**GERMANTOWN DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

**GERMANTOWN, CORDOVA, COLLIERVILLE, BARTLETT, EAST MEMPHIS, LAKELAND, MILLINGTON, ROSEMARK, BOLTON**

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Individual Members: $25/year

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“Don’t boo. Vote.” – *President Barack Obama*

“When there are no ceilings, the sky’s the limit.” – *Secretary Hillary Clinton*

“We are always stronger together.” – *First Lady Michelle Obama*

“We endure. We overcome. And we always, always, always move forward.” – *Vice President Joe Biden*

**MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, August 24, 2016**

**Democratic National Convention Recap**

Several club members who attended the convention in Philadelphia will share their experiences.

**Germantown Festival, Sept 10-11, 2016**

**Germantown Civic Center Complex, 7745 Poplar Pike**

**9:30-6:00pm Saturday, Noon-6:00 pm Sunday**

Come volunteer to work our booth (see below) or just stop by to see us!

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016**

**Linda Phillips, SCEC**

Meet the new administrator of the Shelby County Election Commission

**Sunday, October 2, 2016**

**Annual All-American Picnic**

**Cameron Brown Park in Germantown, Picnic Pavilion 2:00-5:00 pm**

Come bring a dish, and enjoy music and conversation with friends, new and old

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

**State Representative Antonio Parkinson**

To discuss public school issues

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.

**Everybody Sucks –We’re Screwed 2016** (sign seen around Memphis)

Wake up – don’t fall for this. It is an example of false equivalencies.

If the Republicans had nominated a real candidate, we would be focusing on positions and issues. We would be having serious discussions on Wealth Inequality, Healthcare, Immigration and Common Sense Gun Laws. The electorate would be better served with a serious look at these issues and who best could solve them.

Instead, Hillary is running against a clown who steals media cycles by throwing out whatever outrageous thought enters his mind at the moment – assassination, armed insurrection, who started ISIS, walls - anything is fair game. And, because the media must be “fair”, they must give equal time to negatives for Hillary – e-mails, Clinton Foundation, Benghazi. Not surprisingly, the repeated statements of concern about her “trustworthiness” drive down her favorability ratings.

Don’t be fooled. For 20 years, Hillary was named the World’s Most Admired Woman. Hillary has been a liberal since she was First Lady of Arkansas. It’s only in this crazy election that some would forget this and fall for the “She’s a Liarrr” bray of an ass (not our good Democratic donkey). - *Dave Cambron*

**BIG GOVERNMENT**

I often hear people say, “I am against ‘Big Government’,” or, “The government is too big.” I usually respond by asking, “Which government powers would you get rid of first? The Military, the police, our justice system, our sanitary institutions, or our roads?” There are many more government services I could suggest. I almost never get an answer. We should remember that our Constitution starts out by stating, “We the People […] do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States.” Our Government is there to promote the general welfare and protect our cherished liberties. – *Dick Klenz*

**GERMANTOWN FESTIVAL**

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

**ALL-AMERICAN PICNIC**

This year our picnic is on October 2 (see Page 1 for location and time). If you are interested in attending the picnic, and if you want to bring a dish or other supplies, please contact Diane Cambron at dicambron@live.com, or 901-351-7389.

**WAYS TO GET INVOLVED**

This year we have the opportunity to save our country and the world from the horrendous prospect of a Donald Trump presidency. To volunteer for the Hillary Clinton campaign, one way is to do phone banking, and the best way to get connected with that is to sign up on the Hillary Clinton website, www.hillaryclinton.com.

Here in Tennessee most of our state legislative seats are safely Democratic or Republican, thanks to the gerrymandering of our Republican legislators, but here in West Tennessee there are a couple of state races that pit a Democrat against a Republican incumbent.

Locally, GDC member Dwayne Thompson of Cordova is running for State Representative, District 96, a district that encompasses most of Cordova and one precinct in Germantown. This district is increasingly blue, and Dwayne could use financial help as well as volunteers for phone banking and canvassing. To volunteer or contribute, refer to www.votethompson96.com.

Another GDC member, Larry Pivnick, is running for State Representative, Dist. 83, against Republican Mark White. To volunteer or contribute, go to his website at www.pickpivnick.com.

In the heinous opponent category, we have Angela Callis, who is running in Dist. 76 (Weakley County) against the notorious Andy Holt. He’s the guy who wants to arm students on college campuses. He’s also the one who raffled off AR-15’s at a fundraiser. To volunteer or contribute, go to www.angelacallisfortn.com.

In Tipton County, Dist. 81, we have Deborah Reed, who is challenging incumbent Debra Moody, who in 2013 took the seat vacated by Jimmy Naifeh. To volunteer or contribute to Deborah, go to www.deborahkreedfortnrep.com