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East Memphis Rotary Club

Matt Haaga, President

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Upcoming Programs and Meeting Dates

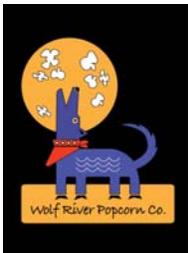
October 28, 2020
Mike Craft
The Villages

November 4, 2020
Landon Williams
Commercial Advisors

November 18, 2020
Sam Shaw
Principal
Berclair Elementary

Thursday, December 10, 2020

December 16, 2020
David Waddell
Waddell & Associates



**Wolf River Popcorn
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Proposed New Member

Tyler Royals
Attorney

Mendelson Law Firm
Classification:

Legal: Commercial Litigation

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

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Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Mike Craft, The Villages



Mike is the Chief Executive Officer of The Village at Germantown, in Germantown, an upscale Continuing Care Retirement Community. The community includes 230 independent living apartments and stand-alone villas, 48 memory care and assisted living apartments, and a 50-bed skilled nursing facility. Prior to joining The Village at Germantown, Mike spent nearly twenty years with Peabody Hotel Group, a division of Belz Enterprises in Memphis, where he served as Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer.

Mike received a BS degree in accounting from Arkansas State University and an MBA degree from The University of Memphis. He is a certified public accountant, licensed in Tennessee and Arkansas. Mike is a member of the City of Germantown Mayor's CEO Council, as well as Leading Age, the American Institute of CPAs, the Tennessee Society of CPAs, the Arkansas Society of CPAs, and the Construction Financial Management Association. He is former Chairman of the Finance Committee of The American Hotel and Lodging Association and board member of The Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals Association. He has served as a lecturer and panelist in numerous industry seminars and as an adjunct professor at The University of Memphis.

Mike, his wife, Holly, and their canine daughter, Lexie, live in East Memphis. Holly is retired from the practice of law. They have two adult children who live in Chicago and Denver. Mike and Holly are active members of Kirby Woods Baptist Church in Memphis, where Mike serves as Trustee and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

October 14, 2020 Program Congressman David Kustoff



Congressman Kustoff opened his remarks stating we should all be proud of Rhodes graduate Amy Comey Barrett, newly nominated to be a Supreme Court Justice, saying she was more than qualified to serve in that role.

Kustoff is serving his second term in the House of Representatives and serves as a member of the House Financial Services Committee. Working with his colleagues on this committee, he said he will fight mandates and regulations that are crushing small businesses and will stand up against wasteful government spending. Said he believes in the free market principles and is fully committed to supporting policies that will boost the economy in West Tennessee. He said the national debt has exceeded \$20 trillion and this is simply unsustainable. Said we need to fix this before we create a real mess for our children and grandchildren.

He spoke about COVID, stating it had disrupted our way of life, overwhelming our healthcare workers, requiring businesses to close and communities to quarantine. He said this crisis requires that we all continue to wear masks and social distance as these measures have helped to control the virus.

Congressman Kustoff fielded numerous questions from the audience and left us all with the message to do our civic duty and VOTE!



GUESTS LAST WEEK



John Seabold gets a gold star for inviting four guests to our meeting last week. They were:

Tyler Royals
Hite McLean
Charles Plunklett
Taylor Robertson

Tyler Royals is the grandson-in-law of Rev. Marquis and has been approved for membership by both the Membership Committee and Club board of directors. You will learn more about him at our meeting on October 28th when he is formally introduced to the club.



He's Back

We were all so pleased to see Rev. Marquis back with us after a nasty fall several weeks ago in his driveway. We were all expecting to see him black and blue from bruises, but he looked great with no signs of the trauma he suffered.

Rev. Jim, we are so proud you are such a quick healer and back with us at Rotary.