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FEBRUARY 2012



SCRWC February General Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 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 8

PROGRAM: Barbara Prescott, Ph.D

TOPICS: Work of Transition Planning Commission

Difference in the TPC and the New Shelby County School Board

Timeline, Approach, Vision of the Consolidated District



Dr. Barbara Prescott currently serves as Chairman of the Transition Consolidation Planning Commission. She is a former three term member of the Memphis City School Board where she served twice as President and Vice President. She presently serves on the Board of Directors of Memphis Collegiate School, Girls, Inc. and New Leaders For New Schools.

Dr. Prescott is also on the Board of Trustees of Christ United Methodist Church and is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the University of Memphis College of Education. She works with school boards and school systems across the state in team building and strategic planning.

IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY, SO PLEASE INVITE YOUR SPOUSE OR A FRIEND TO ATTEND!

NOTE: At this meeting the proposed SCRWC 2012 budget will be presented to members for approval. Copies of the budget will also be available for all members. We will also distribute Christmas Jars to kick off our Caring for America Project for 2012 (see page 3 of this newsletter for more info).



LINCOLN DAY GALA IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012 – AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

SCRWC Associate Members John and Sue Williams are chairing the Lincoln Gala Silent Auction this year. This is a very important fundraiser for the Shelby County Republican Party, and the SCRCP needs your help to make the auction a huge success this year. Since the gala is fast approaching, we need to act quickly in procuring auction items. If you can come up with one or two items to donate, you can drop them off at the Williams home, 2997 Ashmont Drive in Germantown, or items can also be taken to SCRCP headquarters. If you have any questions please **contact John & Sue at 901-581-8170 or via email at jawillia6@comcast.net**

Thanks to the efforts of Cindy Grennan, SCRWC Caring for America Co-Chair, our Club is donating a nice charcoal grill for the auction. We would also like to donate a basket of barbecue tools, sauces, etc. from our Club to go with the grill. If you would like to donate something for the basket, please **contact our President Debbie Stamson at 901-624-2327 or email stamsons@bellsouth.net**.

***For more on the Lincoln Day Gala, including ticket purchase information, see page 3 of this newsletter.**



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

What an exciting meeting we had in January!! Thank you General Weirich for taking time out of your busy schedule to speak to us. We had a great crowd, and we added several new members to our roster!! Welcome new members to SCRWC, please invite a friend to join you at our next meeting, February 14th, 2012. I would also like to encourage all members to invite your spouse to join us, it is Valentines Day!! The price of lunch is now \$20.00.

We have a very busy year ahead of us with the Federal, State and local elections. The County Primary is in March and we have a lot of good Republicans in the race. We need everyone to get involved this year and help our Republican candidates.

Our guest speaker for this month will be Dr. Barbara Prescott, who serves as Chairman of the Transition Consolidation Planning Commission for the consolidation of Memphis and Shelby County schools. You will not want to miss the meeting, it will be informative and exciting. Please remember to renew your membership for 2012. If you are interested in sponsoring our monthly newsletter, please contact us at scrwc1960@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting in February.

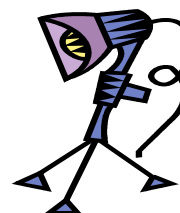
Debbie

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri. Feb. 3* — Lunch with the Governor
- Mon. Feb. 6* — Last Day to Register In Person for March 6 Presidential & Shelby County Primary
- Fri. Feb 10* — Lincoln Day Gala
- Tues. Feb. 14* — SCRWC General Meeting
- Wed. Feb. 15* — Early Voting Begins for March 6 Primary
- Mon. Feb. 27* — SCRWC Board Meeting
- Tues. Feb. 28* — Early Voting Ends March 6 Primary

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES!

