



GERMANTOWN DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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Dues:

Individual Members: \$25/year

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“Will we respond to the changes of our time with fear, turning inward as a nation, and turning against each other as a people? Or will we face the future with confidence in who we are, what we stand for, and the incredible things we can do together?” – President

Barack Obama, State of the Union Address, January 12, 2016

Spring 2016 Voting Reminders:

February 1, 2016

Voter Registration Deadline March Primary

Feb 10 – 23, 2016

Early Voting, March Presidential & County Primary

March 1, 2016

Presidential & County Primary

MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Mary Mancini, TNDP Chair

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Brad Watkins, Executive Director of the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

City of Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Memphis Chapter, Kristy Glassman

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.

We have a great lineup this spring! Come on out and join us for good food, spirited conversation, and interesting speakers. We look forward to seeing you.

Please consider becoming a contributing member, if you are not one already. Our dues help pay for publication of our quarterly newsletter, our website, and other activities throughout the year.

From Dick Klenz:

Last year, after fifteen years, I stepped down as President of the Germantown Democratic Club. I thought it was the right time for me to vacate the office. Our Bi-annual Election, held in 2015, resulted in a new President, two vice presidents, a secretary and treasurer. Dave Cambron was voted in as our new president and I am sure he will do a great job. I will continue to support the club any way that I can and will act as Treasurer. I am sure you will all join me in offering the new officers our support and best wishes.

Our meetings were well attended in 2015 and we had a number of outstanding speakers that kept us well informed on several issues. Speakers included: Jim Ogle – Memphis and Shelby County Historian and local tour guide; Mike Kernell – Shelby County School Board; Mike Palazzolo – Germantown City Mayor; Kyle Veazey – Commercial Appeal Political Reporter; Lee Harris; State Senator and Ramesh Akbari – State Representative.

The New Year, 2016, will be a huge political year. Already we have heard a lot from the Republican Presidential Candidates who have focused on many negatives besetting our great country. I understand they need to do this so they can pacify their base but there was little support from them for the President who continues to work diplomatically on serious and complex international problems. President Barack Obama has done a great job and pointed out our real problems and needed solutions. “The State of the Union is Strong”

From Dave Cambron:

I am excited for this new opportunity and the trust you have placed in me. I plan to continue the Germantown Democrats mission and work tirelessly to grow our Democratic presence here in East Shelby County. We have a number of activities planned for this year and are discussing new opportunities for 2016 and beyond.

I love presidential elections. This year we have several great candidates vying for the nomination. Everyone is lining up to support the candidate of their choice. Healthy and spirited competition will temper our nominee so we will end up with a tested leader ready to take on whoever rises from the swamp of the Republican primary.

While it can be discouraging to read comments of supporters threatening to sit out this election if their candidate does not win, or criticisms the candidates level against each other during the primary, it is just part of the give and take of an election. Always remember, the end goal is a Democratic win in November so we can continue the strong work of Barack Obama. I would feel confident casting a vote for any of the three Democrats over any of the Republicans. I know Germantown Democrats and Democrats in Tennessee will come together to support the eventual nominee; I know our candidates will coalesce to support the eventual nominee. The stakes are too high – none of us wants to live in a Trumpian/Cruzian America.

BECOMING A DNC DELEGATE

Every 4 years the Democrats hold their nominating convention and some number of delegates are chosen from the Democratic base. With some planning, hard work, and luck, you could be one of the people elected by your peers to represent Tennessee in Philadelphia this summer. In order to be a delegate, you must file a form with the TNDP stating who you will be supporting. The forms are available from the website TNDP.ORG. Forms must be filed by noon on Feb 19th.

Once you file, you must attend 2 conventions. The County Convention, March 4th, will elect people to attend the March 19th District Convention. Locations will be announced shortly.

To be elected as a National Delegate, you need to bring your friends and neighbors who live in your same Congressional District to vote for you. You also need to reach out to other people who want to be National Delegates to build a slate where you mutually support each other. Congressional District 8 gets 5 delegates, District 9 gets 7 delegates plus 1 alternate. These delegates will be split among the presidential candidates based on vote totals in the Congressional District.

All the information is available on the TNDP website. It takes a lot of work, but there is no feeling quite like being there when they call Tennessee and Mary Mancini announces, "The great state of Tennessee, home to Andrew Jackson and Al Gore, proudly casts its votes for the next President of the United States" Be there to find out.

