

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

Sunday, July 18, 2021

July 19th, 2021 Speaker: Tommy Valentine

By Chris Taylor Saturday, July 17, 2021



The members of the Classic City Rotary Club of Athens are honored to have Mr. Tommy Valentine as our Guest Speaker on Monday July 19th at noon. We are looking forward to learning more about the lovely city of Athens. Thank you Mr. Valentine for accepting our invitation.

◆ Only a few years ago, Tommy Valentine's name was featured on the marquees of music venues throughout downtown of Athens, Georgia. These days, the former hip-hop artist and two-time UGA graduate can be found playing a different role: community leader.

As Executive Director of Historic Athens, Valentine has spent the last three years breathing new life into the 53-year old non-profit, resulting in revived emphasis on

historic preservation in Georgia's Classic City.

Recent efforts include: securing \$4m for local preservation projects, a new West Downtown Historic District that celebrates local African-American and industrial history, a 55 episode interview series documenting local life during COVID-19 for UGA's Special Collections Library, and the annual Porchfest, which sees 70+ concerts on a single afternoon throughout the city's historic neighborhoods. Existing initiatives that have been bolstered include Hands On Historic Athens, providing home repairs for low income homeowners in historic homes, and the Historic Athens Welcome Center, which welcomes more than 4,000 visitors each year.

In this work, Valentine has drawn on talents honed through a lifetime in his hometown of Athens, including two degrees from UGA (B.S. in Political Science, Master of Public Administration), membership in the Rotary Club of Athens Member, and at Oconee Street UMC, and professional experiences as Volunteer Coordinator at Extra Special People, along with two decades of private sector management.

Tommy lives in the Historic Newtown neighborhood with his wife of 10 years, local schoolteacher Laura, and their three year old daughter Norah. They are expecting another daughter, Lucia, in August.

Here is the Zoom link for the [Monday July 19th Club Meeting @ Noon.](#)

Meeting ID: 847 0111 0207

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Rotary 2020-21 Theme: Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Birthdays

James J. Milner

July 22nd

Pamela Shropshire

July 26th

Blair Dorminey

July 29th

Deborah Gonzalez

August 16th

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The Classic City Rotary Club would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Caroline Aiken and Timi Conley for joining us last Monday (7/12) in order to discuss the upcoming Wild Rumpus Parade & Spectacle. Their passion for this uniquely Athens event was evident during their presentation, and we greatly appreciated their time. Hopefully, Caroline and Timi will come visit us in-person during one of our Club meeting so that we can extend our hands of fellowship and provide a wholesome lunch!

TIMI CONLEY:




Founder of the Wild Rumpus Parade & Spectacle, and parade Master of Ceremonies since 2009, Timi Conley is one of Athens, GA's biggest, brightest creative forces. His widely known and loved musical contributions to Athens's soundscape include Wonderland Rangers, Kite to the Moon, and Fuzzy Sprouts, as well as legendary Bowie, Pink Floyd, and Beatles tribute performances. Timi has not missed a year of throwing Halloween events since moving to Athens 30 years ago in 1991. The Wild Rumpus Parade & Spectacle is now an official 501c3 org, and the event draws over 10,000 local, regional, national, and international participants and attendees and has given over \$20,000 to local charities.


CAROLINE AIKEN:





Caroline has been one of Wild Rumpus's central organizers for many years, and her stacked resume of event chops, earned from decades of hard work, has brought so much vision and quality to Rumpus efforts.


Caroline Aiken tours solo, and with a her band, C.A.B., gives private performance and music


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lessons, ZEN AND THE ART OF PERFORMANCE Workshop, performs for local and national charities, is the Athens Clarke County Chapter president of GUITARSNOTGUNS.ORG (guitars and lessons for kids at risk), produces and hosts NEW SOUTH SHOWCASE, a live performance of worldwide to local music live performance, mixes and edits for radio airplay on The University Of Georgia's NPR station WUGA. Previous artists include Michelle Malone, Randall Bramblett, Tommy Talton (Cowboy) Moses Mo (Mother's Finest) Carly Gibson, Jill Knight, Danille Howle, many more, all past shows can be heard here: www.carolineaiken.com/newssouthshowcase. Beginning airing on WUGA April 2017, twice a month, and starting March 2019 the shows airs every Saturday at 9pm on www.wuga.org listen from anywhere.

Classic City Rotary Club and Our Daily Bread Serves 135 Lunches

By Jay Milner Saturday, July 17, 2021

Friday July 16th was a wonderful day as the Classic City Rotary Club teamed up with the Our Daily Bread organization to provide lunch for one hundred and thirty-five (135) under-employed citizens of Athens. These wonderful folks were extremely appreciative of our generosity and thoroughly enjoyed the ham and cheese sandwiches; along with macaroni salad, fruit slices, a bag of chips, cookies and bottled water. Our Club working hand in hand with the great volunteers of Our Daily Bread made a formidable Team. We heard multiple choruses of ♦thank you♦ from the clients to whom we served lunch. Another perfect example of Rotary♦s motto of ♦Service Above Service♦.

Annual Rotary Legislative Forum and Luncheon Wednesday July 28th 11:30am - 1:30pm at The Classic Center

****Sponsored by: Classic City and Athens Rotary Clubs**

Function Schedule Wednesday, July 28, 2021

11:30 AM - 01:30 PM Doors Open Grand Hall 1-5
11:30AM-12:30 PM - Lunch Served Grand Hall 1-5
12:30 PM - 01:15 PM Program in Progress Grand Hall 1-5
12:30 PM - 12:35 PM Welcome Grand Hall 1-5
12:35 PM - 12:40 PM Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer Grand Hall 1-5
12:40 PM - 01:00 PM Program Grand Hall 1-5
01:00 PM - 01:10 PM Questions Grand Hall 1-5
01:10 PM - 01:15 PM Close Grand Hall 1-5
01:15 PM - 01:30 PM Guest Depart Grand Hall 1-5

Forum Speakers:
Representative Frye
Representative Gaines
Representative Weidower
Senator Ginn
Senator Cowsert

Opening Remarks: Sarah McKinney: President Athens Rotary Club

Closing Remarks: Blair Dorminey: President Classic City Rotary

****Free parking at Classic Center ****



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Classic City Rotary Photo Hall of Fame



"Two key members of the Classic City / JJ Harris soccer goals construction Team. Thank you, Ellen and Becky, for your hard work."



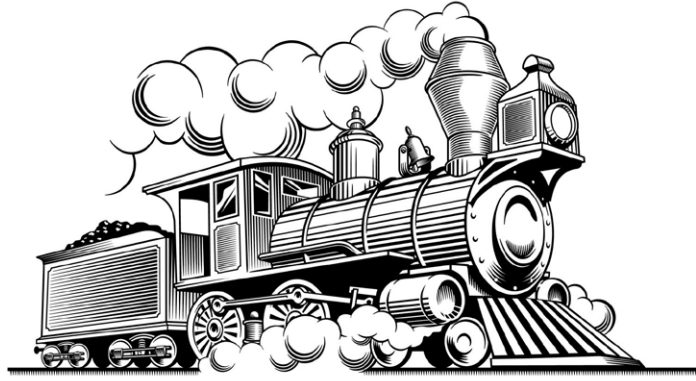
"Heather shows her wonderful Christmas spirit while ringing that magic bell for the Salvation Army on behalf of the Classic City Rotary Club. Thank you, Heather."

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:

343



Events

No Events found