



GERMANTOWN DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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“I am ashamed for them. I
am afraid for my state.”

- *Dr. Michelle Fiscus,
former Tennessee vaccine
program director, after
being fired due to pressure
from Republican
lawmakers angered by her
dissemination of
information on
vaccination of teenagers.*

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 6:30 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING

WITH BARRY FRAGER, IMMIGRATION ATTY.

Barry Frager, of the Frager Law Firm, has had a long career in immigration law, and will be with us to share his knowledge and answer questions.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 25, 6:30 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING

WITH KENDRA LEE

Shelby County Election Commissioner Kendra Lee has been an advocate for voting rights and will discuss what can be done to protect our vote.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPT 11-12

GERMANTOWN FESTIVAL

We will be returning to the Germantown Festival this year. We need volunteers for set up and breakdown, as well as volunteers to staff the booth. Please contact Judy Palmer @ 901-753-9932 or judypalm@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT 26, 4-7 PM

ALL AMERICAN PICNIC

Food, fellowship, music and politicking at the large picnic pavilion in Cameron Brown Park in Germantown at 8628 Farmington Blvd. This event will take the place of our regular September meeting. Bring a dish or bring just yourself.

Our in-person meetings will once again be at Coletta's Restaurant, 2850 Appling Road. Please try to arrive by 6:00 if you wish to order food.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS

We are all beginning to realize that life post-pandemic will not be the same as it was before. In the first place, the pandemic is still with us, so post-vaccine would be a more accurate description. The lack of widespread acceptance of the vaccine will no doubt make masks and social distancing a part of our everyday life for some time to come. That being the case, we realize that while we do want to return to in-person meetings, some of our members will not be comfortable doing so. We also realize that online meetings are more convenient for some of our members. Our current plan is to offer an online option for our in-person meetings. We have discussed using Zoom, but that platform does not easily lend itself to a hybrid approach. At present we are leaning toward Facebook Live. We will continue to maintain our Zoom subscription, however, because it will give us the flexibility of hosting out-of-town speakers from time to time, and will also give us a fallback option, should we have a resurgence of the virus in Shelby County. Regardless of which option we decide upon, we will communicate via email and Facebook, so stay tuned.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm ready for spaghetti!!!! Don't roll your eyes, the other choice was going to be "Pasta at Lasta," but saner minds prevailed.

Seriously, we're excited to be back in person. And despite a coordinated and misbegotten campaign to try and stop Joe Biden from succeeding with the vaccination push, it was Science for the Win. Not sure when it was decided a win for America became a loss for Republicans, but that's the way they play the game now.

A Few Random Thoughts –

- 2021 is an organizing year. We have 3 elections in 2022, and Republicans are going to try and wrest back our 2018 victories. And, as we're seeing more and more suits being filed against gerrymandering, environmental issues and voting restrictions, Republicans will be looking to elect activist conservative judges to stop any progress in the courts. Pay attention and get involved in

these races next year. And stay tuned for our traditional Just Desserts judges forum, hosted by Germantown Democrats.

- Next month is the biennial reorganization of the County Parties (delayed from its usual Spring time period because of Covid). Caucuses to elect the Executive Committee/Grassroots Council will be August 14th at Wooddale Middle School. The doors close at noon, so please arrive on time. The Chairs election will be held August 28th with details to be announced. It looks like we have several Chair candidates – if you want to have a vote on this important position, you'll need to be elected. Contact me if you're interested, and I can fill you in on what you need to do. Or, if you'd like to volunteer to help, let us know also. It takes about 50 to 60 people to pull this off.
- The club is always looking for members who would be willing to serve as officers or on the steering committee. If you attend our meetings regularly, why not? It is a fun way to be involved, and the time commitment is minimal. If you want to help fill a need to keep local Democrats informed about issues that concern all of us, call me at 901-830-3283.

Dave Cambron

SAVE THE DATE

The Tennessee Democratic party is hosting the "Party is Here Tour". They will be here in Memphis on July 31st for a Rally and Organizing Event. There will also be a low-dollar fundraiser/Meet and Greet on Friday evening. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new chair Hendrell Remus and the new staff. Interesting fact – both Hendrell and much of the staff have Memphis roots, so let's welcome them home.

Watch our Facebook Page and look for our e-mails as the details are finalized.