



September 21, 2022 Photographer: Bill Pickens 2022-2023 Our 34th Year

Nina Gourley, President

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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





### October 5, 2002 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and enable them to enter 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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 posttested at grade level, compared to 18% of students who were not in the program.



#### September 21, 2022 Guests



Loren Craddock White Station Elementary guest of Dale McGee



Billie Jo Parker, Donna Edwards, Connie Stressel 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



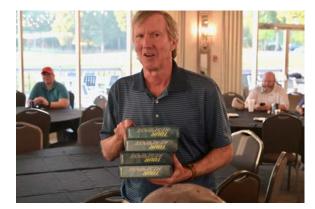
Volunteers were life-savers at the tournament. Cal Overman manned all credit card tramsactions and sold many raffle tickets. Beth Dowdie provided Cal with relief later in the day.



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



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



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

# **Many Smiling Faces**



















