

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

April 10, 2023: Sarah McKinney of Athens Area Community Foundation

Sarah McKinney began serving the Athens Area Community Foundation as President | CEO in March 2017. When she accepted the position, she was the Director of Development for the Georgia 4-H Foundation at the University of Georgia. Prior to her work with Georgia 4-H, Sarah served the Athens Community Council on Aging for fifteen years, beginning as an intern in college, and leaving having successfully created and filled the first position of Director of Development.

Sarah graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. She continued her education with a Certificate of Gerontology from Kennesaw State University, a Certificate of Leadership from the University of Dayton, and Certificates of Basic and Advanced Nonprofit Financial Management from Duquesne University's Nonprofit Leadership Institute.

Today, as a professional working in philanthropy, Sarah's role is centered on helping convene the interest of donors, nonprofits, and community institutions to build, distribute, and preserve philanthropic assets that will enhance quality of life in the Athens area for generations to come.

Sarah is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Athens, the Leadership Georgia Class of 2019, and 2017-2018 LEAD Athens class. In her personal time, Sarah serves the East Jackson Comprehensive High School FFA Alumni program and Athens Church as a Host Team Captain.

Sarah and her husband of 19 years, John, are parents to Nathan and Anna.

Want to connect to the meeting via Zoom?

To join the meeting with one-click, [CLICK HERE](#).

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Meeting Roundup:



Birthdays

Kenneth Scott Collins
April 7th

Tammy Tate Gilland
April 19th

Paul Skinner
April 25th

Club Leaders



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Membership

Meeting Date	Greeter	Pledge	4-Way Test
Apr. 3	Tom Kramer	Marilyn Appleby	Becky Engel
Apr. 10	Jennifer Scott	Maureen Baker	Jordan Bowen
Apr. 17	Paul Skinner	Blair Dorminey	Scott Collins
Apr. 24	Dan Everett	Lawrence Harris	Ellen Bryson
May 1	Laura Iyer	CJ Johnson	Marissa Chastain
May 8	Candace Crew	Rick Leffel	Milton Masciadri
May 15	Cindy Darden	Pam Shropshire	Tammy Dalton
May 22	Melissa Ellard	Mary Lillie Watson	Emily Escoe
May 29 (no mtg)			
June 5	Beverly Harper	Dick Field	Allen Green
June 12	Kemp Gaskill	Robert Hardell	Al Hawley
June 19	Jeff Auerbach	CJ Johnson	Bowen Craig
June 26	Anjela Filipova	Rick Leffel	Leigha Streetman

Club Headshots:

The make-up day for headshots for the new club website will be Monday, April 24, from 11:00 am-12 noon. Please try to attend this session if you have not already had your photo taken!

New Members

The Board approved the admission of Dan Everett, a retired UGA professor, for membership in our club as an Active member. If you have any questions or comments regarding this potential member, please contact Emily Escoe via e-mail (eke@fbglaw.com) or telephone (706-599-6321).

Service Committee

Many thanks to Classic City Rotary Club members, friends, and family who participated in the Native Habitat Planting Project at Dudley park on April 4. It was a beautiful evening with the help from experts from ACC Sustainability Office Stephanie Green and others. We were privileged to participate in planting a few of the 4,500 plants ready to plant as a part of the Restore our Rivers GOSP Grant.

Many thanks to Michelle Roberts, Blake, Pam Shropshire, Heather McElroy, Sydney, Avery, Marilyn Appleby, Laura Iyer, and Ian Van Giessen for all their help for this fun service project.



The Service Committee will meet on Wed., April 12 at 2 pm. We will be discussing planning and budgeting for next Rotary year. All club members are invited to attend.

