



Bulletin

East Memphis Rotary Club

Beth Dowdie, President

May 2, 2024

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2023-2024

Our 35th Year

Upcoming Meetings

May 8, 2024
Lori Green
Downs Syndrome

May 15, 2024
Debbie Litch
Theatre Memphis



Speaker Sponsor

Tennessee Derby



Steve Davis chatting with Shayne and President Beth Dowdie.



Are Beth Luke and Kim Weaver trying to place a bet?



Wednesday, May 8, 2024 Lori Green, Downs Syndrome



Hello! I'm Lori Green, a dedicated mother of five incredible kids and blessed with wonderful husband for 27 years. My journey has been rich with experiences, from earning my degree in Social Work and Counseling from the University of Memphis, to diving into the field with a passion for helping others.

My career began in 1997, where I embarked on a path of supporting individuals in transitioning from the Arlington Development Center and Boliver Mental Health. As an Independent Support Coordinator, I played a vital role in facilitating transitions into the community, advocating for IEP needs, health concerns, and various other issues. Throughout my journey, I've held roles in different sectors, including schools, Life Choices, and volunteering extensively throughout the community.

ShapeIn 2022, an exciting opportunity emerged when I joined the Down Syndrome Association. As a relatively new member of the team, I've found immense joy and fulfillment in my role, advocating for and supporting individuals and families within the Down Syndrome Community. It's truly the best job I could ask for, and I cherish every moment spent in service.

My journey is guided by faith, and I believe that each opportunity and challenge is a gift from God. With gratitude and enthusiasm, I look forward to continuing to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

May 2, 2024 Derby Party

Churchill Downs may have a larger crowd and horses, but they don't have the expertise of Penny Schaffler and her committee of Wendy Smith, Kim Weaver, Sarah Perdue, Nina Gourley and Beth Luke, all of whom had a huge part in making our first Derby party a true success. A special thank you to Nina Gourley who made it possible to gather at Thornwood in the Community Room. The food was great consisting of barbeque along with chicken bites, catfish bites and other appetizers prepared by the committee members. It was such fun as the ladies had on their fascinators and many of the men joined in on the fun with their Derby attire. Ladies, you need to form a business as you do an exceptional job planning social events. It was a special themed party and everyone can say they have been to the Derby, Tennessee style.



Mr. & Mrs. Tennessee Derby
Debra and Doug Owings



Thank you David Luiken and Blue Bell Ice cream for helping us celebrate Nurses Week at LeBonheur.

Tennessee Derby



Bob Kirk, Steve White,
Mason Ezzell



Sarah Perdue



Kim Weaver



Wendy Smith, Penny Schaffler,
Ray Brakebill



Tom and Teresa Wilson



Mason & Jane Ezzell



Matt Swobodo, John Seabold,
Dennis Norton



Jane Ezzell, Steve White,
Martha Steele



Comfy John Seabold
and wife Ramona



Jane Ezzell, Penny Schaffler, Sarah Perdue,
Lee Hughes, Beth Luke