



Bulletin

East Memphis Rotary Club

Nina Gourley, President

January 25, 2023
Photographer: Bill Pickens
2022-2023
Our 34th Year

www.rotaryclubofmemphiseast.org

Meeting 12:00 Noon

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

Upcoming Meetings

February 1, 2023
Fireside Chats

February 8, 2023
Lionel Cable
New Hope Christian
Academy

February 15
No Meeting

Mardi Gras Party
February 16, 2023

February 22, 2023
Matt Thompson
Memphis Zoo

March 1, 2023
Stephen Green
Agape Memphis

March 8, 2023
Jana Cardona
Positive Leadership

March 15, 2023
Lydia Fisher
Miss TN Volunteer



Speaker Sponsor



Present 900 sq ft Sultana Museum. Raising \$10M for new Museum. Have raised \$7.1M. When they reach \$9M, FedEx has agreed to donate \$1M.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 Fireside Chats

Next week Fireside Chats will be held at member offices to discuss a topic of interest. Meeting in smaller groups allows everyone to have input, while enjoying lunch in a less formal setting. Rule one, page one - please call your host to let them know one way or the other whether you will be attending. The host provides lunch and they need a number to plan for their meeting. A copy of the assignment sheet is attached.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 John Fogleman, Sultana Museum



John Fogleman, a native of Marion, Arkansas and retired Circuit Court Judge, serves as the president of the Sultana Museum in Marion. Mr. Fogleman presented a history lesson for us about the Steam Ship Sultana that blew up just north of Memphis in 1865. The ship designed to carry only 300-plus people had over 2,500 recently released union soldiers on board on their way home. Because of a boiler issue, the ship stopped at Vicksburg for boiler repairs, but the captain of the Sultana didn't want to lose time and proceeded on the trip up the Mississippi. Just north of Memphis, the Sultana's damaged boiler blew causing the other boilers to blow causing the death of hundreds. The survivors were taken to the five hospitals in Memphis, then known as the Washington, Overton, Gayoso, Adams and Marine. The Sultana is buried about 30 or 40 feet under a soy bean field along the Arkansas side of the river.

The city of Marion, Arkansas is home to the small Sultana Museum, but fund-raising efforts are underway to build a new Museum to help preserve the history of the worst maritime disaster in America, even worst than the Titanic. A fascinating history of devastation caused by negligence.



Look who showed up to introduce our speaker, John Fogleman. None other than former member, Jack DeWald. So good to see you, Jack.



Welcome to Collierville Rotarian Melissa Smith who made up with us today.

So good to have Matt Svoboda with us today. He was the guest of Bob Chance.