JON CRISP
CHARLOTTE MCELVEEN
KIM PERRY



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS *Lunch with the Governor* **PRESENTED BY THE GREATER MEMPHIS CHAMBER**



GOVERNOR BILL HASLAM — Presentation of his 2012 Legislative Agenda
Friday, February 3, 2012 - 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Holiday Inn — University of Memphis
3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN
\$25.00 Per Person

Please RSVP to Beverly Davis at bdavis@memphischamber.com or (901) 543-3547.
All payments/reservations must be made 48 hours prior to this event.

February Birthdays

- Barbara Rose 2/2*
- Sandy Smith 2/6*
- Dee Nollner 2/22*
- Patricia Wainwright 2/25*



With Deepest Sympathy



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to SCRWC member and Past President, **Jean Sibley**, in the loss of her husband, George.

Our deepest sympathy also goes to SCRWC associate member, **Carole Pruett**, in the loss of her brother.



The Thirty-Seventh Annual Lincoln Day Gala

Friday, February 10, 2012
Holiday Inn-University of Memphis

3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee

VIP Reception 5:30pm Dinner 7:00pm
VIP Tickets (includes Special Reception and
Dinner): \$125

Featuring a keynote address from
Senator Lamar Alexander



For tickets contact ShelbyGOP.org or call (901) 682-3335. Your payment is your reservation (no physical tickets are issued). Tickets are non-refundable.



SCRWC – CARING FOR AMERICA

As I'm writing this note to you all, "The Glenn Miller Show" is playing in the background.... Glenn Miller died while serving our country, a reminder of all those brave men and women who have fought for our country, many of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice, along with sacrifices from their families. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glenn_Miller

Makes me even more proud of our club which sponsored "Wreaths Across America" to acknowledge those brave fallen men and women, a commemoration to remember them, and also a THANKS and acknowledgement to their families, that we've not forgotten the sacrifices.

Thank you to all who contributed to "Wreaths Across America". Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Jar Project....monies collected in 2011 were designated for local military families.

Also in 2011, "Caring for America" of SCRWC contributed to Memphis Family Shelter. We will be advising you of 2012's projects via "Caring for America". The Christmas Jar Project has already been approved for 2012. Please pick up your jar at our next General Meeting...and thank you!

Thank you members for your contributions in the various programs we promote, which in turn, makes Shelby County Republican Women's Club, so strong, helps our community, and furthers the great friendships we make within our political endeavors!



Virginia Woolsey - "Caring for America"



SCRWC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome to our newest members! It is great being with so many committed Republicans. And thanks to everyone who has already paid their 2012 dues. In case you lost the envelope, please send your dues of \$30.00 for Regular Membership and \$20.00 for Associate Membership to Ann Martin, 3064 Steeplegate Dr., Germantown, TN 38138. Call Ann at 347-3931 with your questions. And don't forget to invite a friend to our next meeting.

2012 SCRCP DUES ARE DUE

REMINDER: If you have not yet paid your 2012 dues to the Shelby County Republican Party, please be sure to do so. SCRCP asks for a minimum dues payment of \$25.00. Please mail to SCRCP, 2400 Poplar Ave. #418, Memphis, TN 38112. You can contact new SCRCP Executive Director Cory Higdon at 682-3335 with any questions. You can also visit the SCRCP website: shelbygop.org



YOU CAN BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR - WILL YOU?

By Dee Nollner, SCEC Ph.756-8456

The Tennessee requirement for a photo ID to vote went into effect Sunday, January 1, 2012. The vast majority of voters already have the required ID, but **some may not realize they can use an expired photo-driver's- license, even one from another state.** That is how you can be a good neighbor – if you have friends and family who do not follow current events, mention the new requirement and if they did not know, please explain the following:

The **voting process in TN has not changed**, in addition to the normal process those going to a polling site will also need to present a photo ID from a **valid** government agency in order to vote. A valid agency is the **Federal or any state government**, includes but not limited to these examples:

- Driver's license with photo, even expired – from **any** state
- Military ID, Veterans ID, Gun-carry permit, hunting permit with photo, passport etc.
- If a state (or Federal government) issued a photo ID which includes name and photo and you are already a registered voter, you are good to vote. Any questionable photos will be handled just like any questionable signatures – the precinct judges will decide.

