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# 2016

## An Annual Report of the Boone County Democratic Central Committee



A Boone County Democrats Tradition: Annual Chili Supper at the Elks Club

2016 has been a tumultuous year for us all. However, it has also been a year of change and growth for the Boone County Democratic Central Committee. We began the year with the very exciting visit of Jim Hightower, who spoke at the annual chili supper and excited the overflow crowd at the Elks Club. Next our mass meeting drew over 200 participants. In July, seven Boone County Democrats were delegates to the Democratic National Convention. During the fall campaign, we hosted an ice-cream

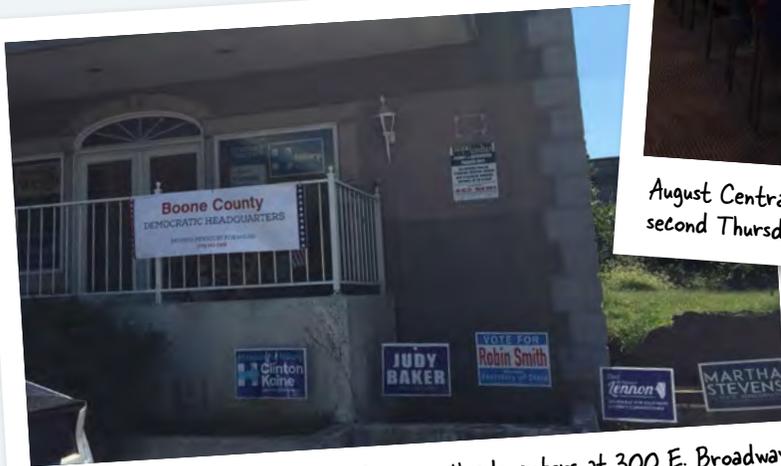
social, coordinated the participation of Democrats in the Mizzou homecoming parade, and sponsored a watch party on election night at the Blue Note, which drew over 800 enthusiastic Democrats. Our volunteers at our two headquarters locations distributed large numbers of signs and other campaign merchandise. They went door-to-door with campaign literature and passed out fliers supporting Democratic candidates at the polls on election day. We ended the year with a strong Democratic showing in the November election in Boone County.

# 2016 Annual Report, Continued.

In August, the BCDCC elected a new slate of officers. Our new Chairperson is Angie Wood. Darren Hellwege is Vice Chairperson, Greg Ahrens is Secretary and Jenn Henderson is our new treasurer.



August Central Committee Meeting to elect new officers. Meetings are every second Thursday of the month at the Boone County Government Offices.



2016 Boone County Democratic Campaign Headquarters at 300 E. Broadway

While the election results were not as positive as we had hoped, a new generation of young, exciting candidates emerged to lead us into the future. Stephen Webber lost a close race for Senate District 19.



Kip Kendrick, re-elected to House District 45 and minority whip.

However, Stephen quickly rebounded to take on the leadership of the Missouri Democratic Committee. Kip Kendrick was reelected to his House District 45 seat, and he has since been elected to the party whip position in the Democratic Caucus in the state legislature.

*Martha Stevens is our new Representative in the 46th district, where she promises to be an outstanding member.*

In September, we initiated Deep Blue, a countywide effort to involve Democrats in the fall election. Veteran political campaigner, Bill Romjue, led the Deep Blue project, involving over 150 volunteers. The newly formed progressive group, Our Revolution, joined the BCDCC in expanding our outreach to Democrats throughout the County. Deep Blue Meetings promises to provide a vehicle for the Boone County Democratic Party to create a dynamic presence in the years ahead.



Martha Stevens supports walk in the Mizzou homecoming parade, October.

# A Review & Preview of Muleskinners

By Leslie Clay and Mahree Skala, Co-Presidents

Because 2016 was an election year, our great program chair, Bill Clark, lined up any and every candidate for office that Boone Countians would face on the ballot. This included Republican candidates as well as the Democrats running for office and proponents and opponents of ballot measures. Because we were on the forefront with these forums, we were well reported in the press. It appears we fared better in election publicity than any other group. Indeed, our meetings are often reported to the community at large, and we hope to keep that coverage going.

