

Rotary

Club of the Classic City of Athens



February 2, 2026

Speaker: April Haynes-Willis



April Willis-Haynes is the founder and Executive Director of the Royal Legacy Project and the author of the transformative Legacy 13 Series, a trilogy that explores identity, accountability, and generational healing through Thirteen Reasons I'm Not Your Angry Black Woman; 13 Apologies to Our Children; and, 3 Truths: Nobody Owes Me. Her work blends storytelling, cultural insight, and emotional honesty to spark conversations that strengthen families and communities.

With more than 20 years of experience in healthcare, April has served children, families, and older adults with a deep commitment to dignity, compassion, and education. Her background in caregiving, patient support, and community health informs her writing and fuels her mission to break cycles, repair relationships, and empower the next generation with truth and clarity.

Through the Royal Legacy Project, April develops healing, centered programming for youth; creates literacy, focused materials; and, designs community events that celebrate resilience, accountability, and legacy. Her work invites readers and audiences to reflect, take ownership, and build lives rooted in truth, love, and self-responsibility.

February Service Opportunities

Friday, February 20th: Our Daily Bread

Two Shifts:

Prep: 10:30 - 11:45 am

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
George Raymond Watson
February 3rd
Selena Blankenship
February 5th
Reed Sheats
February 20th
Becky Engel
February 21st

Club Leaders



Heather J. McElroy
President



Laura Iyer
President-Elect
Club Fundraising Chair



Candace Crew
President-Nominee
Service Projects Chair



Tammy Tate Gilland
Club Director
Secretary

Christine S. Waite-Morgan

Serving: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday, February 21st: Habitat for Humanity Build

One Shift (12 spots):

9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Lunch is provided)

*Youth are welcome, but must be 16 or older and accompanied by a parent!

Please email Candace Crew at shirleycandace.ces@gmail.com to sign up to help with these projects.

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. Let your friends know about this event which is exclusive to Rotary.



District Conference

Meet Rotary Club members from around District 6910; learn new ideas from others attending the conference; have fun with other Rotarians; and, be there for incoming District Governor and CCRC member Paul Matthews. Members who have never attended a Rotary District Conference will have their registration fee reimbursed by Classic City Rotary Club. For more information, ask Gerry Taylor.



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Upcoming Meetings

Feb. 9 - Todd Platek -Author

Meeting Volunteers

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

Feb. 16

Greeter - Deborah Gonzalez

Inspiration and Pledge – Reed Sheets

4 - Way Test – Laura Iyer



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