dec 15	7:00 PM	CANCELLED! Democratic Central Committee Meeting
Tue Dec 21	7:00 PM	Drinking Liberally - Shilo Inn - O'Callahan's, 50 Comstock, Richland
	8:00 PM	Last Day for Newsletter Submissions
Fri Dec 24		Hanford Friday OFF (site-wide)
Tue Dec 28	7:00 PM	Last Day for Newsletter Submissions
Thu Dec 30	10:00:00 AM	Newsletter assembly and mailing @ Shilo Inn



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