2017 is not likely to be so newsworthy since this will be a year to regroup, but I have faith we will still have stimulating, and occasionally, attention getting programs. Muleskinners is the place to be to get the inside scoop on what's happening in the community, state and nation. Our members always ask informed and meaty questions. We are proud to be a part of such a contingent of people.

As mentioned, 2017 will be a rebuilding year. We are excited to have two new (and younger) faces as officers—Jade Govero as membership VP and Chimene Schwach to take over as secretary/historian. Jade is already at work as newsletter editor and Chimene has great ideas for going forth

on social media. We need to reach out to the Millennials and Generation X. These dynamic women are a good source

of enthusiasm and ideas to do this. We will certainly want to be ready to publicize our positions and our take on the disasters coming down the road with Trump and Greitens.

We will be co-presidents, a new concept for Muleskinners. We've worked together in another organization, and from past experience, we think we can make this work. No one will be bored looking at the same person each week! Here's hoping that two heads are better than one.

## Friday Program Schedule

**January 6** – Mahree Skala and Leslie Clay: Review and preview of Muleskinners 2017

**January 13** – Kip Kendrick, 45<sup>th</sup> House District Representative: Ethics and the Missouri General Assembly

**January 20** – Jeffrey Mittiman: The role of the ACLU in Missouri 2017

**January 27** – Kirk Trevor, Missouri Symphony Orchestra Music Director: Update on the season and fast growing youth conservatory

**More information** – Muleskinners meet Fridays at noon at the Columbia Country Club off Old Rt. 63 North at 2210 North Country Club Drive. An optional lunch buffet is available for purchase – as is a coffee and tea option. The public is welcome & encouraged to attend.

Questions? Contact Scott Cristal at 573-999-3871  
Programs suggestions? Bill Clark 573-474-4510

**“Muleskinners is the place to be to get the inside scoop on what's happening in the community, state and nation.”**

New ideas for Muleskinners in the way of activities, programs or anything else that comes to mind, are welcome. The executive committee or the membership as a whole can

consider those ideas and perhaps adopt those that are workable.

We encourage more Democrats to attend Muleskinners (Fridays at noon at the Columbia Country Club) even if you can't come every time. It's always a friendly group and the conversation is stimulating. Come and bring your friends and co-workers!

# 2016 Annual Report, Continued.

Two very worthy candidates, Susan McClintic in the 47th district and Tom Pauley in District 44 unfortunately fell short in their races. Nevertheless, they gave us ample reason to be proud that they were representing us. Finally, Brianna Lennon, a young, exciting leader for the future, lost a heartbreaking race for the County Commission. We certainly hope she will be back soon and will take her rightful place as an elected leader in Boone County.



DNC member, Persephone Dakapolos, speaks at Muleskinners after the national convention.

In addition to Stephen Webber taking over as Chairperson of the State Party, Persephone Dakapolos was elected to be a Democratic National Committeewoman at the state convention in June. Other Boone County Democrats have taken leadership roles at the Missouri Democratic Party level, and let us not forget that our State Auditor, Nichole Galloway is a Boone County Democrat.



Liz Schmit and Peg Miller at a Mizzou Dems event in 2011.

On a sad note, we lost two of our most loyal and hard-working Democrats this year.

*We shall severely miss Peg Miller and Liz Schmit. We are learning how difficult they are to replace.*

However, two outstanding volunteers are helping make up for our loss. Jade Govero has taken on the responsibility for editing

the newsletter and coordinating publicity for our membership drive and other activities, and David Robinson has brought stability to our headquarters through his efforts to schedule volunteers to keep the office dependably open.

While the November election was deeply disappointing in many ways, The Democratic Party in Boone County is stepping forward to meet the state and national crisis many of us fear. The strength we have shown in the past year demands we do more to resist the challenges of a Trump Presidency and a state government controlled by the Republican Party. It is a time for dynamic, progressive leadership, and the Boone County Democratic Central Committee and Democrats throughout the county are coming forward to accept the responsibility of carrying on the fight for a humane, democratic future.



Boone County Democratic Headquarters Office on Walnut open late into the night.



