

# Rotary

## Club of the Classic City of Athens



December 1, 2025

### Speaker: Denise Young, Athens-Clarke County Interim Waste Reduction Administrator



Denise Young is the Interim Waste Reduction Administrator for the Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste Department, where she leads education, outreach, and marketing initiatives aimed at reducing waste and promoting sustainability. She oversees public engagement efforts across social media, school and community programs, and facility tours—helping residents, businesses, and organizations better understand and participate in waste reduction practices.

With over two decades of experience spanning the nonprofit, private, and public sectors, Denise brings a strong foundation in marketing, service, and leadership. Her ability to connect with diverse audiences makes her an effective communicator and advocate for change.

A TRUE Advisor certified by Green Business Certification, Inc., Denise is committed to advancing zero waste principles in her community and beyond. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Recycling Coalition and is an active member of SWANA, the U.S. Composting Council, USGBC, and is a certified Master Composter.

Denise holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Georgia and believes that the key to meaningful change is a combination of community engagement, continuous learning, and creative problem-solving.

### Upcoming Meetings

**December 8** - Christmas Stocking stuffing with Howard B. Stroud students at our regular meeting and presentation of 2024-25 financial information and annual meeting. **Meeting will be held at 155 Barber St.**

### Club Meeting

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

### Birthdays

Robert Hardell  
December 10th  
Delmira Gloriela Jennings  
December 18th  
Daniel Everett  
December 28th

### Club Leaders



Heather J. McElroy  
President



Laura Iyer  
President-Elect  
Club Fundraising Chair



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Service Projects Chair



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Club Director  
Secretary



Christine S. Waite-Morgan  
Club Director  
Treasurer  
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JOIN US FOR A

# Holiday PARTY

## 1055 BARBER



DECEMBER

15

6:00 - 9:00PM

PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY FOR  
GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRAND KIDS

RSVP TO [tdalton@advantagebhhs.org](mailto:tdalton@advantagebhhs.org)

**White Elephant shenanigans hosted  
by Paul Matthews!**  
if you'd like to participate bring an item up to \$20 value

### Dreaming of Ireland

Finish up those last minute ticket sales for our club's raffle for a trip to Ireland. This fundraiser helps provide assistance for the many service and community organizations we support. **All funds and tickets should be turned in to our Treasurer Cris Waite-Morgan on or before the December 15th Holiday Party.**

### Protecting the Environment Committee Project

Burks Elementary School Lunchroom Compost Program

Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:50 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Burks Elementary



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Becky Engel  
CCO-Club  
Comm. Offcr

School (formerly Chase St.) to assist with the lunchroom composting program. Volunteers will aid students with sorting lunch tray food and paper scraps into the compost bin and untouched food into the share bin.

Volunteers will need to complete [background check](#) forms and take them to Burks Elementary at least two weeks before you wish to volunteer. Please see Susanne Warrenfeltz for more information about this project.

## Service Committee Projects

**Dec. 8** - Howard B. Stroud students will attend the meeting to stuff stockings for Denney Tower residents. Please bring the following items to the Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 meetings: pocket-size packages of tissues, bars of soap, single tooth brushes, small tubes of toothpaste, and/or wet wipes. We will also need 4-5 volunteers to load their cars with stockings and take to Denney Tower.

**Dec. 19** - Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve a meal at Our Daily Bread. Chili and other surprises will be on the menu. Prep shift is from 10:45 a.m. - noon and the serving shift is 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. See Candace Crew to sign up for this project.

**Philanthropic Fund expenditure** - During last week's service committee meeting, the members voted to provide \$300 from the philanthropic fund to Hilsman Middle School to enable the staff to augment meals for students' families during the holidays. If interested in learning more about this project and the needs of students at Hilsman, see Candace Crew.

## Reporting Service Hours

Volunteered for a Service Project lately? Please be sure to report volunteer hours worked in the Ignite App. This is how we report our service hours to District 6910 and Rotary International. If you need help with reporting your hours in Ignite, please see Candace Crew.

## Local Service Opportunity

For those who may want some additional service opportunities related to food-based needs, Rotarians may serve with the NE Georgia Foodbank 890 Newton Bridge Rd., Athens, this holiday season. Statham-based company Cable East, is sponsoring an event at the Foodbank and Rotarians may join this endeavor on Fri., Dec. 12th from 2:30 - 4 pm. Please wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. Volunteers will sort donated items from grocery stores and/or prepare boxes of meals for families. Click on the sign up link here to register. [December Sign Up](#)

## Meeting Volunteers

### December 1

Greeter: Marilyn Appleby  
Inspiration and Pledge: Cris Waite Morgan  
4 Way Test: Tammy Gilland

### December 8

Greeter: Rick Leffel  
Inspiration and Pledge: Laura Iyer  
4 Way Test: Delmira Jennings

**\* If you are unable to fulfill your assignment due to work, travel, or family commitments, please ask a fellow member to substitute for you.**

## Classic City Rotarian Spotlight

To highlight our wonderful Rotarians on social media, we ask that Classic City Rotary members complete [this brief survey](#). Your participation is greatly appreciated! For more information, see Libba Beaucham.

	<u>Michelle Elizabeth Roberts</u>
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