

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

Sunday, July 25, 2021

**** NO CLUB MEETING ON MONDAY JULY 26th ****

**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 ** Have your parking ticket validated within the Grand Hall****

Previous Speaker: Tommy Valentine

By Chris Taylor Saturday, July 24, 2021

The Classic City Rotary Club would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Mr. Tommy Valentine for joining us last Monday (7/19) to discuss Historic Athens. Mr. Valentine's passion for this extremely important organization was evident during the presentation, and we greatly appreciated his time. We admire Historic Athens' efforts to preserve the beauty of The Classic City. Hopefully, Tommy will come back and join us again for a wholesome lunch and heart felt fellowship.

Birthdays

- Pamela Shropshire
July 26th
- Blair Dorminey
July 29th
- Deborah Gonzalez
August 16th
- Roy M. Legette
August 18th

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◆ 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.

Classic City Provides 80 Boxed Lunches to Denney Tower Residents

By Jay Milner Saturday, July 24, 2021

At noon on Thursday July 15th members of the Classic City Rotary Club of Athens distributed eighty (80) boxed lunches to the wonderful Residents of Denney Tower. The lunches consisted of a large turkey and cheese sandwich, with lettuce and tomato; along with potato salad, fruit, chips, a cookie and bottled water.



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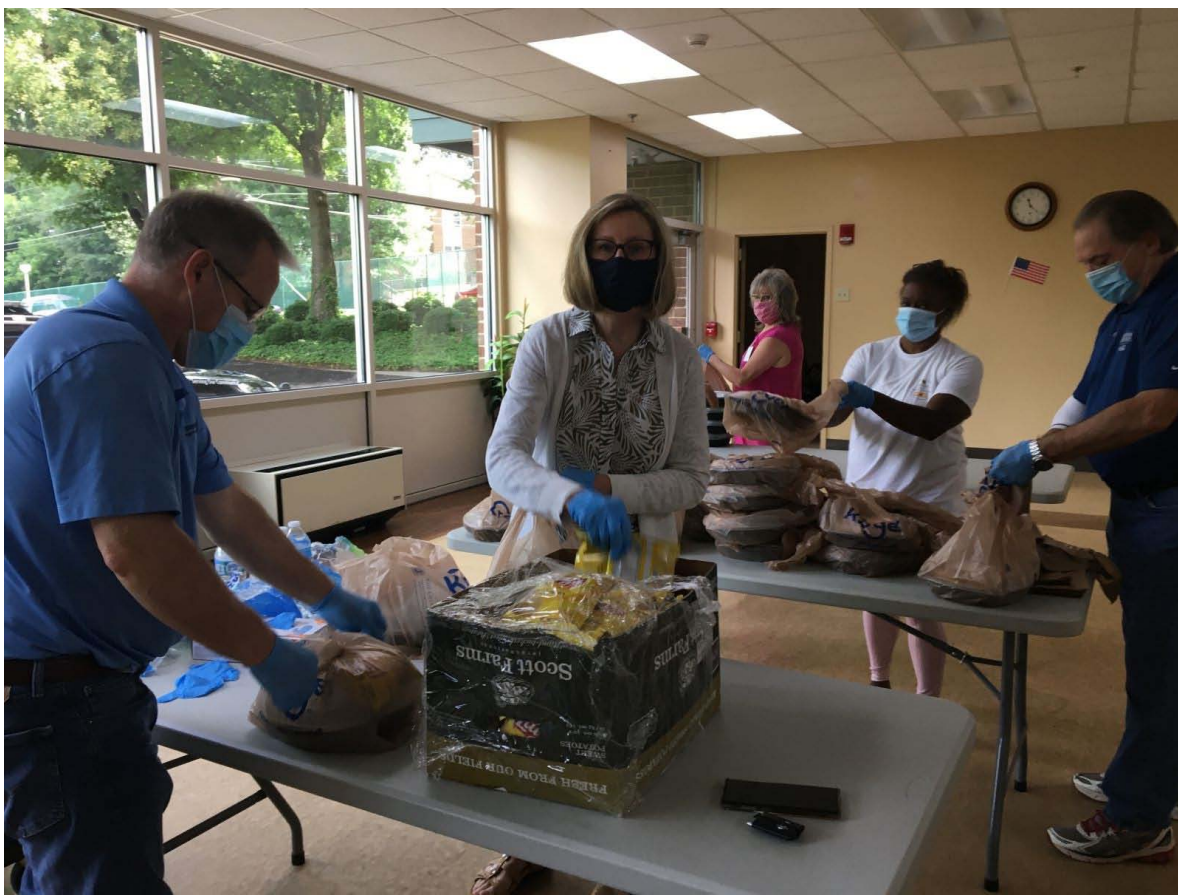


