

# Rotary



# Club of The Classic City of Athens

Friday, May 21, 2021

## May 24th, 2021 Speaker: Ralista Vassileva

By Chris Taylor Friday, May 21, 2021



Our Guest Speaker for Monday May 24th is Ralista Vassileva from Grady College of Journalism.

**TOPIC:** The Accidental Journalist: Finding my Voice in Sofia, Professional Growth at CNN in Atlanta, and Life Purpose at UGA in Athens

Ralista Vassileva is a longtime CNN journalist who is now a lecturer at UGA in Athens. She teaches two undergraduate courses with hands-

on learning. One of her classes produces live TV newscasts, the other does in-depth stories about sustainability in Georgia..

Vassileva grew up in Bulgaria and, as a young journalist, helped introduce freedom of the press after the Berlin Wall fell. Later, her reporting on Bulgaria's transition gave her an opportunity to work in Atlanta as an anchor for CNN International.

Vassileva has more than 20 years of experience as a CNN journalist handling daily and breaking news for diverse audiences. Her work helped CNN win awards for major events like September 11, Hurricane Katrina and the Arab Spring. Vassileva has worked in various media roles including news director, multimedia writer, and communications consultant.

She has a master's degree in English Language and Literature from Sofia University, an M.A. in Political Science from GSU and an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the American University in Bulgaria.

Here is the Zoom link for the [Monday May 24th Club Meeting @ Noon.](#)

Meeting ID: 816 7084 7234

Passcode: Classic

## Vic Chestnutt SOY Winner!

By Chris Taylor Friday, May 21, 2021

We're excited to announce that Cassie Chantel is this year's winner of the Vic Chestnutt songwriter of the year. We see that you all followed Chestnutt's career and thought you'd be interested to see how his legacy has been being continued in his hometown of Athens, Ga. This is the first time that Hip Hop has been recognized in the professional category.

### Birthdays

Tina Kukanza  
May 31st

Mary Lillie Watson  
June 5th

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Her song, "Ms. America", is a statement piece, featuring a 1950s inspired beat. With a forceful yet metaphoric approach, this song personifies America as a toxic lover to African Americans. Somewhat simplifying the strife of racism by presenting it from a perspective that other cultures can recognize.



You can listen to Cassie Chantel's "Ms. America" [here](#).



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# Lunch with Our Daily Bread Ministries

By Jay Milner Friday, May 21, 2021

On Friday, May 21st, the Classic City Rotary Club of Athens provided lunch for 150+ under-employed folks in Athens via Our Daily Bread. This is the fourth time in the last 12 months that the Classic City Rotary has served a multitude of individuals in the Athens area well-rounded healthy meals and heart felt fellowship. These at-need folks are employed in service type jobs in Athens, and they make minimal wages which does not allow them to routinely purchase enough food to provide breakfast and lunch for themselves and their families. Our Club has developed a wonderful relationship with Our Daily Bread Ministries, and we take great pride in providing food for the at-need population of Athens, GA. Thanks Club Members for assisting with this very worthy project.



"Gerry Taylor honors Michelle Roberts with a Paul Harris Fellow award."

**Congratulations Michelle for this very prestigious honor!**

# Classic City Rotary Photo Hall of Fame



"Milton makes sweet music."



"Anjela is thrilled to have chosen that wonderful fruit cake during a Rotary Christmas Party."



"The Classic City Rotary Club tours the newly constructed Billy Paine UGA Indoor Football Facility."

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## Previous Speaker: Dr. Dale Bracken

By Chris Taylor on Thursday, May 20, 2021

Our club had the privilege of having Dr. Dale Bracken speak to our club during our last meeting, Monday, May 17th.

He is a management consultant and former Consumer





Products Division Manager with the world's largest Pulp and Paper maker. Dr. Bracken has been involved in manufacturing and operations since 1980. He has led operational and administrative aspects of manufacturing start-ups in the United States, Europe, Asia, and Canada. Dale currently serves on several boards. He also served as the Director of the Center for Leadership in the Sykes College of Business at the University of Tampa.

Through his firm, National Assessment, Dr. Bracken provides strategic consulting services to a wide-range of clients including: GE CAPITAL SERVICES, PROCTER &

GAMBLE, VERIZON, PHILIP MORRIS USA, NATIONWIDE, SANOFI-AVENTIS, MICROSOFT, GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORP, and DEUTSCHE BANK.

Dale earned a BS degree from Penn State and a Masters and Doctorate from the University of Georgia. Dale and his wife Pam Bracken are proud supporters of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine (ranked in the top 10 worldwide by US News and World Report). ([www.dalebracken.com](http://www.dalebracken.com)).

## Fun In the Sun District Conference Award Winners and Honors

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021



A crowd favorite of our annual District Conference is the unveiling of the year's award-winning clubs and individual award winners that were standouts for their work across the District and beyond. This year was no exception. In case you missed it, here's a quick recap of our 2020-2021 distinguished award winners, along with their spotlight videos. Congratulations to everyone for your time, commitment, and dedication to Rotary!

The Rotary International "Service Above Self Award" was presented to Dianne Cammarata!



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### The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

*Paul Matthews*  
Rotary Club of the Classic City of Athens

[Video link](#)

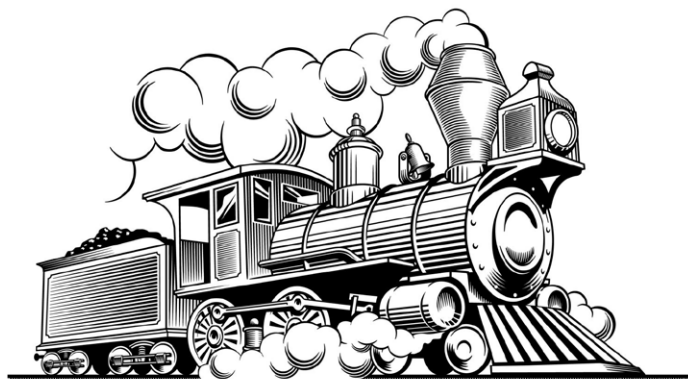
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## Gerry Tracker: ALL ABOARD!!!

The Gerry Train is rambling down the tracks, right on schedule! Kick back and relax, as this countdown continues on Gerry Taylor's journey to District Governor!

**Days Remaining:**

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## Events

No Events found