

Shelby County Republican Women's Club

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JANUARY 2011



SCRWC January General Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 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, January 5

PROGRAM: David Pickler, Speaker
Chairman, Shelby County School Board of Education

In Loving Memory



Barbara Ann Fisher

September 14, 1938 – December 4, 2010



On December 4, SCRWC lost a dear friend and GOP supporter, Barbara Fisher. Barbara served on our Board as our Caring for America Chair and was also active in community service, including the Germantown Senior Citizens Committee and Hometown Hero.

Adrienne Aden Stock

October 23, 1939 – December 24, 2010



On Christmas Eve, we lost a friend and tireless volunteer for our Party, Adrienne Stock. Adrienne served as President of SCRWC in 1998 and was the current Shelby County GOP third-vice chairman. Additionally, Adrienne served as the Shelby County Co-Chair for 2008 McCain/Palin Presidential campaign.

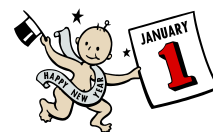
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Last month's Christmas Tea was a beautiful and festive gathering. I would like to thank Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy for installing our 2011 officers, and John and Lisa Bobango for opening their gorgeous home to our Club. The 2011 SCRWC Board's goals are to continue to offer quality, informative meetings and opportunities to get involved in our Club. At our January meeting we are going to introduce a project that the 2010 Board participated in. Last year some of the Board members read Christmas Jars by Jason F. Wright and throughout the year we collected our change to fill special Christmas jars. In the book the jars filled with change were anonymously given to people in need on Christmas Eve. At the January meeting we will have several Christmas jars available for Club Members to begin what we hope will become a new tradition.

If you have not already renewed your SCRWC membership for the new year, please complete the enclosed 2011 membership form and return it with your dues check (\$30 for active members and \$20 for associate members) to Ann Martin. I look forward to seeing you at the next SCRWC meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 11 am at the Germantown Country Club to hear our guest speaker, David Pickler. This promises to be an exciting meeting that you should not miss!

Happy New Year!

Roberta



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 1 — **New Year's Day**
January 4 to 15 — **Early Voting Days for TN House District 98 Special Election**
Tuesday, January 11 — **SCRWC General Meeting**
Thursday, January 20 — **TN House District 98 Special Election Primary**
Monday, January 24 — **SCRWC Board Meeting**

SAVE THE DATE! The 36th Annual Lincoln Day Gala will be on Friday March 4, 2011.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Hope Cook
Patricia Cook
Wanda Kalina
Mary Klug
Dale Lusk
Sheila Mashburn
Pam Ott
Dorothy Pugh
Lee Siegfried



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bettye Weathersby 1/1
Jean Britt 1/9
Ann Edmiston 1/11
Heidi Shafer 1/11
Cindy Grennan 1/14
Carly Miller 1/15
Allie Greene 1/19
Roberta Kustoff 1/24
Debbie Roper 1/28
Kathryn Black 1/29



FEATURING YOUR 2011 BOARD With the new year comes a new SCRWC Board, and the following are brief bios of some of our 2011 Board members:

President Roberta Kustoff enjoys spending as much time as she can with her two kids, Maggie (5), and Jake, (2), and enjoys helping out at their schools. She also works part time as an attorney for Shelby County Trustee, David Lenoir. Roberta has been involved with SCRWC since 2004 and has previously served on the Board with Special Events and as 3rd VP.

1st VP Hon. Debbie Stamson is a native Memphian, and has been married to her husband Steve for 30 years, with two sons and two grandchildren. Debbie is a very active member of the Republican Party, has served on the Shelby County Clerk's Office from 1980 to 2010, and was elected County Clerk in 2006.

3rd VP Debbie Hummel is retired military, having spent 20 years with the Tennessee Air National Guard. She is the co-owner of two businesses. Debbie and her husband enjoy RV traveling, fine dining, wine tastings, and spending as much time as they can with their four year old granddaughter.

Corresponding Secretary Nelda Hamer is an active member of the Women's Exchange, Salvation Army Auxiliary and Memphis Area Master Gardeners. She's been a member of SCRWC for five years, and has served as Corresponding Secretary and as Volunteer Hours Chair.

Treasurer Louise Taylor will serve a second year in this capacity. She has also served on the Phone Committee.

Assistant Treasurer Pat Allmond has been active in Republican politics since 1980, and has been a member of SCRWC since 1988. Over the years Pat has served as 2nd VP, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Historian. She is a retired RN, wife, mother of two adopted girls and grandmother of eight.

Candidate Liaison / Media Chair Shirley Henderson joined SCRWC in 1995 and has served in many Board positions over 15 years, including Voter Registration Chair, 2nd VP, 1st VP, President 2003, Advisor, Media Chair, and Candidate Liaison. Shirley has also served as TNFRW Area 9 VP and TNFRW Campaign Chair.

