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Rotary Club of Memphis East

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February 13, 2019

City of Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland



Jim Strickland was sworn in as mayor of Memphis on Jan. 1, 2016, pledging to work toward making ours a safer and stronger city, to lead a transparent and trustworthy government, and to have an administration that applies, in his words, “new eyes to solve old problems.”

After an eight-year tenure as a member of the Memphis City Council, Mayor Strickland was elected to the city’s top office on Oct. 8, 2015. Mayor Strickland served as vice chairman of the council in 2013 and as its chairman in 2014. In eight years representing District 5 on the City Council, then-councilman Strickland became known for fighting for government transparency and public safety.

Mayor Strickland is a 1982 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, a 1986 graduate of the University of Memphis and a 1989 graduate of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the U of M. He practiced law at Glankler Brown PLLC from 1990 to 1998, when he began practicing at Kustoff & Strickland PLLC, where he remained until becoming mayor.

Community service has long been a part of Mayor Strickland’s life. He has volunteered with various organizations, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, and has served on many different community boards, including chairing the Memphis Botanic Garden board of directors. He is a gold life member of the NAACP.

Mayor Strickland and his wife, Melyne, have two children.

Last Week, February 6th Craig Unger



Craig Unger, president and General Manager of the Memphis Redbirds and the new Memphis901 FC was our guest speaker this week.

Craig, in a very enthusiastic delivery, shared with us that this is the 20th year for the Memphis Redbirds and AutoZone Park. In that time he shared that well over 10 million fans had visited AZP, the highest number in all of the minor leagues. He also shared that AZP is still ranked one of the nicest ballparks in all of AAA Baseball and even said it was better than Wrigley Field, home of the Major League’s Chicago Cubs. Last year, the Memphis Redbird’s won the highest honor for a AAA baseball team by winning the national title. More than 9,000 fans, many from out of town watched the game at AZP.

In addition to baseball, Craig enlightened everyone on our new professional soccer team, the Memphis901 FC. There has been over a million dollars in upgrades that’s taken place at the stadium to accommodate both sports teams. The team will start its inaugural season here at AZP on March 9th. The players are already under contract and the community is very excited about having a professional soccer team here in Memphis. There will be 17 home games and because soccer fans loves to travel, he predicts that most games will be a sell-out. He also shared that baseball and soccer fans are totally separate with a low percentage being crossover fans. Therefore, a whole new crop of fans will make their way downtown to our sports venue.



Upcoming Programs

February 13, 2019
Mayor Jim Strickland
City of Memphis Update

February 20, 2019
Sandy Bradford
LifeSigns
Health & Wellness

February 27, 2019
Herbie Krisle
Page Robbins Adult Center

March 6, 2019
Murray Lace
Celtic Crossing
Scotch Tasting

March 13, 2019
Donna Lemm
EVP, IMC Companies

March 27, 2019
Eric Barnes
The Daily Memphian

April 3, 2019
Dunavant/Rotary
Lifetime Achievement
Award honoring
former Shelby County
Mayor
William N. Morris

April 10, 2019
Fireside Chats

April 17, 2019
Olliette Murray Drobot
Family Safety Center of
Memphis/ShelbyCounty

April 24, 2019
Arthur Oliver
Colonel U. S. Army Retired
Middle East Conflict



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Dina and her mother Basny were introduced by Sara Grace, who is the granddaughter of Bill Pickens and GOL ambassador. Dina has returned to Memphis for a “tune-up” on her heart surgery five years ago.



Tom Wilson introduced his guest, Barb Frazer with Crye-Leike Realtors.



Daniel Moore introduced one of our newest members, Kevin Boes who is with Watkins Uiberall.

Not pictured were Kyle Gowen, guest of John Seabold; Susan Scott from the Mid-town Club, and Michael Schroeder who was guest of our speaker, Craig Unger.