

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

Sunday, August 29, 2021

August 30th, 2021 Guest Speaker: District Attorney Deborah Gonzalez

By Chris Taylor Saturday, August 28, 2021



The Classic City Rotary Club of Athens is extremely proud to announce that this Monday's (8/30) Guest Speaker will be our Club member District Attorney Deborah Gonzalez.

Thank you Deborah, for stepping forward to discuss the various aspects involved with the Office of the District Attorney for Georgia's Western Circuit. We are so pleased that you are member of the Classic City Rotary Club. Looking forward to

your presentation on Monday August 30th.

District Attorney Deborah Gonzalez was elected by the people of Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties in 2020. Her election proved historic as it made her the first female DA in her circuit, the first minority DA in her circuit, the first Latina DA in the history of GA, and the first female Puerto Rican DA in the country. DA Gonzalez is committed to building a strong and healthy community by implementing evidence-based reform that promotes public safety. She and her team are dedicated to listening to and supporting victims of crime. She is working to end the school-to-prison pipeline.

DA Gonzalez is a former Georgia State Representative for HD-117 (Athens).

Here is the Zoom link for the [Monday Aug 30th Club Meeting @ Noon.](#)

Meeting ID: 895 9657 9869

Passcode: Classic

Previous Speaker: ACCPD Police Chief Cleveland Spruill

By Chris Taylor Sunday, August 29, 2021

Thank you Chief Spruill for speaking to the Classic City Rotary Club last Monday, August 23rd. Your presentation was excellent and enjoyed by all. We appreciated you taking time out of your very busy schedule to join us. Please come back to share fellowship with our Members any Monday when you are available.

Birthdays

Peter M. Wood
September 5th

Stephen Blake
Lavender
September 7th

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September 14th

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Thanks for all that you do to keep the Athens-Clarke County metro area safe. Please let us know if there is anything that the Classic City Rotary Club of Athens can do to assist with your efforts. Stay safe.

Cleveland Lee Spruill Sr. was appointed Chief of

the Athens-Clarke County Police Department on February 4, 2019. Prior to his appointment in Athens-Clarke County, Chief Spruill served as the Huntersville, North Carolina chief of police. Between May 2014 and January 2019, he led the 111 member (102 sworn and 9 civilian) Huntersville Police Department, in a town encompassing an area of 62 square miles, with a population of 60,000 and an annual police budget exceeding \$12.8 million.

Before becoming the Huntersville chief, Spruill served on the Alexandria, Virginia Police Department for nearly 27 years. In his final assignment with the Alexandria Police, Cleveland served as the Executive Deputy Chief, managing more than 320 sworn and 105 civilian employees, with an annual police budget that exceeded \$57 million and serving a population of more than 150,000. Spruill retired from the Alexandria Police Department in 2014 to become the Chief in Huntersville.

Spruill was born in Queens, New York, in 1964 and relocated with his family to Richmond, Virginia in 1978. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he was assigned to the prestigious 3rd U.S. Infantry Battalion at Ft. Myer, Virginia. He was honorably discharged in 1986 and the following year joined the Alexandria Police Department.

Chief Spruill is a graduate of the 217th Session of the FBI National Academy for Law Enforcement Executives in 2004, and of the University of Richmond Robins School of Business Professional Executive Leadership School in 2002. In 2012 he completed the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police. Chief Spruill earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree, both in Business Management from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Cleveland is a member of the Police Executive Research Forum, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Throughout his nearly 33-year police career serving Alexandria, Huntersville and Athens-Clarke County, Chief Spruill has established a reputation as a reformer and change agent. He has demonstrated the ability to use tenets of 21st Century Policing along with intelligence-led strategies, to effectively use limited police resources to reduce crime and enhance quality of life, while at the same time, building trust and strengthening community relationships with law enforcement.



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"Athens-Clarke County Police Chief Cleveland Spruill addresses the Classic City Rotary Club on Monday August 23rd as our Guest Speaker."

Rotary Membership 101: "Just Ask"

By Scott Yochum & Pepper Pettit Friday, July 30, 2021

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On a recent visit to a Rotary Club, we met an outstanding Rotary candidate who was excited about her impending induction to Rotary. At one point, someone asked her, ♦Why didn't you join Rotary sooner?♦

Her response: ♦No one ever asked me!♦

Isn't it remarkable? Why such an enthusiastic individual with so much promise hadn't joined the club beforehand boiled down to this one reason: No one ever asked me!

Maybe, as Rotarians, we should ♦ just ask!

Before we ask, we need to ask ourselves an important question: Whom do we just ask?

So, let's ask everyone ♦individually♦ in our Rotary Club:

♦Do you know one person who would be just as good of a Rotarian as you are?♦

You now know whom to just ask, but how do you just ask?

How about making the question something easy to answer with a yes:

♦Want to come to a party?♦

Wow! How easy was that?

Maybe the ask that gets a yes is as simple and as easy as offering a person ♦the individual would be just as good of a Rotarian as you are♦ something you would value:

Just ask someone to a Rotary social and have some fun.

Just ask someone to a Rotary meeting to hear a great speaker.

Just ask someone to join you in a Rotary service project to help make a difference.

Just ask someone to lunch and begin a relationship.

Just ask someone to join the most wonderful organization in the world ♦ Rotary!

You never know ♦ that person who would be just as good of a Rotarian as you are just might say yes!

If you ♦d like someone from the District Membership Team to speak to your club about recruiting and retaining members, you should know by now that all you need to do is just ask! Simply email Scotty Yochum at scott@scottyochum.com or Pepper Pettit at pepperpettit365@gmail.com.

**** Announcement ****

The Classic City Rotary Club will NOT meet on Monday September 6th, as that is Labor Day.

Pick-The-Winning Teams!

By Chris Taylor Sunday, August 29, 2021



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On Monday August 30th our resident Football Guru Al Hawley will kick-off the 2021 college football season with his Classic City Rotary Club's Pick-The-Winning Teams contests.

For the next twelve weeks our Members will look forward to receiving Doctor Football's selection sheets and exercising their vast knowledge associated with "picking" the winner of each the ten games listed and noodling out the tie-breaking score. These contests rival anything that the casino's can publish out of Las Vegas. In addition, Football Guru Hawley will give us his review of the upcoming college football season and reveal his Final Four teams.

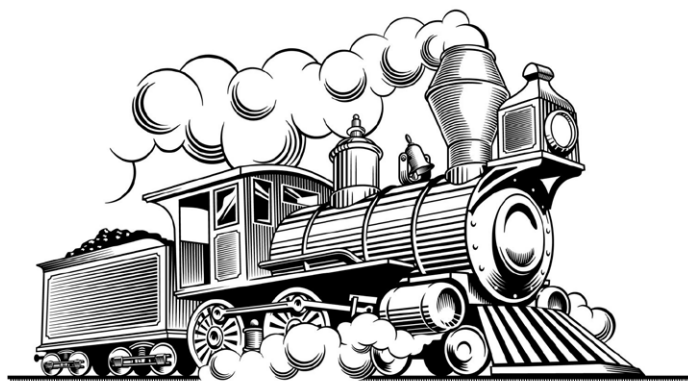
Good luck to all.

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:

237



Events

No Events found