

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

July 17, 2023: Joy Ovington on The Importance of Teaching Arts to Children



Joy Ovington, Creative Director of the Georgia Fine Arts Academy, hit the stage tapping to "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" at the age of five. Since then she's logged over four decades of experience performing, teaching, and working all aspects of technical theatre, film and arts administration. She studied Theatre at the Alabama School of Fine Arts, the University of Alabama, where she was an Irene Ryan Award Finalist, and with the National Theatre of Great Britain Summer Acting Programme at Cornell University. She holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Florida State University/Asolo Conservatory for Professional Actor Training, where she was inducted into the Society of American Fight Directors, performed with the Asolo Repertory Theatre, and joined film students in winning a College Television Emmy. She's worked with numerous regional theatre companies such as Circle Theatre in Chicago where she was Jeff Award-Nominated, Charlotte Shakespeare Company, Hersheypark Entertainment, Jenny Wiley Theatre, and has won a choral GLAMA award with Windy City Performing Arts. She was a company member of Athens' professional theatre company Circle Ensemble Theatre Company. Joy has emceed events, stage-managed fundraisers and music festivals, and hosted an award-winning talk show on St. Louis' community radio station KDHX. Some favorite posts include managing the Tapis Rouge VIP tent during the Cirque du Soleil's "Dralion" run in St. Louis, being assistant to the E.D. for Montgomery's Jubilee CityFest, and teaching Acting at Auburn University. She spent over ten years in administrative roles at the Athens Regional Library System and is excited to now be the new Creative Director of the Georgia Fine Arts Academy.

Service Committee The CCRC has kicked off the new Rotary Year by completing two service projects in July. Several members shopped for and delivered snacks

Birthdays

Jeffrey Auerbach
July 9th
Bowen Craig
July 22nd
Blair Dorminey
July 29th

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



[Marissa Leigh Chastain](#)
Club Director
Public Image Chair



[Deanne Rosso](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair

[Marilyn Appleby](#)
Club Director
Service Projects

to the YWCO Girls Club for their last week of day camp. The YWCO has organized this camp for many years in order to provide a safe place for girls aged 5 – 12 years to learn and have fun during several weeks in the summer. Several members also read books to girls at the camp to begin their day.

We also participated in the Athens Area Council on Aging annual Fan Drive to make sure seniors without air conditioned homes can be cool this summer.

Many thanks to all who read; delivered snacks, and donated fans. Thanks to our members, we are off to a great start for our new year.

Rotary at the Peachtree!



The 54th running of the Peachtree Road Race included several Rotarians from District 6910. Tammy Gilland represented the Classic City Rotary Club. She's pictured here with Pat Conarro from the Dahlonega Sunrise Club and Dr. Allen Bowns from the Johns Creek Rotary Club.

Athens Area Chamber of Commerce invites Classic City Rotary members to attend Annual Midyear Event



Chair



Ellen Bryson
Club Director
Club Fundraising
Chair



Becky Engel
CCO-Club Comm.
Offcr



Robert A. Hawley
Sergeant-at-Arms



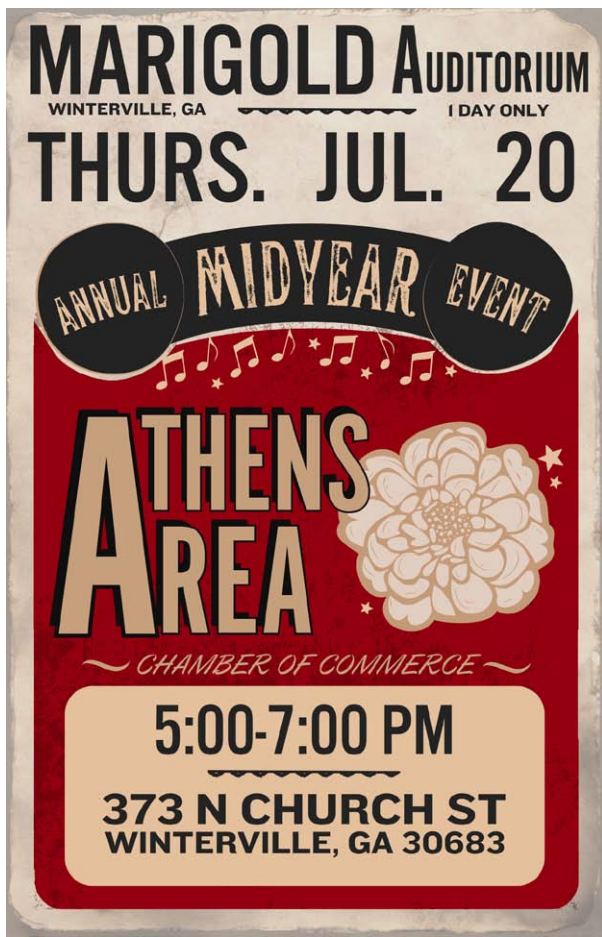
Richard J. Leffel
Club Admin Chair
Club Director



Michelle Elizabeth
Roberts
Club Director
iPast President



Mary Lillie Watson
Club Director
Club Programs
Chair



Visit the Chamber website [here](#) to purchase tickets.
