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Luncheon Note\*

Reservation is required if you are staying for lunch. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday of the week prior to the meeting. If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, payment will be expected. Please remit by check or pay online at scrwc.org. Call or text Kathy Reagan at 901, 415, 5787 for additional 901-415-5787 for additional information. Email: katreagan@att.net



You are Cordially Invited to Our **SCRWC March General Meeting** Luncheon

TUESDAY March 12, 2024 **12** PM - 2 PM (11:30 social and check in) Memphis National Golf Club

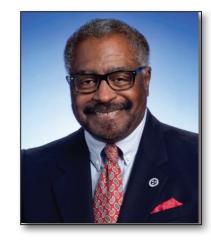
10135 National Club Drive | Collierville, TN For Noon Luncheon Reservations, please call or text Kathy Reagan at 901-415-5787. Email: katreagan@att.net \*\*Reservation Deadline is Wednesday, March 6, 2024\*\*

Luncheon is \$30 per person. Note: Because we are billed, if you make a reservation and are unable to attend, payment is expected.

# Our March Speaker - John DeBerry

### It's Our Time

John DeBerry represented the 90th District in the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1995 to 2020. He is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University and the University of Memphis. He currently preaches at the Coleman Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis in addition to churches and organizations across the country. He serves as Governor Lee's Senior Advisor and as a member of his Cabinet.





# SCRWC Congratulates Judge Mary Wagner! Governor Lee Names Tennessee Supreme Court Appointee



On February 1, 2024, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced the appointment of Judge Mary L. Wagner to the Tennessee Supreme

"Mary is a highly qualified judge who will bring significant experience to the Tennessee Supreme Court," Governor Lee said.
"Her understanding and respect for the rule of law and commitment to the conservative principles of judicial restraint make her wellsuited for the state's highest court, and I am proud to appoint her to this position.'

Judge Wagner is currently a circuit court judge for the 30th Judicial District, which covers Shelby County. She previously served as an associate at Rice, Amundsen & Caperton, PLLC and taught as an adjunct professor at The University of Memphis School of Law.

Judge Wagner earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder and J.D. at the University of Memphis School of Law. She will fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Roger A. Page, effective August 31.



Melanie Mosley, Founder & Chair of the Whitehaven Republican Club, & Jonathan White, works with Senator Bill Hagerty



Guests from Madison County Republican Women's Club Winnette Bobo, Heidi Policky, Londa Rohlfing, Peg Ramsay



Treasurer Ginny Aronson-Hoke & new member Terri Bernhardt



Speaker County Commissioner Amber Mills & President Dr. Sharon Webb



Judy Kilmer & Rhea Clift

Iohnnecia & Zoe Corwise with Iazio Arts did a presentation honoring Black History Month. Also pictured is County Commissioner Amber Mills, President Dr. Sharon Webb & Tina Montgomery who led the pledge to the flag.



New SCRWC member JoAnne Powell



Carolyn Robertson, Janine Carney, Judy Jones

# Membership...

A warm welcome to our newest members!!

Terri Bernhardt **Shelly Cheng** JoAnne Powell

# Legislative...

As the Tennessee General Assembly remains in session, bills continue to move through committees and floor hearings. One bill has now been signed by Gov. Lee as a result of the current legislative session: a law that allows people to refuse to "solemnize", or perform, a marriage if they disagree with the marriage. A few state constitution amendments also continue to move forward, and a vote

Federally, for the third time in five years, U.S. Senators will soon be sworn as jurors; this time for the impeachment trial of Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas. The House impeached him

is expected soon regrading Gov. Lee's proposed school

February 13, and the articles will now be processed by the Senate by way of a trial.

choice program as well.

Conviction of impeachment requires a two-thirds vote of Senators. This is the first impeachment of a cabinet member in over 150 years.

> LaUna Brubaker Legislation Chairman



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024!!!! We have been doing really well with renewals and getting friends and family to join. So far, we have 78 members for 2024!! Thanks for everyone's help with friends and membership goals! Please invite

Thank you, and see you all at the next luncheon on March 12.