Non-valid ID's include: Local government ID, Student ID, as well as Costco or FedEx type IDs. **An acceptable ID is one issued by a state or Federal government.**

If your neighbor does not have a valid photo ID and votes in person, they will need a photo ID before the March 6, 2012 primary elections. If they vote absentee they do not need a photo ID. If they have no valid photo ID they may get a free voting-only ID from a Driver's Service Center. In Shelby County two centers have added the First Saturday of each month for this purpose in addition to regular weekday schedules. Those Saturday sites are: E. Shelby Drive south of the airport and the Summer Ave. Highway Patrol Center.

If your friend does not have a valid photo ID and is a registered voter, they should take a birth certificate and two proofs of residence papers when applying at the Service Centers. Call 543-7920 if you have questions. Someone over 60 who chose a non-photo driver's license and would now like a photo license can also present the valid photo-less license to the County Clerk and have a photo added to that license - free of charge until March 12. The County Clerk's office is located 150 Washington Ave.

If you have questions call the Shelby County Election Commission at 222-1200 or go to shelbyvote.org

CANDIDATE LISTING FOR MARCH 6, 2012 SHELBY COUNTY PRIMARY

NOTE: Since this is a primary election you will have to declare a party and therefore will only see the candidates running under your party preference.

Satellite Early Voting February 21-28

Downtown Memphis Early Voting Opens February 15

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL VOTE FOR ONE (1)

AMY WEIRICH	REPUBLICAN
CAROL CHUMNEY	DEMOCRAT

ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY VOTE FOR ONE (1)

JOHN BOGAN	REPUBLICAN
RANDY LAWSON	REPUBLICAN
TIM WALTON	REPUBLICAN
CHEYENNE JOHNSON	DEMOCRAT
STEVE WEBSTER	DEMOCRAT

GENERAL SESSIONS COURT CLERK VOTE FOR ONE (1)

JAMES R. FINNEY	REPUBLICAN
RICK ROUT	REPUBLICAN
MARION G. BREWER	DEMOCRAT
SIDNEY CHISM	DEMOCRAT
OTIS JACKSON, JR.	DEMOCRAT
ED STANTON, JR.	DEMOCRAT
KAREN WOODWARD	DEMOCRAT

PATRICIA MCWRIGHT JACKSON	INDEPENDENT
* Independent Candidate will be on the August 2, 2012 Ballot	

SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSION- DISTRICT 1, POS. 3 VOTE FOR ONE (1)

STEVE BASAR	REPUBLICAN
MARILYN LOEFFEL	REPUBLICAN
STEVE ROSS	DEMOCRAT

FYI: EARLY VOTING SITES

Agri Center, Baker Community Center (Millington), Bellevue Baptist Church, Bethel Church (Bartlett), Collierville Church of Christ, New Bethel Baptist Church (Germantown)
*Lakeland Early Voting Site has been moved to Refuge Church, 9817 Huff'n Puff Rd.
**For more Early Voting sites, visit shelbyvote.org

ABSENTEE BALLOT ELIGIBILITY

Must Be a Registered Voter - No Photo ID Required

To apply for an absentee ballot, you can contact:
Shelby County Election Commission
150 Washington Ave.
2nd Floor, Suite 205
Memphis, TN 38103
Ph: 901-222-1200 or at shelbyvote.org

Qualifications for Permanent Absentee Ballot:

- Voter must be 65 years or older or Challenged physically or
- If religious beliefs prohibit photos
- Must apply and must provide necessary info
- Ballots automatically mailed to voter's address
- Must return completed ballot via mail or courier by 7PM on Election Day
- Must use absentee ballot, cannot go to polls to vote

Qualifications for Temporary Absentee Ballot:

- Available to anyone
- Must apply and must provide necessary info
- Ballot will be mailed to voter's address
- Ballots available 7-90 days before Election Day
- Must return completed ballot via mail or courier by 7PM on Election Day
- Must use absentee ballot, cannot go to polls to vote