



Bulletin

East Memphis Rotary Club

Nina Gourley, President

September 21, 2022
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2022-2023
Our 34th Year

www.rotaryclubofmemphiseast.org

Meeting 12:00 Noon

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

Upcoming Meetings

October 5, 2022
Fireside Chats

October 12, 2022
Alex Castle, Master Distiller
Old Dominick

October 19, 2022
Kontji Anthony
Former Channel 5
News Anchor

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
Arthletic Ministries

December 7, 2022
Christmas Luncheon at
White Station Elementary



December 14, 2022
Christmas Party
Home of
Debra & Doug Owings



Speaker Sponsor

October 5, 2022 Fireside Chats

You should have received from Fireside Chats Chair Kristy Taylor your assignment for October 5th Fireside Chats meeting. This Fireside Chat will be of great interest to everyone as you will receive guidance to all of the club's social media platforms. Many of us are not "techie" people, but each meeting will have a tech savvy person on hand to show you how to access all East Memphis Rotary social media such as Facebook, Instagram, Linked In, etc. It is on these platforms that you will receive the latest and most up-to-date activities of East Memphis Rotary. **You know the rules - call your host to let them know whether you WILL or will NOT be attending.**

September 21, 2022 Karen Vogelsang, ARISE2Read

by Kim Weaver



Karen Vogelsang, executive director of ARISE2Read, shared very interesting and enlightening information about the current reading levels of our Shelby County students, and what ARISE2Read is doing to make a positive difference for our next generation.

Karen shared that 39% of Memphis children live in poverty, and are, on average three grade levels behind their more affluent peers in reading. Nearly 66% of students not reading on grade level by the 4th grade will likely be incarcerated or need welfare, and 61% of students in low-income families have NO books in the home. Research reveals that children living in poverty who read proficiently by the end of the 3rd grade have an 89% graduation rate, therefore, implementing an effective reading program is vital for our children.

ARISE2Read was founded in 2000 by Donna Gaines. It is a partnership of faith-based organizations and businesses that work with local school districts to strengthen 2nd grade students and enable them to enter 3rd grade reading on grade level. This mission is accomplished by training volunteers to tutor children one hour a week in a simple sight word program called Team Read. In addition to tutoring, ARISE2Read promotes after-school Bible clubs, and provides every 2nd grader in their partner schools with 8-10 new books each year.

Karen was excited to share that ARISE2Read works! In 2021-2022, their students gained an average of 311 words or 3-grade levels of growth. Only 13% of the students pre-tested on grade level. However, post test results revealed that 67% of the students were on grade level. This was a 406% increase in students reading on sight word grade level! A comparative analysis of children with similar pre-test scores revealed that 74% of students in the ARISE2Read program post-tested at grade level, compared to 18% of students who were not in the program.



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Guests



*Loren Craddock
White Station Elementary
guest of
Dale McGee*



*Billie Jo Parker, Donna Edwards, Connie Stresel
all with Pinnacle Bank who volunteer with
ARISE2Read*

2002 Golf Tournament at Memphis National Golf Club

A really fun day and a perfect day weatherwise for the golfers



Volunteers were life-savers at the tournament. Cal Overman manned all credit card transactions and sold many raffle tickets. Beth Dowdie provided Cal with relief later in the day.



*Mr. Nineteenth Hole himself,
Richard Marsh
raids the beverage cart sponsored by
Watkins Uiberall.*



*John Snyder's team that included
Steve White and John's two sons,
Jay and Alex, took home first place.*



*Jack O'Keefe and his team were on the
winning side as well as they came
in at second place.*



*Jack Billings was a star at the tournament
as he made sure that we were all
welcomed at Memphis National Golf Club.*



*Will someone please get this past president
back in the club? One can play only so much
golf during retirement.*

Many Smiling Faces

