

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

June 14th, 2021 Speaker: Tim Dunn

By Chris Taylor Wednesday, June 9, 2021



We are extremely honored to announce that our Guest Speaker for Monday, June 14, 2021 will be Tim Dunn, the Launch Director for the Launch Services Program at NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center.

Tim Dunn: Launch Director for the Launch Services Program at NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center
Tim Dunn is the NASA launch director for the Launch Services Program (LSP) at NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida. He is responsible for planning, implementing and directing launch campaigns and countdowns of science and robotic spacecraft for NASA-managed launch vehicle services.

Dunn began his career as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force (USAF) in 1987. He was a Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite analysis officer analyzing and updating the satellite navigation data at the GPS Master Control Station in Colorado Springs, Colo. In 1993, he became a Titan IV Air Force launch controller (AFLC) at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS) in Florida. As AFLC, he directed all spacecraft

mission planning and launch campaign activities. He served on launch teams successfully launching eight Titan IV missions in a three-year period.

From 1996 to 2000, Dunn worked for The Boeing Company as an avionics engineer at CCAFS. He was a launch-day guidance engineer and performed guidance testing for 48 Delta II and Delta III rockets. He worked on crews launching USAF, NASA and commercial spacecraft, notably the Mars Pathfinder, Stardust, Iridium, Globalstar and numerous GPS missions.

In 2000, Dunn joined NASA and the Launch Services Program as a Delta II avionics and flight controls engineer. His precise monitoring ensured 100 percent mission success for 10 NASA missions in a three-year period, most notably Genesis, Aqua, MER-A, MER-B and SIRTF. In 2003, he became the NASA Delta II vehicle systems engineer. He led NASA's Delta II launch team in assuring technical flight readiness for 17 high-profile NASA missions including MESSENGER, Deep Impact, NOAA-N, Dawn and Kepler.

From 1996 to 2007, in addition to his full-time job, Dunn served in the Florida Air National Guard as a range operations commander (ROC) and flight commander during Eastern Range (ER) launches. He led the 22-member unit operating the ER's mobile telemetry system.

In 2009, Dunn became LSP's certification manager. He led the multi-disciplined technical team planning LSP's vehicle certification for NASA's next generation of rockets. He authored the Certification Implementation Strategy and developed the process for contractors to present vehicle qualification data. In 2011, Dunn was selected to be LSP's launch director and has led the NASA launch team in numerous successful missions notably the GRAIL lunar mission,

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Jason-3, OSIRIS-Rex, and the Mars InSight lander.

Dunn has received USAF, Boeing and NASA individual performance and group achievement awards for his work on over 115 missions launched from Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, and Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Dunn was born and raised in Arab, Ala. He earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering in 1986 from the University of Alabama and a Master of Science in space operations from the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) in Dayton, Ohio, in 1992.

Dunn and his wife, Julie, live in Merritt Island, Florida. Their son, Michael, lives and works in Raleigh, North Carolina. Their daughter, Gracie, is a student at The University of Pittsburgh. He enjoys golf, bike riding, hiking, involvement in his church, and cheering for the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Here is the Zoom link for the [Monday June 14th Club Meeting @ Noon](#).
Meeting ID: 847 1444 0741
Passcode: Classic

Announcements

By Jay Milner Wednesday, June 9, 2021

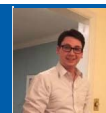
- Calling all **♠Litter Gitters♠** for our quarterly "Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful" litter cleanup at Sunset Drive on **Sat., June 12 at 9 a.m.** Meet at the VFW parking lot and bring work gloves. Please note the earlier start time so that we can be done before the heat of the day is upon us. Afterwards, grab a coffee at the Bishop Park Farmers **♠** Market.

Leadership Spotlight: Paul Matthews

By Paige W. Havens Saturday, May 19, 2021



Paul Matthews was born in Australia when his parents were there studying sand wasps. They soon moved back to the states and made their home in Athens, Georgia. Being such an integral part of the Athens community growing up, it was only natural for Paul to get connected to the Classic City of Athens Rotary Club. In 1997, Bill Mounts invited Paul into the



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Rotary fold and was a strong mentor that engaged him early on at both the club and district levels.

Paul's Rotary resume grew quickly and exponentially. He's served his Club as a board member, President, Club membership chair, and on the club service, philanthropy, strategic planning, and Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year committees. Paul is now making plans to take on the Club Administration role for this next year. In service to District 6910, Paul has been an assistant governor, a Group Study Exchange team leader, chair of GSE, Interact co-chair, Vocational Training Team coordinator, Foundation Alumni chair, member of the Ambassadorial Scholarship committee, the Rotary Grants for University Teachers committee, Global Grants chair, and currently Grants chair and International Services chair. He most deservedly received The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service in 2006 and the Distinguished Service Award this year.

