

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

Sunday, August 1, 2021

August 2nd, 2021 Speaker: Congressman John Barrow

By Chris Taylor Sunday, August 1, 2021



The Classic City Rotary Club of Athens is honored to have Congressman John Barrow as our Guest Speaker on Monday August 2, 2021. We look forward to the Congressman painting the picture of how Congress operates and what we should expect from our Legislative Branch of government. Thank you, Congressman Barrow, for taking time out of your busy schedule to address our Rotary Club.

John Jenkins Barrow U.S. Representative from Georgia, 2005-2015.

When John Barrow was elected to represent Georgia's 12th Congressional District in 2004, he was the first Democrat to represent his part of the country in a decade, and the first Democrat to defeat an incumbent Republican in the Deep South in a quarter of a century. He was immediately gerrymandered out of his district.

Ten years later, when he was finally defeated after 4 wave elections and after being gerrymandered out of his home base not once but twice John had represented 3 different versions of the same Congressional district, served under 2

Presidents and 3 Speakers, and served in 5 Congresses that were as different from each other as can be. And he was the last white Democrat in Congress from the Deep South.

John graduated from the University of Georgia in 1976 and, at 20, became one of the youngest members of his class at Harvard Law School. He came home and practiced law in Athens, Georgia, until his election to Congress in 2004. During that time, from 1990 to 2004, John served in one of the few consolidated local governments in the country on the Athens-Clarke County Commission where he compiled a record as a fiscally conservative progressive who never voted for a tax increase. While in Congress, John served for 8 years on the powerful House Committee on Energy and Commerce, including the Subcommittee on Health; the Subcommittee on Telecommunications; the Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Manufacturing. Along the way, John also served on the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Small Business, and the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

As a leader of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition, John earned a reputation for working with Republicans and Democrats. He pushed for smaller government and spending reforms at the federal level, and he consistently introduced legislation to make responsible cuts in federal spending while fighting for regulatory reform to help businesses grow and

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succeed. Among other things, John secured passage of legislation to increase the mileage reimbursement rate for disabled veterans for the first time in over 30 years. While in Congress, John was recognized for his work and earned the endorsements of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Rifle Association, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, and the National Association of Manufacturers. And in 2014, the National Journal named John the most bipartisan member of Congress running for reelection that year.

Barrow is married to the former Angelle Hawkins of Atlanta. Together they have 5 children: Charlie, Manette, Alex, James, and Ruth

Here is the Zoom link for the [Monday Aug 2nd Club Meeting @ Noon.](#)
 Meeting ID: 879 3782 1750
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The Classic City Rotary & The Athens Rotary Club's Legislative Forum

By Jay Milner Sunday, August 1, 2021

On Wednesday July 28th, members of the Classic City Rotary Club and the Athens Rotary Club enjoyed listening to five Legislators from the State of Georgia General Assembly discussing several important bills which were passed or proposed under the Gold Dome during the 2021 session. The topics of discussions included the newly enacted State of Georgia Voting Bill, the establishment of a Homeless Encampment in Athens. the Office of the Athens District Attorney's Office as it relates to Oconee County, crime in Atlanta and throughout the State in general, and other important issues. Rotarians in the audience were given the opportunity to ask questions via the submission of note cards.



The Legislators (Senator Frank Ginn and Senator Bill Cowsert, along with State



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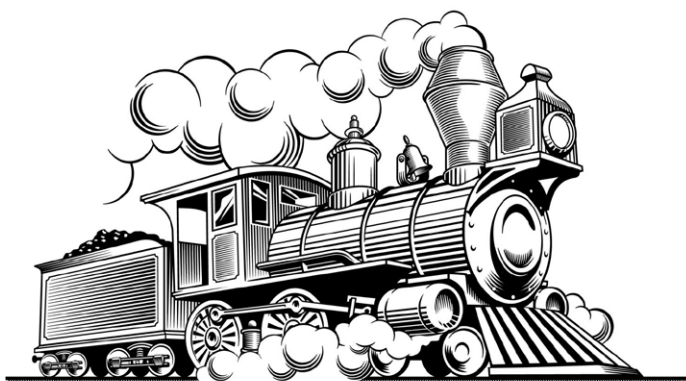
Representatives Houston Gaines, Spencer Frye, and Marcus Wiedower) were very generous with their time and the Rotary Members appreciated the opportunity to hear firsthand from their duly elected political officials. A special "thank you" to Sarah McKinney, President of the Athens Club, for organizing this great event and for handling the opening ceremonies; as well as to Blair Dorminey, President of the Classic City Club, who closed out the Forum by complimenting the participants for their willingness to address their constituents. Hopefully, we can conduct this very informative event again in 2022.

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!

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