



Bulletin

East Memphis Rotary Club

Cliff Williams, President

September 29, 2021
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2021-2022
Our 33rd Year

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Meeting 12:00 Noon

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

Upcoming Meeting Dates

October 6, 2021
Bill Gibbons
Crime Commission

October 20, 2021
John Ueleke
RCME Foundation Update

October 27, 2021
Paul Young
Downtown Commission

November 3, 2021
Olin Pickens
WW II Veteran

November 8, 2021
Golf Tournament
Windyke Country Club

November 10, 2021
No Meeting this Week



Speaker Gift Sponsor

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Bill Gibbons, President

Memphis Shelby Crime Commission



Bill Gibbons became the president of the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and executive director of the Public Safety Institute at the University of Memphis in September of 2016. The Crime Commission is a non-profit corporation focused on the development and implementation of best practices to reduce crime. It has spearheaded the development of a community-wide Safe Community Plan. The Public Safety Institute is part of the University's School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy and seeks to explore and identify evidence-based policies and practices to increase public safety. The Safe Community Plan is an applied research agenda being evaluated on an ongoing basis through a partnership with the Institute. Gibbons also serves on the steering committee of Governor Bill Lee's Criminal Justice Investment Task Force.

As commissioner, Gibbons oversaw the agency's law enforcement, driver licensing, and homeland security responsibilities. His major priorities included reducing traffic fatalities through data-driven DUI and seat belt enforcement, interdiction of drug trafficking on our interstates, providing customer-focused driver license services professionally and efficiently, and providing training and other support to local law enforcement and other public agencies on homeland security matters. Born in El Dorado, Arkansas,

Gibbons holds both undergraduate and law degrees from Vanderbilt University. He is married to United States Court of Appeals Judge Julia S. Gibbons. They have two children.

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Dr. Dale Criner



Dr. Dale Criner recently joined the Emergency Department at Methodist North as Medical Director and spoke to us today about the challenges facing emergency departments during COVID 19. The pandemic has caused a serious trend in that many people delay seeking treatment for fear of exposure to COVID. Being careful should always be on the minds of everyone, but there are times

when one should seek emergency medical care such a strokes or heart attacks. People should be assured that emergency departments and other medical facilities take every precaution for patients and staff. Healthcare workers across the country are facing long hours; remain dedicated to providing the best possible care to patients. As we are seeing a very small decline in COVID cases, we should not let our guard down as we approach the fall and winter seasons when flu and other respiratory illnesses become more prevalent.



Trunk or Treat



It's October and Fall has arrived. Halloween is just around the corner which means it is time for Trunk or Treat. We need candy to fill the trunks of cars for White Station Elementary students to come to the school parking lot on October 24th to get hyped up on chocolate treats. You can help make this a safe and fun time for them by donating a bag of candy. Just bring to a meeting and Wendy Smith will see that it gets to the school.

**Gift of Life MidSouth
LeBonheur Doctors & Staff Visit East Memphis**

We were pleased to welcome LeBonheur doctors and nurses this week as they prepare for a trip to Jordan providing life-saving heart surgeries for children.



*RCME Foundation Chairman John Ueleke presents \$2,500 check to the doctors & nurses as they prepare for their trip to Jordan
l to r: Bill Pickens, John Ueleke, Dr. Boston, Jennifer Kramer, Melissa Lipe, Dr. Mohammede Absi*



Dr. Boston sharing the story of the trip to Jordan



Bill Pickens presents Dr. Boston with Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his work with Gift of Life MidSouth



Bill Pickens and Cliff Williams thank the team for their dedication to saving lives of children with "broken hearts"



Dr. Mohammed Absi



Melissa Lipe



Jennifer Kramer

Part of the team headed to Jordan

Other Guests Joining Us Today were

Richard Faust, guest of Guy Photopulos, Mack Land, guest of Matt Haaga and visiting Rotarians Ingrid Bolding, Gray Carter, Marty Petrussek and Stephanie Lawson