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8991384699?pwd=L1RkZmNjcjFPWDQzS3FzbGVKTjOrdz09>

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Next – Books for Keeps Book Distribution April 19 and 20 at J.J. Harris Elementary School

Books for Keeps Distribution at J.J. Harris Elementary School will be held April 19 and 20. Volunteers will assist students with selecting their free books to take home for the summer. The book distribution helps prevent the Summer Slide in reading comprehension. Help spread the excitement of reading. Time slots are Wed., April 19 from 8:30 am – 11:30 am and 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm; Thurs., April 20 from 8 am – 10:15 am and 11:55 am – 2:35 pm. Come join the fun. If you would like to volunteer, let Marilyn Appleby know.


And then...Our Daily Bread

Fri., April 21 is our scheduled bimonthly day to make and serve lunch at Our Daily Bread. Our prep crew will assemble at 10:45 am and work until 11:45 am and our serving crew will begin at 11:45 am and work until 1 pm.

Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Awards



Songwriter of
the Year Awards

 presented by Classic City Rotary

Exciting news! Nominations closed on Monday, March 20th. This year, we received a record number of 110 nominations! This number reflects 68 distinct artists with 83 different songs! Paul Matthews is busily preparing submissions to send to our stellar panel of Judges: Cassie Chantel (Athens hip hop artist and 2021 winner!), Caroline Herring (Atlanta-based singer-songwriter), Boo Ray (Nashville-based alt country troubadour), Robert Schneider (experimental musician and Elephant 6 producer), and Greg Suran (lead guitarist for the B-52s and American Idol house band).

Our featured performer this year will be Caroline Herring. She will perform for 45 minutes between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. prior to the Awards show. Caroline Herring is an American folk singer, songwriter, and musician. She won Best New Artist at the *Austin Music Awards* in 2002, and has been making music ever since. Caroline has appeared on *All Things Considered Weekend* and *A Prairie Home Companion*, and has played many festivals nationally and internationally, including Newport Folk Festival, Austin City Limits Music Festival and Merlefest. Caroline has lived in Atlanta for 20 years and is a regular at Eddie's Attic in Decatur. She is best known for her historical story songs and has recorded eight albums. Caroline will participate in the *Black Legacy Project* in Atlanta in April, and was recently asked by WABE in Atlanta to write and record a song for season four of the *Buried Truths* podcast. As a graduate student in Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi, Caroline co-founded *Thacker Mountain Radio*, a live-audience radio show. It continues today as a weekly broadcast on both Mississippi and Alabama Public Radio.

Enviro/Sustainability (ES) Committee



Sustainable Community Opportunity:

The Repair Café is a free place to meet and fix things together. Attendees can bring their broken items, and experts are there to help them repair it. Both attendees and specialists are members of the Athens community, and we are working together to foster a culture of reuse and repair before landfill. Athens-Clarke County Recycling Division partners with community organizations to put on Repair Cafes. Attendees can bring a range of broken items to try and have repaired: bicycles, electrical appliances, toys, clothing, furniture, computers, and more.

Join us as the Repair Café RETURNS!



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- Sunday, April 23rd, EARTH DAY REPAIR CAFE! 2-5 PM, at the CHaRM
- Questions: <https://accgov.com/8510/Athens-Repair-Cafe>

ES Committee Strategic Planning Meeting



On Monday March 27, Phase I of Enviro/Sustainability strategic planning took place with Ellen Bryson, Blair Dorminey, Dick Field, Ken Mornault, Michelle Roberts, and Laura Iyer. Many areas were covered but of note: 1) Strengthen partnerships with other organizations similar work such as ACC sustainability Office, UGA sustainability, Athens Land Trust, and others. 2) Work collaboratively with local Rotary Clubs, 3) Follow up with a longer planning session to solidify the vision and mission of the committee. Please consider being part of the mission planning. Questions: email ECORotary@sosuin.org.

Volunteer Opportunity for UGA Baseball 'Journey to Zero Waste Weekend' : April 20-22



Zero-Waste Athletics Sustainability Team - We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make our Journey to Zero-Waste Weekend at Foley Field a success! This project is a collaboration between the Office of Sustainability and UGA Athletics! Link for details and how to sign up here:
<https://warnell.uga.edu/news/stories/2023/student-organizes-journey-zero-waste-weekend-during-april-uga-baseball-series>