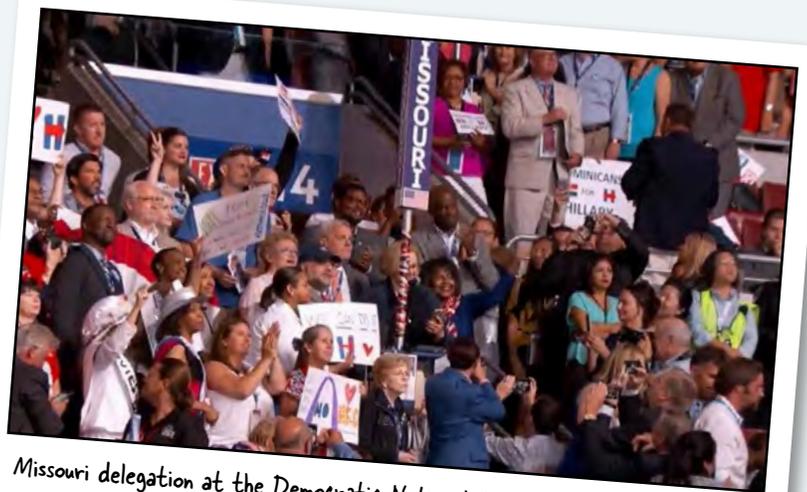
Boone County Democrats booth at Pridefest.

The Central Committee is enlarging its social media footprint. The joint BCDCC and Muleskinners newsletter is now online, reaching many more Democrats than before. Our website, Twitter account, and Facebook presence are active and offer excellent platforms to communicate with county Democrats. We are reviewing our bylaws and strategic plan to find ways to open the Committee to wider participation, including a much-needed precinct organization. Ward and township committee persons are initiating meetings with Democrats in their areas to build grassroots groups, and new volunteers are joining

planning committees. Most of them worked very hard during the 2016 campaign, and they are taking their experience and dedication into a more permanent relationship with the Democratic Party.

*We face a severe challenge in the years ahead, not only to the Democratic Party, but to American Democracy.*

We need the dedication, energy and involvement of old and new Democrats, alike. The elections in 2018 will be upon us very soon. We have important races at every level. If we are united and prepared to counter the Republican money machine and dishonest and unethical campaigning, we take back our democracy. Boone County Democrats are in the forefront in meeting this real challenge, and the Central Committee is committed to the vigorous support of their efforts.

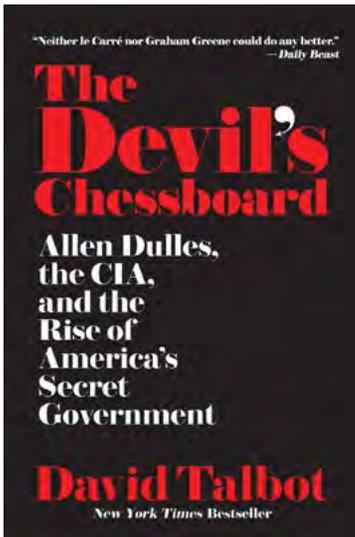


Missouri delegation at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia

*Now, join the fight for 2017!*

*Become a new member or renew your membership.*

*See membership form on the last page.*



# How Genuine is the American Democracy?

by *Homer Page*

A review of *The Devil's Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA, and the Rise of America's Secret Government* by David Talbot

The Election of Donald Trump has caused many to worry about the sanctity of the American Democracy. However, David Talbot has written a book that precedes the Trump election and raises questions that, to this reader, are even more troubling than the accidental coming to power of President-elect Donald Trump. Talbot is a very credible writer. He has edited *Mother Jones* and *Salon* and written for a long list of mainstream publications, as well as published a best-selling book on the Kennedy brothers. Drawing on new materials which are now available, interviews with aging participants in

the events surrounding the assassinations of John and Bobby Kennedy, and published and unpublished journals and memoirs from the era, he has told the story of Allen Dulles, the early history of the CIA, and the likely conspiracies that led to the killing of the Kennedys.

