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“The only thing necessary for
the triumph of evil is for good
men to do nothing.”

- *Quote often
misattributed to
Edmund Burke.*
- *We don't know who
said it, but it's a
good quote.*

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE ARE RETURNING TO IN PERSON MEETINGS
AT COLETTA'S RESTAURANT
2850 Appling Rd, Bartlett**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022, 6:30 PM
CANDIDATES FOR JUVENILE COURT CLERK**

We have invited each of the announced candidates for Shelby County
Juvenile Court Clerk. This is an open seat in 2022.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 6:30 PM
CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

We have invited the Democratic candidates for Shelby County District
Attorney. This is an important race for us in 2022.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 6:30 PM
TENNESSEE LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP**

A member of our state Democratic caucus will provide a recap of the highs
and lows from the legislative session just ended.

**ALL AMERICAN PICNIC
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 3:30-6:30 PM
CAMERON BROWN PARK**

8628 Farmington Blvd, Germantown

As always, this will be a potluck affair, and we should have many speakers
since the county primary will be just over. Bring your appetite and your
lawn chairs.

**JUST DESSERTS – SAVE THE DATE
June 15-16, 2022**

**PICKERING CENTER
7771 Poplar Pike, Germantown**

Once every eight years, all Shelby County judicial positions are up for
election. The Germantown Dems have a tradition of providing a forum for
judicial candidates to meet the public. Candidates are asked to bring a
dessert and a stump speech. Civil and criminal judicial candidates will be
scheduled on separate nights, which is why this is a two-night event.
Additional details will be provided as the date approaches.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

2022 promises to be the biggest ballot in Shelby County history. We have officials and judges to elect. We have a governor to defeat. We have Constitutional amendments to address – including defeating Brian Kelsey’s heinous attempt to enshrine Right to Work into our TN Constitution. In other words, it’s time to get to work. In this accompanying article, Steering Committee member Jeff Etheridge lists many ways to get involved. It will truly take all of us across the state to correct the downward spiral Tennessee is on.

Also in this newsletter is an envelope for contributions. This year, more than ever, we are asking people to step up to support the Club. The costs for renting the Pickering Center for Just Desserts skyrocketed this year. We know money is tight, but your generous support allows us to preach our Democratic values here in East Shelby County. Thanks, everyone, and see you at Coletta’s. – *Dave Cambron*

GET INVOLVED!

With another election season upon us, you will soon start hearing the words, “Get involved!” Often, however, we don’t do a great job of explaining HOW to get involved. So, here is a baker’s dozen list of things you can do to help our Democratic candidates:

1. Volunteer to make phone calls for a candidate. You can do them from home, they don’t cost anything, and, generally, you can do it anonymously.
2. Knock on doors. Studies show that voters who have interacted with a volunteer in person are much more likely to vote for the candidate in question. This is BY FAR the best thing you can do for a candidate.
3. Donate money. Everything from flyers to yard signs to Facebook ads costs money, and there is never enough to go around.
4. Organize a fundraiser for your favorite candidate—invite a few friends over to your house, provide some drinks and snacks, and pretty much any candidate in Shelby County will be happy to come by and speak to potential supporters.
5. Host a neighborhood “meet and greet.” Ask friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

to come to your home for an event. The candidate can do the asking for contributions, so you don’t have to.

6. Ask your favorite candidate for a t-shirt (you really ought to consider making a small contribution if you do this one), and then wear that shirt everywhere—the grocery store, the gym, on your walk.
7. If you are in their district, volunteer to have a yard sign. Especially if you live on a busy street, this can be incredibly valuable.
8. Nearly every candidate these days has a Facebook page. It costs nothing but a few moments of time to like their FB page.
9. Make sure to like, comment on, and share ALL their posts. This is a simple way to have a powerful effect.
10. As Election Day approaches, consider working the polls. A LOT of voters don’t research all of the races and being approached in person at the polls has a big impact, particularly for the down-ballot races that may not have received a lot of media attention. Even a few hours can make a big difference.
11. Collect a few friends and have an Early Voting party. Go and vote together, then have lunch, or dinner, or maybe stay and work the polls for a while!
12. Finally, please be sure to check your registration status (<https://tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup/>) before you go to vote.
13. While you’re at it, verify your district and polling place. Due to statewide redistricting, either or both may have changed.

There you have it - if you need more information on how to reach out to specific campaigns, email gtowndems@gdctn.org. Or you can call Jeff Etheridge (901-258-7915) or Dave Cambron (901-830-3283). –*Jeff Etheridge*

HEY, YOU! Are you interested in serving on our Steering Committee? The Steering Committee meets several times a year to plan future meetings. You also could be called upon to help stuff and stamp envelopes for the newsletter, work a booth, or help organize an event. In return you get lively conversation, a few laughs and maybe a drink or two. Call me at 901-830-3283. – Dave Cambron