



# GERMANTOWN DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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*That which we call culture  
presumably does not  
directly have the concept  
of truth as a criterion, but  
no culture can rest on a  
crooked relationship to  
truth.*

- Robert Musil,  
Austrian author  
(1880-1942)

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### COUNTY PRIMARY

Early Voting Continues thru April 26, 2018

Primary Date May 1, 2018

Visit [www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com) for more information.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

### SHELBY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE

Attorney Sanjeev Memula

How does public policy impact our criminal justice system?  
What are the legal issues that are causing overcrowded prisons  
and what might we do to lobby for change?

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

State Rep. Karen Camper

2018 Legislative Wrap-up

Rep. Camper will discuss life on the "thin blue line" in our state  
legislature, and some of the bills that did (and didn't) pass this  
year.

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

### MEET THE CANDIDATES

Democratic candidates for *state* races in Shelby County who  
will be appearing on the August primary ballot will be invited to  
speak a few minutes and mingle with guests before and after the  
meeting.

**There will be no July meeting!**

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.

## The Importance of Voting Democrat

There are 3 elections this year in Tennessee – the County Primary is May 1, the State and Federal Primary/County General is August 2; the State and Federal General is November 6. All elections matter and it is critical we vote and bring our friends and family with us.

Just as important as voting is making sure to ask for the Democratic ballot. Let me explain why –

- As much as we abhor the idea of Terry Roland as Mayor, there is no compelling reason to cross over and vote in the Republican primary. We shortchange our good Democratic candidates by foregoing the support we would otherwise give them. To paraphrase TNDP Chair Mary Mancini – the way to stop bad candidates is to elect good Democrats in the Primary. And we do have credible candidates running in every race in Shelby County.
- Numbers matter. One of the criteria that determines the amount of attention and support Shelby County receives is primary turnout. We know that Shelby County has the largest concentration of Democrats in Tennessee. The way to ensure we receive attention across the State and Country is to vote!
- We have Democrats running in all County Commission Districts – including those thought to be Republican. We should all support those Democrats who are stepping up for us.
- Voting early helps our Democratic candidates. They no longer have to devote resources to ensure getting out the solid Democratic vote in their areas and can concentrate on persuadable voters and infrequent voters. Elections are expensive and we can do our part to help by voting early.
- It feels good to walk into the Agricenter or New Bethel and loudly proclaim Democrat when asked which ballot you prefer. We can be proud of our Party, we don't have to whisper what we stand for.

Vote today – early voting goes on until the 26<sup>th</sup>.

- *Dave Cambron*

## The Blue Wave Starts With Each of Us

As we fight the inevitable numbness that comes from the constant barrage of lies pelting down on us from the unfettered twitter feed of our president, many of us may find the task of challenging the chaos a bit daunting. We may also get discouraged by news reports showing that our President's supporters continue to stand by him, especially if we live in areas that voted heavily for Trump in 2016.

But take heart. The 2018 midterm elections represent our chance to make our voices heard. The past may be prologue, but it is not a prediction. Remember that there are such things as tipping points, and 2018 has the potential to be one of those watershed years for Democrats, IF we put in the effort.

So this is a call to action – if you have never volunteered for a political campaign before, now is the time. In Shelby County we have a solid slate of Democrats running this year at the local, state, and national levels. If you have money, but little time, please donate. If you have time, but little money, make some calls or knock on some doors. It doesn't have to be a huge commitment; every little bit helps. Yes, 2018 could be the year of the great Blue Wave, and it will be that much more exciting to those of us who have put in the time and effort to make it happen!

-*Diane Cambron*

## Germantown Democratic Club Policy on Endorsements

Our club does not endorse in contested primary elections. As a community service, we do provide information about fundraisers, rallies, or calls for volunteers. We do not publish ads for candidates. This does not mean that our officers do not have preferences. We certainly do (and we don't always agree), but the club remains impartial. If you want to stay informed, "like" our facebook page and join our email list.

Candidates, please feel free to send us information you wish to have distributed to our membership. As long as it pertains to upcoming campaign events, we will be glad to publish it.