



Bulletin

East Memphis Rotary Club

Beth Dowdie, President

March 6, 2024
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2023-2024
Our 35th Year

Upcoming Meetings

March 13, 2024
Carl Richards
Sierra Club

March 20, 2024
Bill Courtney
Football Coach
Businessman

March 27, 2024
David Waddell
Waddell & Associates

April 3, 2024
Ted Townsend
Greater Memphis Chamber

April 10, 2024
Dr. Tony Allerman
Regional One
Wound Care/Hyperbaric



Speaker Sponsor

Happy \$s

Altho no one seemed to have Happy Dollars this week, **John Snyder** said he could make up something and tossed in a couple of dollars to announce that Ray Brakebill was always late to our meetings. Also, he wished Sarah Perdue a Happy Birthday.

Bob Schreiber stepped up to state he had been in this same room on Super Tuesday as a poll worker from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Memorial Service

On Saturday a lovely service was held celebrating the life of Sam Francis at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church. Numerous members of our club attended in support of Fabiola, Sam's children and other family members.
See attachment.



Wednesday, March 13, 2024 Carl Richards, Ph.D, Sierra Club



Carl Richards is a volunteer and past Chair of the Chickasaw Group of the Tennessee Chapter of the Sierra Club. Although he has not been active with the Sierra Club throughout most of his career, he has long appreciated the thoughtful approach that the Sierra Club takes on current thorny environmental issues. He is a retired water scientist and has a diverse professional career leading research in water resource problems for Tribal, State, Federal, and private entities across the U.S. He was formerly a professor and administrator with the University of Minnesota and was Director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Research and Development Laboratory in Minnesota, which focused on resolving environmental problems in freshwaters of the United States. Following retirement, he and his wife traveled for several years and then relocated to Memphis just before the pandemic to be near family and enjoy the culture and natural resources of the Midsouth.

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Erik Houston, Wolf River Conservancy



Erik spoke about the early days of the Wolf River that was a beautiful, wandering waterway that served residents for fishing, canoeing and recreation to becoming a toxic industrial dumping ground. Now with the support of the Wolf River Conservancy, the river is once again coming to life as a source of protecting land erosion of populated areas and as well as protecting our aquifers, a valuable source of our city's drinking water.

Erik also discuss plans about the future of the Wolf River Greenway, a public-private collaboration that is being completed in stages. Already enjoyed by many as a running, walking, biking trail, it will eventually be a 26-mile trail running from the river to Germantown.



Welcome

Beth Luke, a relatively new member has learned the ropes quickly by introducing her guest, Janelle Carter who left with application in hand. Now Beth that's the way it is done!

Welcome, Janelle!