[Paul H. Matthews](#)
Club Admin Chair
Club



Due to the COVID protocols that remain in-place at the Tower and management's concerns about the COVID Delta variant, our members could not interact directly with the Residents; therefore, we packed the boxed lunches in bags and hung such on the apartment doorknobs while announcing "Lunch from Rotary". Many of the Residents opened their doors in order to express their appreciation for our kind gesture. Serving meals at Denney Tower is always a favorite project for the members of our Club and we cannot wait until the restrictions are dropped so that we can once again fellowship directly with the great Residents. We have several other fun events slated for Denney Tower later in the Rotary calendar year of 2021-2022.

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A huge "thank you" to Ellen, Beverly, Pam, Tammy D. and Wayne for your willingness to take time out of your busy schedules to help make Thursday's meal distribution project so successful. Another powerful event demonstrating that excellent Rotary motto: "**Service Above Self**".



A Special Tribute to PDG Tina Fischlin

By Paige W Havens Tuesday, June 22, 2021



As the pandemic blanketed the globe and upended life as we knew it, this past Rotary year brought about unprecedented challenges for District Governor Tina Fischlin. Every moment of every day that she led, she had to filter decisions considering the life and death impact of COVID-19. DG Tina's uplifting, can-do leadership style was just what we needed to help our District and Clubs continue to grow and thrive at a time when so much of the world around us went dormant. It reminds us of the biblical scripture in the book of Esther that reads, "Perhaps you were born for such a time as this." As Tina now assumes the coveted title of Past District Governor, we wanted to take a moment to pay tribute to some of the significant fingerprints DG Tina leaves on our District that will positively impact our work together for many years to come:

- Formed District Relief Committee to address COVID needs across the District
- Provided \$25k in matching grants for Pandemic Disaster Relief
- District Rebranding for RI Brand Compliance
- Updated District Strategic Plan with Success Measures
- Updated District Bylaws & Policy Manual
- Youth Protection Policies & Training
- Enhanced Technology & Website with Learning Modules
- Expanded District Staff Training & Engagement
- Strengthened Social Media and Communications Strategies
- Succession Plan for District Treasurer
- New District Grant Module with Better Tracking Resources
- Named 1st Rotaract Assistant Governor James Alewine
- Created Strategic Planning Team for Rotaract
- Launched District Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- Gifted \$7,500 to GRSP Peace Plaza
- Championed 5000+ Interact Letters of Love
- Inspired the Donation of 3.3+ Million Meals for Feed 10 Million Challenge
- Provided \$10k matching grants for Backpack Program
- Hanwash Grant Extension through 2022
- Secured RI Grant for Bangladesh Project
- Implemented Online Membership Leads Action Procedures
- Inducted 1 new Rotaract and 5 new EarlyAct Club
- Achieved 150.8% of our District's Goals to The Rotary Foundation with 2,473 Sustaining

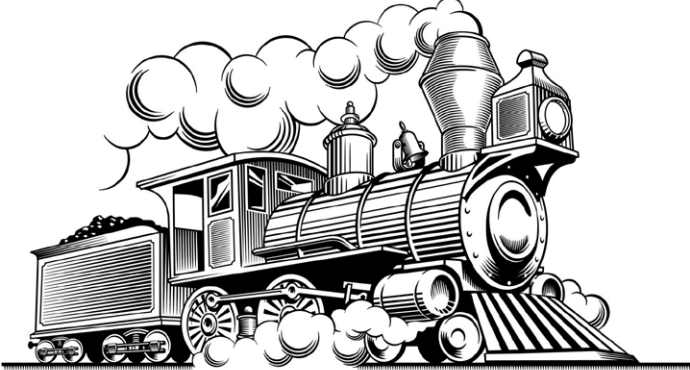


Gerry Tracker: ALL ABOARD!!!

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:

336



Events

No Events found