Professionally, Paul is an administrator at the University of Georgia with the Office of Service-Learning. He trains faculty members how to engage students with community partners to help apply their academic course knowledge to help solve real-world issues. He also tracks service-learning courses, does applied research, runs an undergraduate cohort program focused on UGA's public service & outreach, and coordinates a network of AmeriCorps VISTA members.

For fun, Paul serves as a Scoutmaster and sings and plays Irish/Celtic traditional music with other musicians in Athens. Since 2012, Paul and his wife Michele have been renovating their 108-year-old bungalow that has earned them an historic preservation award. Clearly everything Paul does embodies Service Above Self!



Chair



Cynthia L. Haddon
Assistant Governor

Feed10Million Deadline Extended

By Randy Redner Saturday, June 5, 2021

We only have a few matching, \$1,000 grant opportunities left for Feed10Million, and the deadline has been extended!

- Click this [LINK](#) to learn more which will take you to the District Grants webpage and look for #9 Make Every Meal Count.
- Only a few matching, \$1,000 grants are left, so don't miss out! These will be issued on a first come, first served basis.
- Applications due via DACdb have been **extended to June 11**.
- Funds must be matched by the club and distributed by June 30.
- All meals provided must be entered into the Feed10Million database by June 30.

As of June 2, we were at 2,440,835 meals provided. Our goal is 3 million meals by June 30.

DG Tina is so excited about reaching our goal that she has agreed to do something super crazy if we take care of even more children and families in District 6910. Watch the [video](#) on the front page of this month's District Newsletter.

Thanks again for providing just under 2.5 million meals--so far--this Rotary year to children and families in need, right in our home communities! If you have any questions, just reach out to me at redner@cfneg.org or on my cell at 404-273-1292.

Randy

Feed10Million Chair District 6910

Previous Speaker: Dr. Xerona Thomas



Thank you, Dr. Thomas for your incredibly dynamic presentation on Monday June 7th. Your speech was very moving and informative. The citizens of Clarke County are extremely fortunate to have you as their School District Superintendent. Our Club is very pleased to be an active partner with the students and staff of J.J. Harris Elementary School. Please come back any Monday to join us for lunch and Club fellowship. Best regards.

The Classic City Rotary Club of Athens was extremely honored to have Dr. Xernona Thomas as our Club's Guest Speaker this past Monday June 7th @ Noon.

Dr. Xernona Thomas: Superintendent of Clarke County School District:

A native Athenian and Clarke Central High graduate, Dr. Thomas received three degrees from the

University of Georgia: a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, a Master of Social Work, and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Administration and Policy. She has 28 years of experience serving students and communities in Clarke and Oconee counties as a school social worker, assistant principal, principal, chief of staff, and interim superintendent.

Dr. Thomas was named superintendent on December 10, 2020. ♦ Dr. Thomas is a passionate advocate for students and families, and we value her tireless work on their behalf, ♦ added Dr. Gantt. ♦ There is much work to be done, and we look forward to partnering together to increase student achievement and place all students on a path towards success. ♦

♦ Despite the challenges due to COVID, she makes difficult decisions every day to ensure student achievement remains the core of what we do, ♦ states Dr. Tawana Smith Mattox, board vice president. ♦ Her experience and status within this community place her in the best position to lead this organization. We are in good hands. ♦

♦ I am professionally and personally committed to the success of the Clarke County School District. I was born, raised, and educated in this community. I am passionate about ensuring that every student has the opportunity to be successful, and my responsibility is to provide stability and leadership as we work to provide improved outcomes for our students, ♦ states Dr. Thomas.

Classic City Rotary Photo Hall of Fame



"It was a fun time for our Club Members during their visit to the new UGA Veterinary School."



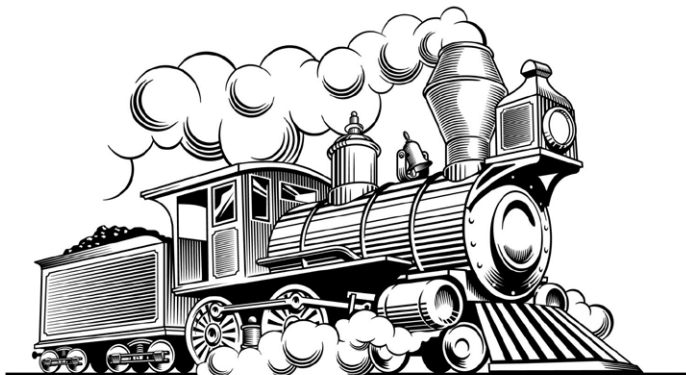
"When our Club Members visited the UGA Museum of Natural History no one was quite certain where these little critters would be found."

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:

380



Events

No Events found