



# Bulletin

## East Memphis Rotary Club

Beth Dowdie, President

November 1, 2023  
Photographer: Bill Pickens  
2023-2024  
Our 35th Year

### Upcoming Meetings

November 15, 2023  
Veterans Day Recognition  
Antwane Bohanon

November 22, 2023  
No Meeting  
Thanksgiving Week

November 29, 2023  
Robin Dambrino  
6800 District Governor

December 6, 2023  
White Station Elementary  
Christmas Luncheon



December 14, 2023  
Holiday Party  
Home of  
Emily & Jonathan Spiceland

December 20, 2023  
No Meeting  
Christmas Week

December 27, 2023  
No Meeting  
New Year's Week

January 3, 2023  
Rotary Roundtables



### Speaker Sponsor

*Why is Monday  
so far from  
Friday  
and Friday so close to  
Monday?*

### November 8, 2023 Carol Coletta, Memphis River Parks



Carol Coletta is President and CEO of Memphis River Parks Partnership, a public-private partnership responsible for five miles of public property along the Mississippi River. Its mission is to work with and for the people of Memphis to trigger the transformative power of the river. She led a new riverfront concept plan, the renaming and redesign of two parks with confederate associations and a 5-mile bike-ped trail. Underway are master plans for two major parks and construction of Tom Lee Park, designed by Studio Gang and SCAPE, opening September, 2023. Built with 44% MWBE contractor participation, the park's new entrance is only six blocks from Tennessee's poorest zip code.

She came to the Partnership on loan from The Kresge Foundation where she was Senior Fellow in the American Cities Practice. She led the foundation's initiative, Reimagining the Civic Commons, a national effort to demonstrate that transformative public spaces can connect people of all backgrounds, cultivate trust, create more resilient communities, and generate greater value in neighborhoods nearby.

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### November 1, 2023 Terry Blue Memphis/Shelby County Airport Authority



Terry Blue will become President and CEO of the Memphis/Shelby County Airport Authority on January 3, 2024. It is a heavy responsibility, however Terry's knowledge and expertise in the aviation field ensures his success. The Airport Authority owns and operates Memphis International Airport and well as General DeWitt Spain, near downtown, and the Charles Baker airport in Millington.

Terry discussed the airport expansion underway now with all the new amenities that will make the terminal more efficient and pleasing for passengers. He explained that the early morning hours saw the largest number of passengers so if you have an early flight you have to be at the airport at least two hours early or you might miss your flight. The afternoon's are less hectic for incoming and outgoing passengers.

The Authority is self-funded and receives no local tax dollars for its almost \$118 million budget and has 300 full-time and 35 seasonal employees.



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## Two New Members Introduced to RCME



*Bob Schreiber was pleased to introduce his new member, Matt Yatsula*



*Nina Gourley was all smiles as she introduced her new member Rodger Lewis*

## 23-24 Fund Drive for our Foundation

At press time, we have 14 members who have made their pledge to our Foundation for a total of \$9,810 which is great for a two week run. Hopefully by next week's meeting, John Seabold will be able to announce a sizeable increase in pledges. You can call, email or text Lee if you want to make your pledge before the next meeting. This is a great, great start so let's keep it going.

We appreciate and NEED your support.

## Happy Dollars

John Snyder had a \$5 Happy Dollar for Larry Boyd, Collierville Rotary Club, as he "looks pretty in pink." Larry was the guest of Bill Pickens.



Bill Pickens had a Happy Dollar for safe trip on annual pheasant hunt and proudly, we were able to host a wounded Warrior to join us on the hunt.

Neal Graham had a Happy Dollar in honor of Matt Haaga, past president, to request that he reserve a seat for me at the Ole Miss-Georgia Football game in Athens, GA on 11/11/23.