



Bulletin

East Memphis Rotary Club

Nina Gourley, President

March 1, 2023
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2022-2023
Our 34th Year

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Meeting 12:00 Noon

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

Upcoming Meetings

March 8, 2023

Kel Kearns
Blue Oval Plant Manager

March 15, 2023

Lydia Fisher
Miss TN Volunteer

March 22, 2023

Rory Thomas
Memphis Medical District
Collaborative

March 29, 2023

Jana Cardona
Leadership & Talent
Development

April 5, 2023

John Carroll
City Leadership/Choose901

April 12, 2023

Fireside Chats

April 19, 2023

Sally Heinz
MIFA

April 26, 2023

Heather Hunt
NEXUS

May 4, 2023

Cinco de Mayo Party

May 10, 2023

Doug McGowen
MLGW

May 17, 2023

Ryan Trimm
Restaurateur of the Year

May 24, 2023

Diane Hight
Forever Young



Speaker Sponsor

March 8, 2023 Kel Kearns, Blue Oval City

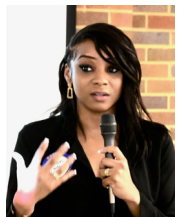


Kel Kearns was recently appointed the Plant Manager TEVC at Blue Oval City which will produce the next generation all electric Ford trucks. Kel will be the operational lead for the TEVC during construction, installation and launch phases of the greenfield Blue Oval City site that also includes a Joint Venture Battery Plant as well as other component suppliers.

Kel was previously the President & CEO of Auto Alliance Thailand, a joint venture between Ford and Mazda that manufactures Ford and Mazda vehicles for export to 130 countries. Prior to that Kel was the General Manager of the Hangzhou branch company of another Joint Venture, this time between Ford and Changan in China. Most relevant to his role at Blue Oval City, between 2011 and 2014 Kel led the successful construction, installation and launch of Sanand Stamping, Vehicle assembly and engine plant, for both domestic and export production, a greenfield and startup location in the Northwest of India.

Kel studied Aerospace Engineering and served as an Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force before joining Ford at the Broadmeadows Assembly Plant in Melbourne, Australia in 1994. In his spare time Kel is a keen motor racer and in 2020 was the Thailand Super Series TAV8 Champion driving a Ford Mustang.

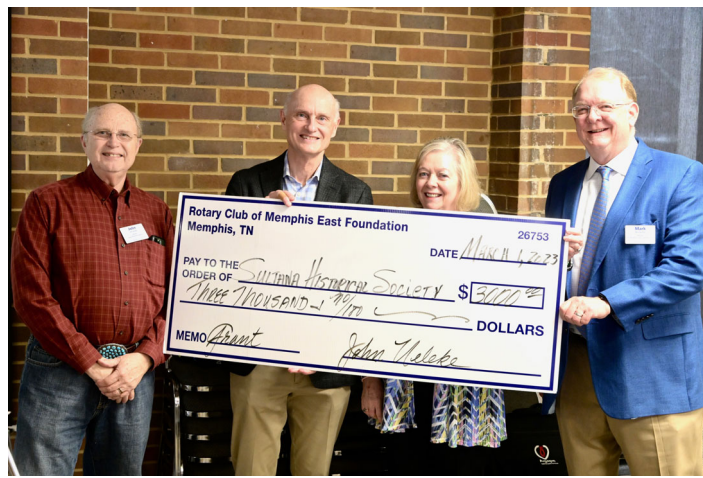
March 1, 2023 Raven Collins, Agape Memphis



Raven Collins, Development Manager for Agape Child & Family Services, was our guest speaker, ably stepping in for Stephen Green who had another commitment. Raven said Agape Memphis was founded almost 53 years ago. Agape serves children and families in Memphis's most under-resourced communities, working to pull them out of poverty. A few of their many services include school-based initiatives for children K-12, counseling, homeless services and employment services. Agape Memphis is always in need of volunteers who help meet the needs of communities and connect people and families with the services needed to help them reach goals toward a full life.



Beth Dowdie is pictured with today's speaker, Raven Collins, and President Nina. Beth has been very active with the program committee this year having arranged many of our speakers. We thank you, Beth, as does Program Chair Phil Gray.



The Rotary Club of Memphis East Foundation Chairman John Ueleke presented John Fogelman, president of the Sultana Historical Preservation Society, a check for \$3,000 to support the dedicated section of the new museum honoring soliders from Tennessee who were instrumental in savings many lives during the Sultana disaster. Also pictured are President Nina and Mark Griffie, sponsors of the grant.



WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who
Should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first,
And then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'

The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and
You should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'

Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.'

Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.'

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages,
that it indeed says

'HEBREWS'