



# Bulletin

## East Memphis Rotary Club

Beth Dowdie, President

April 24, 2024

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2023-2024

Our 35th Year

### Upcoming Meetings

May 1, 2024  
No Meeting

May 2, 2024  
Derby Party  
Thornwood  
Watch for Details

May 8, 2024  
TBA

May 15, 2024  
Debbie Litch  
Theatre Memphis



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**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**  
**No Meeting at Shady Grove**

**May 2, 2024**  
**Derby Party at Thornwood**

Remember, no meeting next week at Shady Grove as we will be at Thornwood in Germantown kicking off our first Derby Party. We owe Nina Gourley a big thank you for reserving the Community Room at Thornwood, 7794 Kings College Avenue, Germantown 38138. Nina says we should enter at the main entrance by the clock tower. Follow signs to Community Room on the second floor. If you need further directions or can't see because of all the big hats, Nina's cell is 731.431.9420.

**April 17, 2024**  
**Rotary Roundtables**

Cal Overman, presiding for President Beth who was out of town, requested each table to share ideas and suggestions on how we as a club can get more involved in the community. Maybe our involvement could be working with organizations who need help or by launching a new signature project for East Memphis Rotary.

A few minutes before ending the meeting several members shared ideas from their table that included developing a new Rotaract Club at CBU or an Interact Club at a high school, working more with the Family Youth Initiative program, a bike or running event and Bill Pickens can always use more volunteers for Gift of Life. Many great ideas were shared and the project committee will be following up on the suggestions.

### Our Guests



Mike Swoboda,  
father of  
Matt Swoboda and  
visiting Rotarian  
from Florida.



Marty Petrusek  
making up with us today.  
Marty is with the Central Club.

### Welcome Will!



Neal Graham was pleased to introduce his associate at Harris Shelton, Will Brantley, as a new member. Will, we are pleased you have joined our Rotary family.





Bill Pickens, Joe Doss, Mason Ezell sharing the discussions held at their table!



Really, John Snyder,  
you can't hide  
from us!