



Bulletin

East Memphis Rotary Club

Cliff Williams, President

April 20, 2022
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2021-2022
Our 33rd Year

www.rotaryclubofmemphiseast.org

Meeting 12:00 Noon

Shady Grove Event Center, 5530 Shady Grove, Memphis, TN 38120

Upcoming Meetings

April 27, 2022
Autumn Chastin
Thistle & Bee

May 4, 2022
Andy Nix
MyCityRides

May 11, 2022
Richard Myers
Whitehaven HS/STEM

May 18, 2022
Otis Sanford
Journalism Chair, U of M

June 1, 2022
Newcomers Reception
Home of
Mark Griffiee

June 8, 2022
Ursula Madden
Office of the Mayor

June 15, 2022
Richard Shadyac
St. Jude Children's Hospital



Speaker Sponsor

An Opportunity to Serve

See page 2 for an opportunity to be a part of new project where Braver Angels are proposing an alliance in Memphis.

Mark Beutelschies is spearheading this project. You can get in on the ground floor as the project develops.

April 27, 2022 Autumn Chastin



Autumn Tinnel is the head of Merchant & Payroll Services for First Horizon Bank. She has been dedicated to the management and growth of the merchant program and is excited for the continued success of the program at First Horizon. She grew up in southern West Virginia and is a graduate of Concord University in Athens, West Virginia with a bachelor's degree in Marketing. Autumn also attended the Visa Bankcard Management School in Washington, DC in May 2008 and is scheduled to attend CBA Banking Executive School this summer.

Autumn has been married to her high school sweetheart, Brian, for 25 years. She loves to spend time outdoors with her two Golden Retrievers, Oakley and Annie.

April 20, 2022 Gary Rosenfeld and Leo Arnoult Better Transit for a Better Memphis

To own a car, your income should be at least \$64,000 a year. Cars are expensive to purchase and to maintain which means there are many skilled workers in the city who rely on the Memphis Transit system. The city's system is greatly underfunded with few routes. In 1970 there were 300 buses running and today there are 80, trying to cover 300 square miles. There are jobs available to workers, but they must have access to the better paying jobs.



Gary Rosenfeld, CEO of MATA, pointed out that a plan to fully fund MATA, called Memphis Transit Vision 3.0, has been put in place and is supported by both the city and county mayors. When funded, at least 79,000 more people would have better service with buses running every 15 minutes to areas like the medical center and the southeast Memphis industrial area. The jobs are available, the workers just need reliable transportation.

Leo Arnoult, Arnoult & Associates, is working with Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action & Hope (MICAHA) to fully fund the Vision 3.0. MICAHA is committed to a "Better Transit for a Better Memphis," by adding \$38 million to the plan. They are working with the city, county and TDOT to make the Vision a reality.



Gary Rosenfeld, Leo Arnoult and Cliff Williams



Jimmy Norman
Northeast Rotary Club
with us again this week



Also welcomed
back was visitor
Bobby Simmons



Mary Lou McCas
guest of today's
speakers



COVID and the holidays prevented us from presenting Joe Doss with his packet of information and Rotary pin. He has already proven he deserves the pin as he has been a star in our club

Proposed New Member

Cal Overman
Business Development
 Simmons Bank
 sponsored by
 Beth Dowdie

Classification:
 Banking: Business Development

Classification Committee and Board of Directors recommend the named individuals for membership in our club. Any comments concerning the prospective members should be made in writing to Nina Gourley at 1661 Aaron Benner, Suite 300, Memphis, TN 38120. Email: ngourley@wucpas.com with a copy to Lee Hughes, 504 Sanga Circle West, Cordova, TN 38018, Email: lmhughes@costconsulting.net



Cal Overman
He came
He saw
He joined!!!!

Braver Angels

Have you ever struggled to have a calm discussion about a charged political issue with a family member or neighbor? We all know how difficult that can be.

We heard from Braver Angels, an organization that trains people from both political meanings to communicate civilly in March of this year. The organization is working to create a local chapter or an alliance in Memphis. As part of the process, they need to hold workshops that are equally populated by people who self-identify as red (Conservative) or blue (Progressive) leaning. The purpose is to provide a balanced experience that is co-moderated by one blue and one red moderator. Mary (red) who attended a recent workshop said, *I was amazed that the course really did help me talk to someone of a different party than I without arguing or feeling uncomfortable. We even found out we thought alike on several issues. It was well worth it to attend!*

The Mid-Town Rotary Club has expressed an interest in having a workshop with us with the presumption that our group will mostly be red and that their group will be mostly be blue. Wherever we will need each person to verify their typical disposition. This event will be held in the Fall. If you are generally interested or have any questions, please let Mark Beutelschies at markb@farris-law.com know so that he can coordinate with Mid-Town Rotary Club and Braver Angels.