



# Bulletin

## East Memphis Rotary Club

Nina Gourley, President

October 12, 2022

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2022-2023

Our 34th Year

[www.rotaryclubofmemphiseast.org](http://www.rotaryclubofmemphiseast.org)

Meeting 12:00 Noon

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

### Upcoming Meetings

October 26, 2022

Susan Deason  
YouthVillages

November 2, 2022

Ted Townsend  
Greater Memphis  
Chamber of Commerce

November 9, 2022

Veterans Day Program

November 16, 2022

Gina Sweat  
Memphis Fire Chief

November 23, 2022

No Meeting  
Thanksgiving Week

November 30, 2022

Brian McCurry  
Athletic Ministries

December 7, 2022

Christmas Luncheon at  
White Station Elementary



December 15, 2022

**Christmas Party**  
Home of  
**Debra & Doug Owings**

December 21, 2022

No Meeting  
Christmas Week

December 28, 2022

No Meeting  
New Year's Week



### Speaker Sponsor

### Also Joining us . . .

. . . was Charlie Oswald, guest of Kevin Boes, and Shayne Dowdie, husband of Beth Dowdie.

October 19, 2022

**Kontji Anthony**



Kontji Anthony is the CEO and co-founder of Youdle. She is certified in Community Building and Google Analytics, she's a Level 8 Google Community Guide, a 2016 Yelp ACRONYM app consultant and was recently honored by the Tennessee Legislature for her 28-year award-winning TV news broadcasting career. The Howard University graduate holds Columbia Business School Executive program certifications in digital marketing and leadership.

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**Master Distiller Alex Castle**



From an early age, Alex Castle knew what she wanted to do in her life and that was to become a master distiller or brewmaster. She was one of seven women at the University of Kentucky to be in the chemical engineering program. While there she landed a co-op position with a Lexington-based company, Alltech, which owned Kentucky Ale. It was while working there that she determined her passion was in the distillery industry. After a stint at Alltech, Alex joined Wild Turkey where she learned how to operate and manage a large production facility.

In the world of men, she had an advantage in that women seem to have a better sense of taste and smell, which helped her as she was able to sit at a table with men and hold her own.

Her third step in her career saw her join Old Dominick when owners Chris and Alex Canale decided to revitalize the family whisky brand and open a distillery in downtown Memphis. It was in 2016 that Memphis' first batch of legal Tennessee whiskey was distilled since Prohibition. Alex discussed the various innovations incorporated at Old Dominick as she continues to develop more options to use in their cocktails.

Alex was the first female head distiller in Tennessee and was promoted to master distiller in 2019. In 2020, Alex was elected president of the Tennessee Distillers Guild.



### Welcome



*Sandra Roberts, now known as Sandy, is reactivating her membership.*



*Sam McLean, retired American Airline Pilot, was guest of Bill Pickens*



*Ben McCullar guest of Matthew Gant*