

“This country already has a leader who divides us with the bitter politics of envy.” –
Republican presidential front runner Mitt Romney

“Our success has never just been about survival of the fittest. It's about building a nation where we're all better off. We pull together. We pitch in. We do our part. We believe that hard work will pay off, that responsibility will be rewarded, and that our children will inherit a nation where those values live on.” –
President Obama

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GERMANTOWN DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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

JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Shelby County Democratic Election Commission
Commissioners Norma Lester and George C. Monger
will be our guest speakers.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

TNDP Chairman Chip Forrester will be our guest speaker.

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Program to be announced.

All meetings:
Meet for dinner 6:00 PM
Speaker 6:45 PM
Coletta's Restaurant
2850 Appling Way, Bartlett
(Appling Way @ Stage Rd.)

Germantown Democratic Club Happenings

It's a new year, and if you haven't yet made a contribution to the club, please consider doing so. Your contributions help to defray the costs of the newsletter and other activities, such as our booth at the Germantown Festival and our annual picnic.

For the time being, our new meeting place is Coletta's Restaurant at Appling and Stage. The responses to Becki's online survey were mixed, and no clear preference for an alternative meeting night emerged, so we are continuing to meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month. If you have never attended any of our meetings before, please feel free to come out, have a good meal and socialize. If you're a fellow Democrat living in east Shelby County, you probably have a hard time finding like-minded individuals with whom to discuss current events. We are always ready to welcome new faces, and we love to talk politics.

We did hold elections for officers in December, and are holding with the same officers as before. If you are interested in taking a more active role in our club, please contact any of us about being on the steering committee. The steering committee generally meets once per quarter to discuss upcoming programs and events. – *Diane C.*

A message from our President:

This is it! 2012 is a huge political year. The outcomes of this year's election will have lasting impacts on the future. We know what the Republicans want to do on the national level. They want to undo what President Obama and his administration have accomplished:

- Commitment to American families
- Health Care Reform
- Putting Americans Back to Work and Rebuilding a Fair Economy for the Middle Class
- Creating an Economy Built to Last
- Ending the War in Iraq and Honoring our Veterans

Visit www.BarackObama.com for more info.

At the local level we have state interference in our local education planning. As our school boards and consolidation transition commission work to develop successful public education, state and private forces continue to try to disrupt the orderly process to a sound school system. The Republican majority state legislature has also made it more difficult for many citizens to vote by requiring unnecessary voter identification.

We must work to keep president Obama working on policies that will grow American jobs and prepare our country for the future. We need to be vigilant to prevent an extremist state legislature from intervening in local political issues. – *Dick Klentz*

2012 Conventions – *Dave Cambron*

There is a multi-step process to be elected as a delegate:

1. File Statement of Candidacy with the TNDP by 12 noon on March 1. Statements are available online at www.tndp.org
2. Vote in the March 6 Democratic primary
3. Attend your County Convention on Saturday March 10 beginning at 12 noon. Info on this will be available on www.shelbydem.org when details are finalized by the end of the month. At the County Convention, delegates are elected to attend the District.
4. Those elected at the County Convention must attend the District Convention to be held 2 weeks later on March 24, where delegates will be elected for Charlotte.

NOTES

- For purposes of this election, the Congressional Districts are those prior to redistricting
- You must attend both conventions
- The 7th District will elect 3 male delegates, 3 female delegates and 1 male alternate.
- This is a very competitive election. Shelby County can send up to 106 delegates.
- The TNDP is committed to promoting diversity in its delegates.

For more information, please call Dave Cambron at 901-395-4729 (evenings/weekends).

