

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

Sunday, May 30, 2021



Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.

Rest in peace and thank you.

Announcements

By Jay Milner Friday, May 28, 2021

- Memorial Day Weekend.... **No Club Meeting This Monday May 31st.**
- Calling all **Litter Gitters** for our quarterly "Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful"

Birthdays

Tina Kukanza
May 31st

Mary Lillie Watson
June 5th

Richard C. Field
June 22nd

Anjela K. Filipova
June 23rd

Club Leaders



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Club Director



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Membership Chair



Gerry Taylor
Club Director
Membership Chair

litter cleanup at Sunset Drive on **Sat., June 12 at 9 a.m.** Meet at the VFW parking lot and bring work gloves. Please note the earlier start time so that we can be done before the heat of the day is upon us. Afterwards, grab a coffee at the Bishop Park Farmers Market.

Previous Speaker: Ralitsa Vassileva

By Chris Taylor Friday, May 28, 2021



The Members of the Classic City Rotary Club of Athens were thrilled that renown CNN International News Anchor Ralitsa Vassileva was our Guest Speaker on Monday May 24th. Her topic was: "The Accidental Journalist: Finding my Voice in Sofia, Professional Growth at CNN in Atlanta, and Life Purpose at UGA in Athens"

Ralitsa, you were extremely informative and took us on a time capsule journey through many events that shaped world history over the last 25 years. I am sure that some of us who traveled

through Europe in the early calendar years of the 2000's watched Ralitsa very professionally broadcast the news via the televisions in our hotel rooms and within the confines of international airports.

Now the students and faculty at the University of Georgia Grady School of Journalism have an opportunity to benefit from your expertise. Thank you, Ralitsa, for making last Monday a wonderful day for all of us. We especially enjoyed the heart felt introduction from Anjela!

Congratulations for having a song by Jethro Tull named in your honor. Please come back and join us any time!

RALISTA'S BIO:

Ralitsa 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.

Scenes from Last Week

On-To
Conference
Chair



[Jeffrey Auerbach](#)
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Editor



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Club Director
Club
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Chair



[Kemp Gaskill](#)
Club Director
Rotary
Foundation
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Public Image
Chair



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Club Admin
Chair
Club Director



[Henry Clay O'Pry III](#)
Laws of Life
Contest
Chair



[Pamela Shropshire](#)
Family of
Rotary



[Anjela K. Filipova](#)
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Club Director



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Sergeant-at-Arms



[Milton Masciadri](#)
International
Service Chair



[Noris D. Diaz](#)
Youth
Services
Chair



[Cynthia L. Haddon](#)
Assistant
Governor

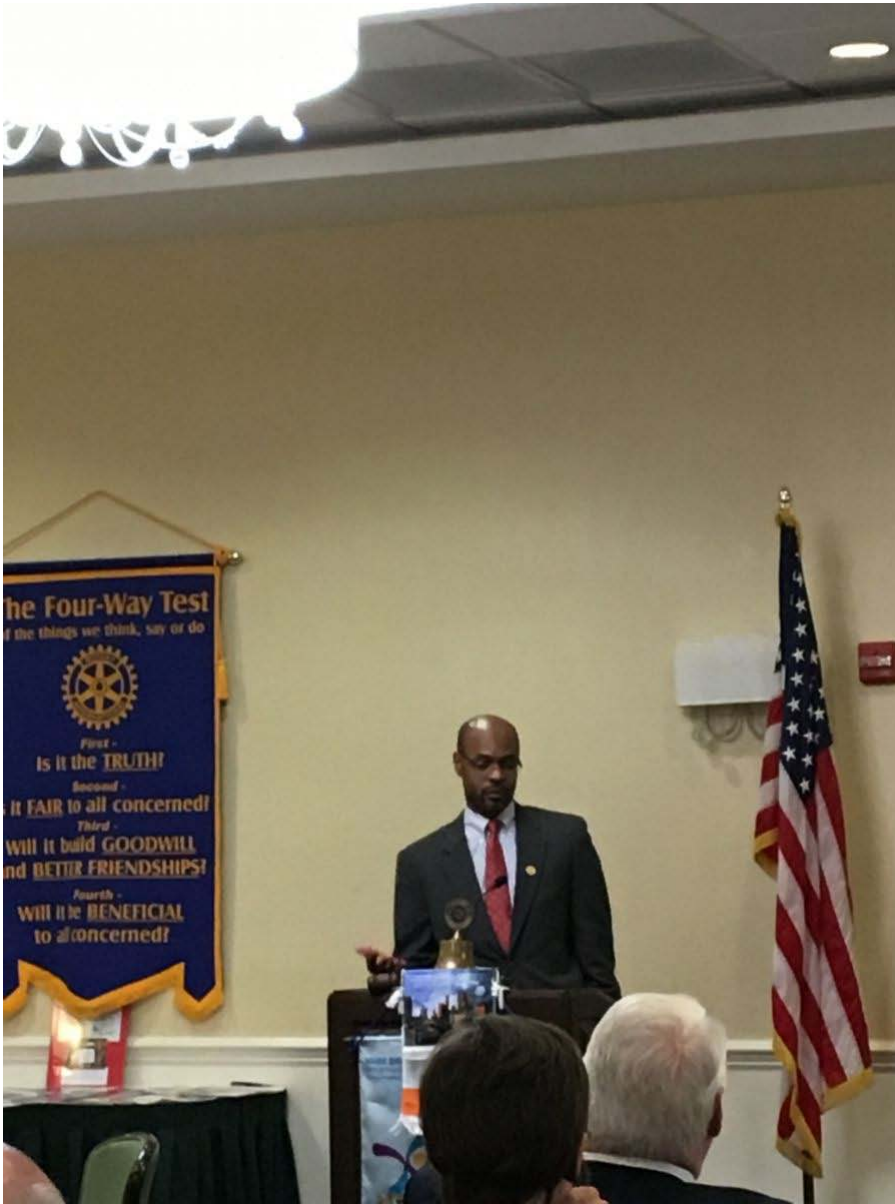


"Past Club President Anjela Filipova salutes her very good friend Ralitsa Vassileva during our last meeting."



"Club Members listen intently to our fabulous Guest Speaker Ralitsa Vassileva"

Classic City Rotary Photo Hall of Fame



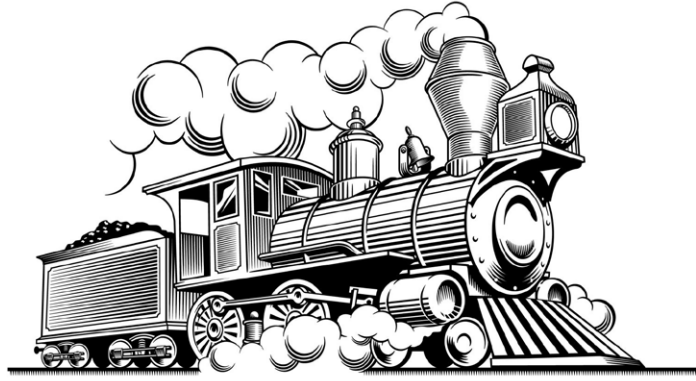
"We were extremely honored to have had Harold Melton, Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court address the Classic City Rotary Club"

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:

394



Events

No Events found

