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**“We’ve had vicious
kings and we’ve had
idiot kings, but I don’t
know if we’ve ever
been cursed with a
vicious idiot boy king!”**

*-Tyrion Lannister in
Game of Thrones, Season
2, Ep. 6 (If you’re not a
GOT fan, sorry! – we’ll get
back on track next
newsletter.)*

EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Prof. Steve Mulroy

University of Memphis Professor and former County
Commissioner Mulroy will discuss rethinking how we vote,
including changes to the Electoral College.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Dennis Lynch of the Sierra Club

“Climate Change: It’s Serious” will be the topic of discussion
by Lynch, who is Transportation Chair of the Tenn. Chapter of
the Sierra Club and Chair of the Chickasaw Group of the West
Tenn. Sierra Club.

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

State Rep G.A. Hardaway

State Rep Hardaway (Dist. 93) will share news and experiences
from the recently ended 111th session of the Tennessee General
Assembly.

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Dr. Jim Bailey

Dr. Bailey, professor of medicine at UT Health Science Center,
Director of the Center for Health System Improvement, and
author, will explain why American healthcare is so costly and
inefficient, and how it can be reformed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August Meeting – August 28; Germantown Festival – Sept 7-8;
All American Picnic – Sunday, Oct 6

All regular meetings are held at Coletta’s Restaurant, 2850
Appling Rd, Bartlett (just south of Stage & Appling). Dinner
starts at 6:00 pm, meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

RACE TO THE BOTTOM

Let's review what happens when you rent your state to anti-progress zealots like the Koch Brothers –

- Vouchers designed to weaken the Public School system will be available in Tennessee. The final format is not set because the rules keep changing to appeal to the worst nature of some of Tennessee's representatives.
- Arming teachers came very close to passing and will be proposed again next year.
- LGBTQ families will be banned from adopting children.
- An unconstitutional fetal heartbeat bill came close to passing and will be proposed again next year.
- The Speaker of the House is scheming to eliminate a bill's financial review because several of his pet causes were defeated because of negative budget impacts.

Now is the time to act, even though the next state elections aren't until November 2020.

Research the issues and bills and your legislator's voting history and public stands.

Demand your state legislator hold town hall meetings, attend these meetings and ask questions.

Write letters to the editor decrying these bills.

Call your legislator to express your outrage.

Find groups and organizations working to change Nashville and ask how you can get involved. And be sure to attend our annual Legislative Wrap-up meeting in June.

If you need help, ask any Germantown Club Officer and we can provide some tips.

Tennessee, if not now, when? There is worse on the horizon. – *Dave Cambron*

OUR MISSION

People often ask about how we choose our speakers. Our club's programming reflects our dedication to Democratic Party values and an informed electorate. We choose topics, speakers, and formats to help our members understand the community we live in and make educated decisions at the ballot box.

Our Steering Committee meets several times a year to plan our programs and social events. During these meetings we discuss current events ranging from local issues to national and global topics. We are a diverse group, and often one or more of our members are acquainted with local experts who might be willing to speak to the club on a given topic. We are continually impressed with the high response rate to our invitations. It is a reflection on our club and its members that invited guest speakers know they will be respected and given the time to present their issue in a supportive environment. We see each meeting as an opportunity for our members to engage with informed sources on a multitude of subjects.

We meet the fourth Wednesday of most months, and we try to plan at least three months in advance. This advance preparation allows us to publish our newsletter every few months.

If you have suggestions for future possible speakers, please share their topic and contact information with the Steering Committee.

Adrienne Pakis-Gillon, Member Germantown Democratic Club, TNDP Executive Committeewoman, Dist. 31.

