

Rotary

Club of the Classic City of Athens



January 26, 2026

Speaker - Matteo Fennell Athens-Clarke County Community Forester



Community Forester Matteo Fennell plays a crucial role in the management and protection of trees in Athens-Clarke County. His job entails assessing the health of trees on public land; assisting with community planning and design decisions related to trees; aiding in the development of local tree ordinances; and, serving as the liaison to the Community Tree Council. He is also responsible for community education and engagement and will advise homeowners about the condition of trees on their property. A little-known aspect of his job is that he cares for The Tree That Owns Itself.

Paul Haris Fellows' Achievements

Club Meeting

The Classic City of Athens
Meets at Epting Catering
1430 N. Chase Street
Athens, GA 30601
Time: Monday at Noon

Birthdays

Jordan Bowen
January 25th
Paul H. Matthews
January 29th
George Raymond
Watson
February 3rd
Selena Blankenship
February 5th
Reed Sheats
February 20th
Becky Engel
February 21st
Mark Christopher
Bowen Sr.
February 25th
Michelle Elizabeth
Roberts Kelterborn
February 25th

Club Leaders



Heather J.
McElroy
President



Laura Iyer
President-Elect
Club
Fundraising
Chair
Candace Crew
President-
Nominee



During a recent meeting, District Governor Jessica Fleetwood recognized Ray Watson, Michelle Roberts Kelterborn, and Reed Sheets as Paul Harris Fellows. Ray earned a Paul Harris Plus 1; Michelle a Paul Harris Plus 6; and Reed a Paul Harris Plus 3. Paul Harris Fellows help support the work of the Rotary Foundation in the seven focus areas of Education and Literacy; Maternal and Child Health; Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; Community and Economic Development; and the Environment.

Special Events

Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Awards

Nominations are now open for the Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Awards. Let up-and-coming area songwriters know about this opportunity to have their work reviewed by a panel of nationally well-known songwriters and performers at www.vicchesnuttawards.com. All nominations must be submitted by March 25. During a performance event at the Morton Theater on April 23, artists selected by the judges will perform their musical entries. The winner will be announced that evening. Remember, the kick-off for this annual event is at Hendershot's in the Bottleworks on January 22 at 7:30 p.m. See information below for performers.



Service Projects Chair



Tammy Tate Gilland
Club Director
Secretary



Christine S. Waite-Morgan
Club Director
Treasurer



Jordan Bowen
Membership
iPast President



Dean Cruz
Membership
Retention Chair



Marilyn Appleby
Bulletin Editor



Libba Beaucham
Public Image
Chair



Tammy Dalton
Family of Rotary



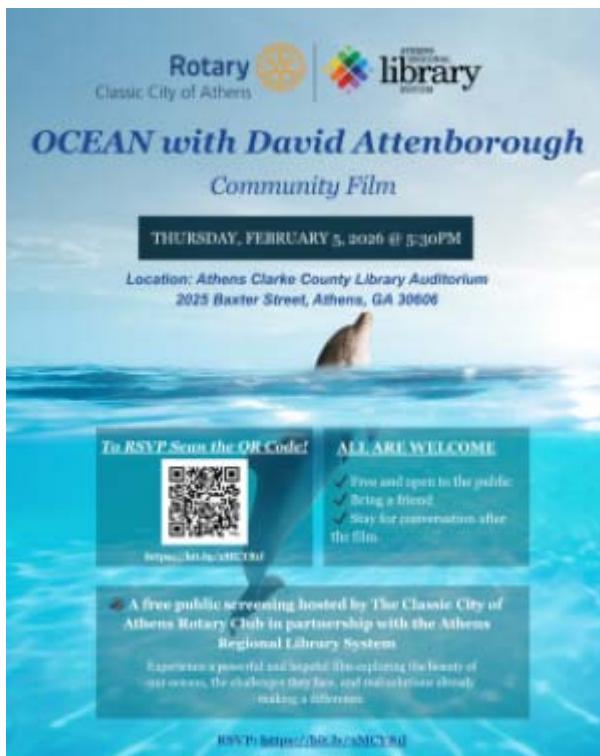
Elizabeth Harden McIntyre
Laws of Life
Contest Chair



PDG Gerry Taylor
Rotary
Foundation
Chair

The Environmental Committee Presents...

A one-night screening of the environmental film Ocean. The showing is free and open to the public. Use the QR code on the poster to sign-up for this event.



Upcoming Meetings

Jan. 26 - Athens-Clarke County Community Forester Mateo Fennell

Feb. 2 - Author April Willis- Haynes

Feb. 9 - Todd Platek -Author

Meeting Volunteers

Jan. 26 Greeter - Ray Watson
Inspiration and Pledge - Roy Legette
4-Way Test - Anjela Filipova

Feb. 2
Greeter - Jordan Bowen
Inspiration and Pledge - Cris Waite-Morgan
4 - Way Test - Beth McIntyre

Feb. 9
Greeter - Ellen Bryson
Inspiration and Pledge - Deborah Gonzalez
4 - Way Test - Tammy Dalton

District Conference

Club Conference Chair



Mark Christopher Bowen Sr., Sergeant-at-Arms



Becky Engel
CCO-Club
Comm. Offcr



Michelle Elizabeth Roberts Kelterborn
Club Admin Chair



Carey McLaughlin
Club Programs Chair



Blair Dorminey
International Service Chair



Tomas Eduardo Ramirez
Youth Services Chair



Celebrate District 6910 at the Annual Conference (see information above). It will be a CELEBRATION of your District that you will not want to miss! Our own Paul Matthews will be installed as District Governor for the 2026-2027 Rotary Year. Let's celebrate starting a new Rotary year with Paul!