

“Justice has been done.”

- President Obama in his address to the nation announcing the death of Osama bin Laden

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GERMANTOWN DEMOCRATIC CLUB

GERMANTOWN, BARTLETT, CORDOVA, COLLIERVILLE, EAST MEMPHIS, LAKELAND, BOLTON, ROSEMARK, MILLINGTON and UNINCORPORATED AREAS

MAY MEETING

**Wednesday, May 25th, 2011 at 6:30 PM
GASLAND**

Come watch *Gasland*, a documentary film about drilling for natural gas using a method known as hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”). The club will provide sandwiches, chips and soft drinks. For additional information on the film, go to www.gaslandthemovie.com

JUNE MEETING

**Wednesday, June 22, 2011 @ 6:30 PM
OBAMA FOR AMERICA**

Local representatives for Obama For America will share the group’s plans for the 2012 presidential election. OFA is a community organizing project of the Democratic National Committee and should play a very important role in the 2012 elections.

JULY MEETING

**Wednesday, July 27, 2011 @ 6:30 pm
THE CLASS OF 2025**

Dr. Doug Imig of the Urban Child Institute will present information on what the future holds for children born in Shelby County in 2006. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Imig, who is also a Professor of Political Science at the University of Memphis, speak on this important issue.

Socializing for all meetings will begin at 6:30 pm
The programs will begin at 6:45 pm
The meeting will be held at the Cordova Library.
8457 Trinity Road, Cordova

Report from the SCDP Executive Committee*by Dave Cambron*

In April the Shelby County Democratic Party held its biennial convention, and emerged with a much smaller Executive Committee. The number of EC members is based on the number of voters in the previous year's presidential/gubernatorial election. Based on the turnout for Mike McWherter, the Party ended up with 38 members. At least 1/3rd of these are new to the EC, so there is a lot of excitement and new ideas floating around.

Germantown Democrats are well-represented on the EC's Steering Committee. Our vice-President, Dave Cambron, was elected as 3rd vice-chair and Germantown Democrat's Steering Committee members – Barbara Williams and Rose Ann Bradley were elected Treasurer and Asst-Secretary. Our President, Dick Klenz, was appointed as our Club's ex-officio member to the Party.

There are ways you can get involved. Much of the work of the party is done in subcommittees and you do not have to be a member of the EC to be on one of these subcommittees. All you need is enthusiasm and the desire to make a difference. The subcommittees are Elections, Finance, Ward & Precinct, By-Laws, Public Relations, Candidate Recruitment, Voter Education/Voter Registration, Get Out the Vote, Rules, Democratic Clubs, and Workshops. If you are interested in working on any of these committees, contact Dave Cambron at 624-2504 or davecambtron@live.com.

There is another way to get involved working in your neighborhoods. The Germantown Democratic Club has volunteered to organize the wards & precincts in Districts 95 & 96. These are Germantown and Cordova. We are looking for Club Members willing to organize within their local wards and precincts. We need help building e-mail lists and reaching out to Democrats who live by you. We will provide names and phone numbers for your Democratic neighbors so you can help us build a network and get our Democrats out to vote.

THIS IS THE TIME TO ORGANIZE – WE MUST NOT LET THE REPUBLICANS AND THE TEA PARTIERS CONTINUE TO FORCE THEIR EXTREMIST AGENDA ON TENNESSEE. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Recap of our recent Germantown Democratic Club meetings *by Diane Cambron*

In January club member Bill Gillon of the Industrial Development Board came to speak to us about PILOT's, Electrolux, and the challenges of attracting businesses to Memphis and Shelby County. Our February meeting was hosted by local bloggers Steve Steffens, aka Leftwing Cracker, and Steve Ross, aka Vibinc. The two discussed various redistricting scenarios taking into account the 2010 census figures and the current Republican dominance in the state legislature. That cheerful topic gave way to Dr. Jeff Warren, member of the Memphis City School Board, who came in March to talk to us about the path forward for Shelby County schools. Dr. Warren, a liberal Democrat who opposed consolidating the school districts, enumerated the achievements of Memphis City Schools over the last few years.

A letter from our GDC President:

The Republicans have taken over the Congressional House of Representatives; they have taken over the Legislature in Nashville and continue to be successful here in Shelby County. Sometimes it seems like the political agenda that I believe is necessary for a strong competitive America is always beyond our reach. So there are days that I think perhaps I should just forget about politics and not worry about it.

Then I think NO! I can't do that. This is a great country with unlimited potential. Our standard of living is high and our government should be working to make it even better rather than making it worse. We need to protect our citizens, care for our sick and build for the future with solid education opportunities, improved infrastructure and business innovations. That's what I want to see and will continue to work with people and politicians towards those goals. – *Dick Klenz*