Candidate Volunteers Chair Janet Armour is a wife, mother of three sons, and grandmother of three (soon to be four) grandchildren. Her husband is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, and they have traveled the world. Janet joined the SCRWC almost two years ago, serving on Campaigns in the spring of 2010.

Membership Chair Ann Martin moved to the area almost two years ago and served as 1st VP and Membership Co-Chair last year. Ann says one of the best parts of her job is meeting so many Republicans who are committed to working for good government.

Membership Co-Chair & Roster / Webmaster Cindy O'Neal maintains the SCRWC website and produces our annual membership roster. Cindy is a personal computer trainer and web designer., and enjoys long walks and reading.

SCRP Liaison Barbara Rose is married to Raymond Burrows and has one daughter, Nicole. Over the past two years, Barbara has volunteered for the SCRCP and in 2010 was named SCRCP Volunteer of the Year. She also volunteers with Memphis City Schools.

Newsletter Editor Nancy Boatright is new to SCRWC and took over newsletter production when Nona Miller passed away. Nancy retired from International Paper in 2007, is married to Sam, and all together they have four children and three grandchildren.

Special Events Chair Jean Drumwright has been a dedicated activist for the Republican Party since 1993, working at the County HQ, as well as serving on the TN GOP Executive Commission in Nashville for eight years. Jean also worked diligently on the George W. Bush Presidential campaigns.

SCRWC MAKES GENEROUS DONATION TO COUNTY GOP

On Tuesday, December 14, at the Shelby County Republican Women's Club Annual Holiday Tea, the Club approved a generous donation of \$7,500 in proceeds from our 50th Annual Celebration to the Republican Party of Shelby County. Quoting Lang Wiseman, SCRCP Chairman: "We are so grateful to SCRWC for their generous donation to the Party. We simply would not be as strong of an organization if it were not for the contributions of time and treasure from the members of this club over the last fifty years. My special thanks to outgoing club President Jeanette Watkins, incoming President Roberta Kustoff, and the board and membership of SCRWC for their dedication to conservative principles and their service to the Party and our candidates."



A proclamation recognizing fifty years of service, sponsored by State Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris, was also read to the attendees at the Tea, which was held at the home of former City Councilman John Bobango and his wife, Lisa. In addition to this donation and our regular annual donation, the Club also donated a new front desk for the Headquarters office last year.

SCEC UPDATE By Dee Nollner



The Shelby County Election Commission is one of the most important and least understood government organizations in the county. Their name may contribute to misunderstanding – it is a state governed body even though the name indicates Shelby County. Funding comes through the county; however they are not chartered by the county (or city) but rather the state created election commissions and election commissions operate under TN state law! Their mission reflects their role: **“To administer all public elections in Shelby County, TN in accordance with applicable laws.”**

Lending to the confusion, they are not a legislative or investigative body. They must abide by the laws of the state of TN. Their role is to *confirm* whether or not state requirements are met regarding elections. The State Legislature institutes laws. Questions of election law are interpreted by the State Coordinator.

December 13, 2010 -

SCEC certified that Sara Lewis won the MCS Board Dist 6 Run-off election with 900 votes - the second place candidate received 781 votes.

Now, to comply with state law, the “place of birth” space **must** be filled in on Voter Registration Applications. Those who do voter registrations are asked to make sure that the place of birth is given on the all applications. The full SS number is still required in TN.

Four candidates have met requirements for the special TN House Dist 98 election: Stephanie Gatewood, Antonio “2Shay” Parkinson, Brenda Oats Woods & Janie Foster. All are Democrats; nevertheless **state law mandates** that a primary election **and** a general election are required to fill the vacancy. District 98 has 32,000 registered voters in 15 precincts. The minimum operation cost per day for each voting location is \$1,500.

Early voting begins January 4 -15th at 157 Poplar - satellite locations:

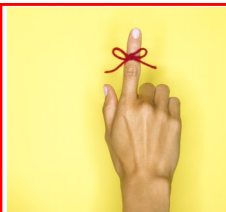
Mt. Pleasant Church and Raleigh United Methodist - **January 10 through 15th** .

The **Primary Election - January 20**. **General Election - March 8** – only the winner of the primary election will be on the March 8 ballot, obviously it is imperative that voters make their selection during the primary process. **Alert:** Voters affected **will receive mailed** notification regarding a temporary precinct voting *location* change of 43-02 to 53-01. Watch your mail, **IF** this applies, you will receive written notification.



WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations and best wishes go out to Shelby County Republican Party Chairman *Lang Wiseman* and his new bride, *Betsy Carnesale* on being joined together in marriage on Thursday, December 23.



HAVE YOU RENEWED YET?

If you haven't already renewed your SCRWC membership for 2011, please be sure to complete the enclosed form and send along with your renewal payment to Ann Martin.

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scrwc1960@gmail.com

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