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East Memphis Rotary Club

Matt Haaga, President

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Our 32nd Year

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Upcoming Programs and Meeting Dates

September 16, 2020
Bill Gibbons

October 14, 2020
David Kustoff

October 28, 2020
Mike Craft
The Villages

November 4, 2020
Landon Williams
Commercial Advisors

November 18, 2020
Sam Shaw
Principal
Berclair Elementary

December 2, 2020
David Waddell
Waddell & Associates

December 16, 2020

Please Note

We are constantly updating our meeting schedule as we are at the mercy of Windyke's golf schedule of tournaments for our meetings on the patio. We are just pleased that the space is available for us during this crazy time.

Please see the dates at the top of this column booked through the end of the year. We will include the speakers as they are arranged.

**Did a BIG load of pajamas
so I would have
enough work clothes for
this week.**

Wednesday, September 16th

Bill Gibbons

**Memphis Shelby Crime Commission
University of Memphis Public Safety Institute**



Bill Gibbons became president of the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and executive director of the Public Safety Institute at the University of Memphis in September 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 crime reduction plan called the 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. Currently, Gibbons serves on the Steering Committee of Tennessee Governor Bill Lee's Criminal Justice Investment Task Force.

After beginning a private law practice in 1976 Gibbons began his state government career in 1979 as a special policy assistant for former Governor Lamar Alexander. His long government service included serving as District Attorney General for Shelby County and then was elected to a pair of eight-year terms as District Attorney in 1998 and 2006. He served Governor Bill Haslam's cabinet as commission of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security from January 2011 through August 2016.

September 8th Program

Carol Jackson



Carol Jackson said Family Matters is a non-profit organization that focuses on healthy families and healthy parenting in Memphis and the surrounding areas. Poverty and crime, poor educational outcomes, teenage pregnancies contribute to the breakdown of the family unit. Many problems can be traced to the absence of a father or male role model in the family. Family Matters has programs geared to educating parents on how to support their children and emphasized how important it is for parents to listen to what their children are saying. By enhancing the family structure, many of the challenges facing our youth will improve.

Carol introduced her colleague Angelo Taylor, a former policeman, who spearheads programs to help families become stronger such as *Dynamic Dads*, *Connections - Character & Relationship*, *The 12 Principles of Manhood* and *Nurturing Parents*. These programs are to help reduce and discourage crime as well as other issues faced by today's youth. Engaged parents are better equipped to provide a stable and nurturing family unit.

Family Matters mission statement is to Strengthen Families, Change Lives and Transform Memphis. Carol and Angelo are working every day to provide the skills to make stronger families.

