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SCRWC February General Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 – 11:00 AM
Germantown Country Club

1780 Kimbrough Road, Germantown, TN

For Lunch Reservations, Call Artie Brown at 754-6209

Reservation Deadline is Wednesday, February 2

PROGRAM: David Pickler, Shelby County School Board Chairman
Topic: State of Our Schools - Issues and Updates
For Public Education in Shelby County

Please bring your sweetheart or friend to this special February meeting.

At this meeting you'll have an opportunity to win
a Sweetheart Package valued at **\$150!!!**

Also, bring items for the Memphis Family Shelter
and you could win a door prize (see details below).



MEMPHIS FAMILY SHELTER NEEDS YOU!

In support of the Memphis Family Shelter,
please bring the following items to our February 8 meeting:
Paper towels, Liquid dish soap,
Toilet paper, Boxes of facial tissue, Furniture polish



NOTE: For each item you bring to the February 8 SCRWC meeting,
you'll be entered into a drawing for a DOOR PRIZE!!

The Memphis Family Shelter is a non-profit charitable organization that provides transitional housing and supportive services for homeless mothers and their children. Mothers and children live together in a safe and caring environment while they work to achieve independent living. Mothers achieve their goals through participation in a careful and well rounded learning program. You can contact the Memphis Family Shelter at 274-2728, or visit their website: www.memphisfamilyshelter.org.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On January 15 I was in Nashville along with many fellow members of Shelby County Republican Women's Club to see the inauguration of our new Governor, Bill Haslam. We are so fortunate that we are able to live in a state and nation where the transfer of power from person and party is carried out peacefully in a ceremony that is dignified without being imperial.

Over the last two years, our Club and Republicans from across Tennessee worked so diligently to elect a Republican Governor and a majority Republican Legislature. The fruits of our labor have paid off, but we will need to work hard this year in order to prepare for the 2012 elections to protect our majority in Tennessee as well as to elect a new President. It will all be here before you know it so we will make sure that we are prepared.

Our speaker for the February meeting will be David Pickler who will discuss the merger of the public schools. I look forward to seeing everyone February 8th at 11 am at the Germantown Country Club. A special welcome to our new members. We are so happy to have you! Also as a reminder to members who have not yet renewed for 2011, please bring your dues to the February meeting or send them to Ann Martin, 3064 Steeplegate, Germantown, Tennessee 38138.

Roberta

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues. Feb. 8 — **SCRWC General Meeting**
- Feb. 16-March 3 — **Early Voting: MCS Charter Referendum & Special Dist. 98 Election**
- Thurs. Feb. 17 — **MCS Charter Debate Sponsored by Mid South Tea Party**
- Mon. Feb. 28 — **SCRWC Board Meeting**
- Fri. March 4 — **36th Annual Lincoln Day Gala at Holiday Inn University of Memphis**
- Tues. March 8 — **SCRWC General Meeting**
- Tues. March 8 — **VOTING DAY: MCS Charter Referendum & Special Dist. 98 Election**



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 8 SCRWC MEETING

With our March meeting being on the same day as Mardi Gras, our theme will be Fat Tuesday. Look for details in our March newsletter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Linda Brannon
Elaine Nevil
Karen Rice
Lee Siegfried*

NEW ASSOCIATES

*David Kustoff
Sherri Gallick*



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

*Barbara Rose 2/2
Sandra Lee Smith 2/6
Marjorie Willingham 2/21
Wanda Lenoir 2/22
Dee Nollner 2/22
Pat Wainwright 2/24*



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES, GOVERNOR BILL HASLAM!



From Governor Haslam's inaugural speech: "As your governor, I promise to be a good listener and a continuous learner, to lead with grace and humility, and when faced with adversity, to respond with determination. And finally, I will work hard. In business, as a mayor, and as a candidate for governor, I have learned nothing replaces hard work. After over two years of preparing to be here, I am ready and excited to get to work. I hope you will join me along the path we start blazing today that will shape the future for Tennessee. Thank you for your support, your encouragement, your prayers and your commitment to making Tennessee a better place to live, to work, and to raise a family."