Talbot traces Allen Dulles's career from his days as an intelligence worker during WWI, to his work in a powerful Wall Street law firm in the twenties and thirties, to his role with the OSS in WWII, to his leadership of the CIA in the fifties and sixties. Dulles represented Nazi financial interests, as a Wall Street lawyer in the thirties and was sympathetic to many of them during the war. After the end of WWII, he recruited many Nazi intelligence officers into his network of spies, as America became engaged in the cold war. Dulles, with the help of his brother, John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State under Eisenhower, turned the CIA into a powerful secret government, capable of overthrowing third world governments that he opposed, supporting an attempt that almost murdered Charles De Gaulle, and probably conducting a coup d'état, which overthrew the Kennedy Presidency and inserted Lyndon Johnson into the Oval Office.

According to Talbot, Dulles was a strong-willed man, who ruthlessly sought his own power. However, he never acted without a consensus among his associates in the power elite. It was this circle of the old family social elite, military and security leaders, financial and business moguls, and high ranking government officials that formed the deep government that directed the American democracy in the cold war era. When the Kennedys sought to defuse the confrontational spirit of the time, failed to invade Cuba at the Bay of Pigs disaster and during the Cuban missile crisis, and forced Dulles to retire, the power elite, led by Dulles, killed John, and when Bobby appeared on his way to become President, they killed him too.

The Talbot book is quite disturbing. I have never been one for conspiracy theories, but this book has more credibility than most. Its story is unthinkable, and therefore most Americans have not thought about it. Much has happened in the last fifty years, and now we may face another challenge to our democracy as we think we know it. However, the challenge should not be directly connected to the Dulles era. Reading Talbot should not cause us to believe that Trump is another Allen Dulles, although some of the rightwing fringe elements associated with Dulles are still with us and form a part of the Trump coalition. The world is a different place. The insiders and the outsiders are in flux, and the true nature of the Trump Presidency is yet to be revealed. Yet it is a time for concern, and David Talbot's book warns us to be alert and willing to consider the darker corners of American life. It is not a comfortable time for those of us who cherish liberal democracy.

# What's the Central Committee?

The Boone County Democratic Central Committee represents the Missouri Democratic Party in Boone County and performs such functions required by the laws of the State of Missouri, the Charter and By-Laws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Missouri Democratic Party.

## Central Committee Officers

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## How to Join

The committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Boone County Government Center on Walnut Street. All are welcome.

## Vacant Committee Seats

Ashland Ward 1 – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Ashland Ward 2 – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Ashland Ward 3 – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Cedar Township – Committeeman

Centralia Ward 1 – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Centralia Ward 2- Committeeman, Committeewoman

Centralia Ward 3 – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Columbia Township – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Hallsville Ward 1 – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Hallsville Ward 2 – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Katy Township – Committeeman

Perche Township – Committeewoman

Rocheport Ward 1 – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Rocheport Ward 2 – Committeeman, Committeewoman

Rock Bridge Township – Committeeman

Rocky Fork Township – Committeeman

Three Creeks Township – Committeeman, Committeewoman

## What's Happening in January?

Connect with our  
Google calendar at  
[BooneCountyDems.org](http://BooneCountyDems.org)

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 27  
Annual Chili Supper
- March 8  
Last Day to Register for April  
Election
- April 4  
School/Municipal Election Day

January 7 9:00 am	MO Rural Caucus Moberly Area Community College, 101 College Avenue
January 12 7:00 pm 801 E Walnut St	Central Committee Meeting Roger Wilson Boone County Government Center
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16 6:00 - 8:00 pm	The Inaugural Social Hour - Eat, drink and talk politics with left-minded Mid-Missourians at Craft Beer Cellar
January 24 7:00 pm	Scholar and Activist Angela Davis at MU Missouri Theatre
January 28	Democratic State Party Meeting Lincoln University, Jefferson City

## DONATE / RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW FOR 2017

The Boone County Democratic Party is a full-time, year-in, year-out, year-round organization—that means we need your continued involvement. Please renew your membership for 2017 Your annual membership helps to provide the resources necessary. NOW with a joint option to **pay both the Party and Muleskinners dues with one check.**

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Populist Member	\$40	\$25	\$65/yr	\$75	\$45	\$120/yr
Supporting Member	\$80	\$25	\$105/yr	\$150	\$45	\$195/yr
Sustaining Member	\$130	\$25	\$155/yr	\$240	\$45	\$285/yr
Building Member	\$255	\$25	\$280/yr	\$475	\$45	\$520/yr
Student	\$10					

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