Jennifer Allen 2nd VP / Membership

our

# Volunteer Hours...

January 1 - June 31. Please keep track and report. Jane Jones. text 901-351-6347. email - jarmurray@yahoo.com

# Birthdays...

#### **MEMBERS**

- 17 Cindy O'Neal
- 23 Armintine Williams
- 24 Janet Armour
- 25 Menzie Montgomery
- 25 Kathy Reagan
- 29 Bonnie Siler



# President's Corner...



We had a GREAT February Meeting honoring Black History Month with a presentation from JAizo Arts featuring Johnnecia and Zoe Corwise singing a Negro Spiritual, Wade in the Water. Also, our own County Commissioner Amber Mills gave us an overview of the duties and function of the Shelby County Commission. We are looking forward to celebrating Women's Month in March.



We are in the run for our lives and our country with the 2024 Presidential Election. Over the past few years because of Political Apathy, our Republican vote has waned to approximately 22 percent in Shelby County.

Ecclesiastes 9:4 says, for him that is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. A living dog is better than a dead lion because, for the lion, hope is dead. His once regal standing is worthless. Death diminishes the majestic lion to a position below that of a living dog to nothingness. But the living dog still has hope regardless of its perceived status or strength. So, we are better off taking advantage of the living dog because he symbolizes hope until we can find another Lion. Sometimes it seems dim but to not vote is to give your vote to the opposing party. To become independent is to stand in the middle where there can be no victory because to stand for nothing you will succumb to anything. According to Winston Churchill, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

Please renew your membership and get five new members to join. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. Contact those you have not seen and ask them to renew also.

Thank you for your committed support,



Caring for America

# SCRWC is partnering with the Mid-South Food Bank this month!

Please bring non-perishable food items to our March 12th luncheon. Canned items such as soup, beans, peanut butter, pasta sauce and tinned vegetables are most desirable.

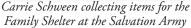
Monetary donations are welcomed as well.

The Mid-South Food Bank distributes an average of 2.5 million meals a month through a network of partner agencies feeding food insecure children, families and seniors throughout West Tennessee and North Mississippi.

Thank you, SCRWC, for your support and generosity!



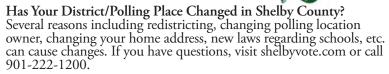




#### **SCRWC GROUP PICTURE**

TFRW would like to have a picture of our club members. It will be taken at our March 12th meeting.
Please arrive early, at 11:15
before social time.

# Polling Places...



2024 Election Dates:

March 5 - Presidential & County Primary Elections
August 1 - State & Federal Primary & County General Elections
November 5 - General & Municipal Elections
If you did not vote early by February 27th at any polling station, be sure to vote March 5th at your assigned polling location. Remember Your Vote Matters!!





Dr. Sharon A. Webb

### Lincoln Day - March 22, 2024 - Memphis Hilton

The Republican Party of Shelby County Lincoln Day is a collaborative event to network, raise money for the Party, hear from key elected officials, and energize voters. In the past, the RPSC has always had an exciting speaker, and this year will be a banner Lincoln Day as well. The Party plans for it to be the best Lincoln Day ever as we all segue into the most significant election cycle of our lifetime. We all need to purchase tickets. SCRWC will be purchasing tables for our members to sit together. On March 1, go to shelbygop.org for more information.



# SCRWC MEMBERS, LET'S ALL JOIN IN SUPPORTING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF SHELBY COUNTY! 2024 RPSC Membership dues start at \$35. RPSC HQ Phone: 901-310-4570 | shelbygop.org

### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, March 5 - Presidential & County Primary Elections
Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
Tuesday, March 12 - SCRWC Membership Meeting/Luncheon
Memphis National Golf Club (11:30am Sign In) 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Sunday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
Monday, March 18 - Ladies' Day on the Hill
Friday, March 22 - Republican Party Lincoln Day Fund Raiser
Monday, March 25 - SCRWC Board Meeting, GT Library, 10:00am
Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

#### Newsletter News

You can help SCRWC save money on newsletter production and mailing costs if you opt to receive your newsletter via email instead of postal mailing. Please be sure to note this on your 2024 membership renewal form, or you can let us know via email at <a href="mailto:scrwc1960@gmail.com">scrwc1960@gmail.com</a>. Please let us know if you would be interested in sponsoring a newsletter for \$100.

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