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Whether democracy is still
America's sacred cause is the
most urgent question of our
time, and it's what the 2024
election is all about.

- *President Joe Biden,
January 5, 2024, Blue
Bell, Pennsylvania*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD
AT COLETTA'S RESTAURANT
2850 Appling Rd, Bartlett**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024, 6:30 PM
MSCS BOARD MEMBER
AMBER HUETT-GARCIA**

Public education is under attack by our state leaders. Ms. Huett-Garcia (District 8) will address some of the major issues facing Memphis/Shelby County Schools in 2024.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024, 6:30 PM
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE TARIK SUGARMON**

Our guest speaker will be Judge Sugarmon to discuss the role of the Juvenile Court along with some of the changes being implemented under his tenure.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024, 6:30 PM
TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Meetings start at 6:30 pm, but if you wish to dine before the meeting, please make sure to arrive and get your orders in before 6:00 pm to cut down on the traffic during the speakers' presentations. Thanks!

CALL FOR SPONSORS

January is the month we solicit sponsorships. A return envelope has been enclosed with this newsletter for contributions. Funds received by the club are used for our newsletter, website, and various events throughout the year. As a reminder, we do not require our members to pay dues. Those who choose to become sponsoring members are entitled to vote in the election of officers. We also host an annual holiday party for our sponsoring members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

For those who were sponsoring members in 2023 we are including a ballot with this newsletter. If possible, please return these ballots by February 1. You may also turn them in at the January meeting.

PASSING THE TORCH

The times they are a changing. As noted earlier, sponsors will have received a ballot with this newsletter for electing new officers. After 8 years, I plan to step down and turn the Presidency over to Jeff Etheridge. I am moving over to Treasurer, but the other officers all plan to return. Dick Klenz is stepping back, but will continue to mentor and guide all of us as we move forward with our new responsibilities.

Jeff has ambitious plans to grow the membership, to further the Club's presence here in East Shelby County and to spread our Democratic message to new people. I know you'll continue to support the Club and support Jeff during this transition.

Other exciting changes are also on the horizon. For example, I hope you noticed our new logo (check the top corner of the newsletter) and we've created new infrastructure to support our membership rolls. Coming soon, a redo of the Website.

Thanks for all you've done, and it has been a privilege to serve,

Dave Cambron

A BIG YEAR FOR ELECTIONS!

It's 2024 and that means we have a lot of elections and campaigning ahead of us. On March 5th is the Presidential Primary as well as the Shelby County Primary for General Sessions Court Clerk. Joe Biden is the sole nominee for President, we have several good Democrats vying for the Clerk nomination. And, by the way, early voting for the March election starts Feb 14th!!!

On August 1st, we have the Shelby County General Election for General Sessions Court Clerk and for several School Board positions. This is also the federal primary for US Senate, US House and most of our state legislators. This year promises to be especially interesting because we have excellent candidates running to take on Marsha.

And finally, the big one – the General election on November 5th where we reelect Joe Biden, vote out Marsha and flip some of our House seats. In addition, there are several municipal elections taking place that same day as well as a host of Memphis charter initiatives.

As always, there will be numerous opportunities to get involved in many of these critical races and candidates will be dropping by our meetings to talk with you all.

One more thing – we need to congratulate club member Jerri Green who flipped a City Council seat last year and took office on January 1. We're all proud of Jerri and the leadership she will bring to the Council.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

As many of you know, 2024 brings another convention and an opportunity to gather with Democrats from across the county to renominate Joe Biden. If you have any interest in being a delegate, all the information is on the TNDP.org website. You need to fill out a delegate declaration form, vote in the March primary and bring lots of friends to attend 2 conventions – the County Convention on March 16th and the District Convention on April 6th.

If you have any questions or need advice, please call Dave Cambron at 901-830-3283.

A LOOK BACK...

Recently Germantown Democrats lost one of our long-time members, Jeanette Warren. For years, Jeanette (aka RobnNet) was the newsletter editor and the e-mail guru who kept us all informed. Jeanette left us a couple of notebooks containing dozens of newsletters from the early 2000's. Looking through these editions provides a nostalgic review of Shelby County Democrats from that time. The editions talk about weekly events held by Midtown Democrats, Midsouth Democrats in Action, Stonewall Democrats, Frayser/Raleigh Democratic Club, and Drinking Liberally. So many of these clubs have fallen dormant, it's a testimony to all of you that Germantown Democrats continues to flourish and provide a valuable service to the community. As a wise woman once said, "It takes a village."

We will be bringing these notebooks to future meetings for all to enjoy and reminisce.