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*“[I can] fight to change the
Republican Party or fight for
the state I love and the
people I serve.”*

- Kansas State Rep Dinah Sykes, explaining her switch to the Democratic Party, one of three Republicans who have switched parties over the last few months.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020

We are pleased to welcome 2020 US Senate hopeful James Mackler in one of his first Shelby County appearances.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019
STATE REP. JOHNNIE TURNER

Rep. Turner will share her remembrances of the Civil Rights Movement in Memphis in the 60's.

Thursday, March 12, 2019
Special Election for State Senate District 32
(East Shelby & Tipton Counties)
Support our Democratic Candidate, Eric Coleman

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
TO BE ANNOUNCED
But we are close to nailing it down. It will be interesting!

Saturday, March 30, 2019
Shelby County Democratic Party Re-Organization
Additional details on reverse side.

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.

ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER IS AN ENVELOPE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – As most of you know, we do not require dues, but we offer sponsoring memberships to help defray expenses. For those receiving an electronic copy of the newsletter, you may send your checks to Dick Klenz at the address shown at left.

SAVE THE DATE

County Parties in Tennessee will undertake their biennial reorganization later this spring. March 30th is the proposed date to caucus by County Commission District to elect the Executive Committee and the Grass Roots Council. These are your representatives who will vote for the chair of the SCDP. The Chair election is scheduled for April 6th. In the week leading up to the 6th there will be forums to hear from the Chair candidates. Registration information, exact times and locations will be announced in February. All Democrats are welcome at these events.

Historically, Germantown Democrats have held several seats on the SCDP. If you are interested in running, start gathering your supporters to show up to vote for you on the 30th. After our successes last year and with a critical Presidential election coming up in 2020, this is the time to step up and get involved.

Special Request – these conventions don't just happen, it takes volunteers to make these a success. Please let me know at davidpcambron@gmail.com if you can help.

THE MYTH OF THE “OFF YEAR”

Elections happen every 2 years and most people got used to that schedule. As we have recently seen, however, there are no down years anymore. The time between elections must be used for organization, training, recruitment of candidates, and (as always seems to happen) special elections.

All of this will be happening in Shelby County this year.

* Organization – every 2 years, the county parties reorganize in March/April. SCDP is reorganizing this year (see above). After the reorganization, the Grassroots Council will be

tasked with organizing their County Commission Wards and Precincts. They can't do this alone. They can use your help to identify and reach out to Democrats in your neighborhood.

* Training – watch for training being scheduled in your area. Training can be through the Democratic Party or through Partner Organizations. Watch our Website and Facebook page for these opportunities.

* Candidate Recruitment – It's not too early to start looking for candidates to run in 2020. Reach out to the people who ran but lost and encourage them to run again. For those who aren't running again (I'm talking to you, District 99), let's look for a candidate now rather than wait until next year.

* Special Elections – We have a special election here in District 32 and there will be at least one more in Central Tennessee later this spring. All elections need phone bankers, postcard writers, canvassers, and other workers. The biggest thing in these special elections is making sure our voters know an election is coming. Contact Dave at davidpcambron@gmail.com if you can help.

You can be involved in any of these activities. Reach out to the Officers if you want to be involved. Thanks for all you do.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY MANCINI, who was re-elected as Chair of the TNDP last weekend in Nashville. Thanks to Holly McCall and Chris Hale who also ran. Everyone is prepared to work together for more wins in 2020. Mary and/or her team members have been guests at our meetings several times over the last few years, and we wish them (and all of us) success where it counts – at the ballot box.