AMY WEIRICH — FIRST FEMALE DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL IN SHELBY COUNTY

Shelby County District Attorney General Amy P. Weirich was officially sworn in Tuesday, January 18. In a private ceremony Judge Robert Carter administered the oath of office to District Attorney Weirich, the first female to hold the top prosecutor position in Shelby County. Governor Bill Haslam will swear in District Attorney Weirich at a public ceremony scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Thursday, January 27 in the Memphis City Council Chambers at Memphis City Hall. The assistant district attorneys in the office will also be sworn in that day to serve under the leadership of Attorney General Weirich.



Our own Mayor Joyce Avery was recently nominated by the Young Republicans and won the "Jim Rout Achievement Award".

We're so proud of you, Joyce!



In Memory



Longtime member of East Shelby Republican Club and Southeast Shelby Republican Club, **Billy Jair Houston** passed away January 10, 2011.

One of our own SCRWC members, **Judy Warren**, passed away January 11, 2011.

Anna Frances Houston, a former SCRWC member, passed away January 17, 2011.

SCEC UPDATE as of 1/19/11 By Dee Nollner

**This is Dee's second year to serve as SCRWC representative on the Shelby County Election Commission. Dee also is a very active volunteer at Shelby County GOP HQ.*



The legal issues related to a referendum to determine whether or not the Memphis City School Board could transfer administration of the schools to Shelby County Schools has been resolved.

The legality of elections in TN is ruled upon by the Coordinator of elections. It was announced on Jan 5 that the notice received from the MCS did not meet TN legal requirements. The coordinator also outlined how those legal questions could be answered. This was followed by 1) Clarification from the MCS attorney that they wished to **transfer administration** of the MCS to the SCS 2) MCS **did not rescind** their first vote at a special meeting last night.

Meanwhile the Memphis City Council voted to support the MCS vote. This was one way to make the process legal in the eyes of TN law, however, since the point was cleared up by the clarification of the MCS attorney, the resolution by the City Council was not needed to go forward. A lawsuit was also filed last week by a private group. With all these challenges in action, a Chancery judge decreed the date of notice to be used would be January 13 rather than the date the MCS originally made their vote. Therefore the special referendum election will be 45-60 days from January 13.

Today the SCEC voted unanimously to conduct the **city referendum on March 8**, the same day as the special election scheduled for District 98. Early voting will also coincide with Dist 98 early voting dates and times. Early voting will begin downtown on February 16 and at satellites on Feb 19 through March 3 with the same locations and hours as the November election. This referendum will ask registered **city voters** if they wish to turn over administration of the Memphis City Schools to Shelby County Schools.

Lawsuits and court expenses will likely result from this issue, thus it is commendable that the SCEC has taken every step to comply with the law.

Celebrating
50
Years!

2011 SCRWC MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE

Regular Members - \$30.00

Associate Members - \$20.00

Please send your check to Ann Martin,
3064 Steeplegate Drive, Germantown, TN 38138
Call Ann at 347-3931 with your questions.



SCRWC SWEETHEART PACKAGE

At our February 8 General Meeting
you'll have an opportunity to win a
Sweetheart Package Valued at
\$150!!!

This Sweetheart Package includes:

- \$50 gift certificate to The Grove Grill
- Champagne and glasses
- Dinstuhl's Candy
- \$30 gift certificate to Pugh's Flowers
- Scented candles
- Extra surprises



NEWSLETTER NEWS

You can help SCRWC save money on newsletter production and mailing costs if you opt to receive your newsletter via email. You can note this on your 2011 membership renewal form, or you can let us know via email at scrwc1960@gmail.com. You can also let us know if you would be interested in sponsoring a newsletter for **\$100**.

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