

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

Birthdays

Derek Denney
January 22nd
Jordan Bowen
January 25th
Paul H. Matthews
January 29th
George Raymond
Watson
February 3rd
Selena Blankenship
February 5th
Esau Linares
February 9th
Thomas J. Kramer
February 10th

Club Leaders



Jeffrey
Auerbach
President
Club
Director



Jordan
Bowen
President-
Elect
Club
Director



Tammy
Tate Gilland
Club
Director
Secretary



Heather J.
McElroy
Club
Director
President-
Nominee



Christine S.
Waite-
Morgan
Club
Director
Treasurer



Selena
Blankenship
Membership
Chair



Jennifer
Scott
Membership
Retention
Chair



Thomas J.
Kramer
Public
Image Chair

January 22, 2024: Wesley Mellina, CEO -- Athens Community Career Academy



Wesley Mellina is the CEO of the Athens Community Career Academy. Wesley's 15-plus years in the hospitality industry and experience in secondary education equipped him with a skill set and passion for youth workforce development and Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education.

Following his move to Athens with his wife Jennifer in 2015, Wesley joined the Clarke Central High School staff, where he coordinated the school's Work-Based Learning Program and developed a summer program that focused on helping middle school students successfully transition to high school. In 2018, Wesley became the Clarke County School District Workforce Development Coordinator. In this role, he coordinated the Work-Based Learning Program for the Clarke County School District. Additionally, he led career readiness programming, collaborated with business and industry partners in the Athens area to develop the Advanced Manufacturing and Welding Pathway, co-wrote grants that resulted in awards of over \$210,000 for lab equipment at the Athens Community Career Academy, and developed an educator externship program.

Since becoming CEO in 2022, Wesley has focused on developing pathways that align with high-demand workforce needs in the Athens area, increasing opportunities for students to earn industry-recognized certifications, and beginning a Youth Apprentice Program. A CNA, Certified Phlebotomy Technician, and a Caterpillar Youth Apprentice Program kicked off in the 2023-2024 school year and Wesley is currently working closely with Athens-Clarke County Economic Development and Athens area employers to develop Bio-manufacturing, Firefighter/EMT, and Entertainment, Sports, and Event Management pathways to begin in the 2024-2025 school year.

Wesley is an avid Braves baseball fan and enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time outdoors with his wife, Jennifer, daughter, Bailey, and two Golden Retrievers, Maddux and Bobby Cox.

Next Meeting Programs

January 29 -- Corey Watson, Complex Manager, Pilgrim's Pride
February 5 -- Savie Rochanasmita Arnold, Owner, Sweetie Pie Bakery

Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Greeter	Pledge	Four Way Test
January 22	Heather McElroy	Tina Kukanza	Milton Masciadri
January 29	Deanne Rosso	Tom Kramer	Richard Field
February 5	Cindy Darden	Candace Crew	Maureen Baker
February 12	Leigha Streetman	Allen Green	Laura Iyer
February 19	Jordan Bowen	Paul Skinner	Stephen Blake Lavender
February 26	Robert Hardell	Bobbie McKeller	Selena Blankenship
March 4	Robert Hawley	Christine Waite-Morgan	Tammy Dalton
March 11	Anjela Filipova	Michelle Roberts Kelterborn	Marilyn Appleby
March 18	Paul Matthews	Richard Leffel	Roy Legette
March 25	George Raymond Watson	Jennifer Scott	Mary Lillie Watson
April 1	Bowen Craig	Gerry Taylor	Melissa Ellard

Club Trip to Unicoi State Park

Keep the weekend of February 9-11 open for an exciting journey to Unicoi State Park, a haven of natural beauty and adventure. This will be a chance to break away from your routine and immerse yourself in the wonders of nature. The trip promises to be a blend of fellowship and exploration.

Don't miss the opportunity to connect with fellow club members, share stories, and explore the great outdoors together. Whether you're seeking serene hikes, breathtaking views, or just a peaceful retreat, Unicoi State Park has something for everyone.

Ensure your participation by reserving your spot today. Contact ecorotary@sosuin.org.



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