

# 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](http://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  
Chair  
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 McIntyer

**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!