



GERMANTOWN DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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**“OUR LIVES BEGIN TO
END THE DAY WE
BECOME SILENT
ABOUT THINGS THAT
MATTER.”**

- *Martin Luther
King, Jr.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2025, 6:30 PM
Regina Morrison Newman and Heidi Kuhn

Our guest speakers will be Shelby County Trustee Regina Morrison Newman and Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk Heidi Kuhn. They will provide an overview of the duties and goals of their offices.

WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2025, 6:30 PM
Steve Mulroy

Our guest speaker will be Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy. He will discuss the initiatives of his office and the latest crime statistics.

WEDNESDAY, April 23, 2025, 6:00 PM*
Mayor Paul Young

Our guest speaker will be Memphis Mayor Paul Young who will speak about the State of the City.

***PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be starting
½ hour before our usual start time.**

WEDNESDAY, May 28, 2025, 6:30 PM
Legislative Review

One of our legislators will give us a review of bills discussed and passed during the 2025 session.

If you wish to dine before the meeting, please make sure to arrive and get your orders in one half hour before the meeting begins, to cut down on the traffic during the speakers’ presentations. Thanks!

All meetings of the GDC are open to the entire community, regardless of where you live, and admission is always free.

Please send us your email address so we can update you on news and events between meetings and newsletters.
Just email us at GTowndems@gdctn.org.

A Note from our President

Germantown Dems 2024 Year in Review

By President Jeff Etheridge

Although it did not end in the fashion that we all hoped for, 2024 was a good year for the Germantown Democratic Club. There were several events that helped foster our mission to educate Democrats, to connect them, and to allow opportunities for socializing.

We welcomed several notable speakers to our monthly meetings, including elected officials like Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris, Memphis City Council Chairman JB Smiley, MSCS School Board member Amber Huett-Garcia, and State Senator Sara Kyle. In addition, we heard from DeAndre Brown from the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry and Josh Spickler from Just City. Finally, we welcomed several candidates for office during the 2024 election cycle. It looks like we are off to a very good start for 2025 in this area!

Speaking of elections, the Club hosted a very successful Forum for Democratic candidates for US Congress from District 8 at the Great Hall in July, and a very well-attended Watch Party in November at Babalu. We will continue to be active in this space as we move forward, connecting our voters with our candidates.

Naturally, we worked our annual booth at the Germantown Festival, where for two days we recruited quite a few new members, and where we did our utmost to show Democrats in the Germantown area that they are not alone.

We once again hosted our Annual Picnic at Cameron Brown Park. This is generally my favorite event of the year, and this year was no different as we welcomed many Democratic elected officials and candidates.

Finally, we increased the Club's exposure on social media, expanded our email list, and added over 100 Members.

We could not have done ANY of this without each and every Club officer and member. Thank you. We have even bigger plans for 2025. Stay tuned.

So, now what?

That's the question I've been hearing a lot lately, in light of the election results from 2024, and the inauguration of our new President.

I've been thinking a lot about this, and I believe the answer is the same as it has always been—stay informed, stay connected, and dedicate ourselves to doing whatever we can to resist the radical rightwing agenda. Really, hasn't that always been the mission?

Yes, it is depressing to think about what might be coming out of this administration, and yes, it is certainly frustrating to live in a state that seems to elect representatives who don't really care about its citizens. Still, we can't let those things prevent us from doing our best to create positive change. We must try to remain optimistic, oppose (loudly) the horrible legislation that is almost certainly coming, encourage each other to keep our heads up and to keep working, keep ourselves informed on the issues, and focus our energies where they will do the most good.

That's what I see the mission of the Club to be, going forward. We will continue to offer you the opportunity to meet with local Democrats, both elected officials and regular voters; we will do our very best to keep you informed on the issues that we all care about; and we will fight for the Democratic ideals we all cherish. It's what we've always done, and it's what we will continue to do. Thank you for being a part of our effort.

Become a Sponsor for the Germantown Dems

The beginning of the year is when we ask for 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. You are always welcome to make an additional donation along with your sponsorship. Those donating at least \$100 will be recognized in the newsletter as benefactors.

Please note that we have raised the sponsorship amounts ever so slightly to \$35/year per individual, and \$50/year per family. This is our first increase in over 20 years. As the Club has taken on new opportunities to share information, additional sponsorship funds are needed to defray costs. Thank you for your support.