



# GERMANTOWN DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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Dues:  
Individual Members:  
\$25/year  
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\$35/year

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*"There's one area where  
Donald's experience could be  
invaluable, and that's closing  
Guantanamo. Because Trump  
knows a thing or two about  
running waterfront properties  
into the ground." – Pres.  
Obama on Donald Trump, at  
the White House  
Correspondents' Dinner*

## MEETING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

**State Senator Reginald Tate**

To discuss the recently concluded legislative session

**Wednesday, June 22, 2016**

**Just City Memphis**

A newly formed group that provides an independent voice for  
people who have been in contact with the criminal justice  
system

**Wednesday, July 20, 2016**

*(This meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, due to the Democratic  
convention the following week.)*

**State Representative Antonio Parkinson**

To discuss public school issues

**Wednesday, August 24, 2016**

**The November Election**

Convention experiences and opportunities to volunteer will be  
discussed. Guest speaker TBD.

All 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.

## OTHER DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS:

**Thursday, June 2, 2016**

**National Gun Violence Awareness Day, sponsored by  
Moms Demand Action, Loflin Yard, 5-7 pm.**

Germantown Democrat members will be registering voters at this event.  
Please call Dave Cambron if you're interested in volunteering (901-830-  
3283).

## THOUGHTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

While watching the campaigns this year I have recently realized something. In 2008 Hillary Clinton lost a hard-fought race. Rather than withdraw, she turned her focus to electing Obama and became a valued member of his Administration. Now, 8 years later, she is on the brink of achieving her delayed goal, Democratic Nominee for President. As for Bernie Sanders, for over 30 years he has been talking about income inequality and its corrosive effect on America. For most of that time, this issue was ignored, yet his persistence has paid off and now income inequality is a major topic in this fall's election. Both our candidates show that nothing is impossible, that if you keep pushing and fighting the good fight you will prevail. Yet on the other side, we have a Party with a presumptive nominee that none could have imagined, a man who decided to run for President on what seems like a whim. For Democrats, 2 fine choices in the grand tradition of America; for Republicans, the candidate of a country I don't recognize. We live in interesting times. Get involved!  
– Dave Cambron

## AMERICA IS GREAT

For some time now the Republican Presidential Candidates have criticized America for not being great. They have characterized the government as too big; the Affordable Health Care Act as a disaster; nuclear negotiations with Iran as awful (*even* as these very sensitive discussions were underway); and our military as weak. These criticisms, led by Trump, do not describe the America that I have lived in all my life. The claim that they will make “America Great *Again*” is pure nonsense.

During the last few weeks my attention has been directed to the joy of parents watching and cheering their children playing T-Ball; discussing with retired friends the old days and planning activities that we still enjoy; planning a reunion for fellow Korean Veterans; shopping in some of the best stocked grocery stores in the world; reading newspapers delivered by a free press; and listening to a variety of views presented on radio and TV. These are signs of a still great and free country.

Our Democratic Presidential Candidates are discussing solutions to persistent problems and not trying to build dissatisfaction with our country and our government. Let us work towards a community where every Democrat is registered and every Democrat votes to *keep* America Great.  
-Dick Klenz

## GERMANTOWN FESTIVAL

This year the club will have a booth at the Germantown Festival, Sept 10-11. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Dave Cambron if you are interested. (901-830-3283)

## RICES RECEIVE TNDP ADDY AWARD

Randall and Meryl Rice of Hardeman County jointly received the annual TNDP Addy Award on May 7 at the Jackson Day dinner in Nashville. The Addy award is given to outstanding activists for Democratic values. Since 2013, Randall and Meryl have dedicated their time to helping to expand healthcare coverage to all Tennesseans. We should all be inspired by the efforts of the Rices, and lend our voices to the call for healthcare options for ALL Tennesseans.

## 2016 AUGUST ELECTION INFORMATION

July 5 – New Voter Registration Deadline

July 15 – July 30 – Early Voting

August 4 – State Primary/County General

(For additional information, go to [shelbyvote.org](http://shelbyvote.org).)

## DEMOCRATS ON THE AUGUST BALLOT

US Congress Dist. 9: Steve Cohen (I)  
Larry Crim  
Justin Ford  
M. LaTroy Williams

US Congress Dist. 8: Greg Frye  
Rickey Hobson  
Erika Stotts Pearson

TN Senate Dist. 30: Sara Kyle (I)  
Beverly Marrero

TN House Dist. 83: Larry Pivnick

TN House Dist. 84: Joe Towns, Jr. (I)

TN House Dist. 85: Johnnie Turner (I)  
Felicia Irons  
Keith Williams

TN House Dist. 86: Barbara Cooper (I)

TN House Dist. 87: Karen Camper (I)

TN House Dist. 88: Larry Miller (I)  
Stephen Christian

TN House Dist. 90: John DeBerry (I)  
Tami Sawyer

TN House Dist. 91: Raumesh Akbari (I)

TN House Dist. 93: G. A. Hardaway (I)

TN House Dist. 96: Dwayne Thompson  
Earl LeFlore

TN House Dist. 98: Antonio Parkinson (I)  
Johnnie Hatten

General Sessions Court Clerk: Ed Stanton, Jr.