

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

February 5, 2024: Savie Rochanasmita Arnold, Owner -- Sweetie Pie



Savie Arnold is the owner of the Eastside bakery, Sweetie Pie by Savie. After earning her PhD in Science Education in Thailand, Savie and her husband, Speedy, relocated back to Athens where they had met years earlier while Savie was conducting PhD research. While completing her PhD in Bangkok, Savie continued the love for baking she had discovered while in the United States and it soon became a small home business. Upon returning to Athens, Savie spent some time working at Dondero's before opening Sweetie Pie in July 2015. The bakery's cakes and baked goods are known for their perfect level of sweetness and distinctive flavors, including Asian ingredients and spices.

Next Meeting Programs

February 12 -- Susanna Malmgren, our sponsored student, Georgia Rotary Student Program

February 19 -- Drew Vandenberg, Owner, Vberg Industrues (local recording studio)

February 26 -- Jason Perry & Scott Long, Bike Athens

Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Greeter	Pledge	Four Way Test
February 5	Cindy Darden	Candace Crew	Maureen Baker
February 12	Leigha Streetman	Allen Green	Laura Iyer
February 19	Jordan Bowen	Paul Skinner	Stephen Blake Lavender
February 26	Robert Hardell	Bobbie McKeller	Selena Blankenship
March 4	Robert Hawley	Christine Waite-Morgan	Tammy Dalton
March 11	Anjela Filipova	Michelle Roberts Kelterborn	Marilyn Appleby
March 18	Paul Matthews	Richard Leffel	Roy Legette
March 25	George Raymond Watson	Jennifer Scott	Mary Lillie Watson
April 1	Bowen Craig	Gerry Taylor	Melissa Ellard

Rotary Leadership Institute

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is for all Rotarians, not just the leaders! Whether you're brand new to Rotary or have been a member for years, please consider attending one of the two 2024 events being held in February and March:

Saturday, February 17 in Jasper
Saturday, March 16 in Thomson

Bring someone from the club to share the excitement of learning more about Rotary outside your own club and to make new Rotary friends from across North Georgia and beyond.

To register:
Login to DACdb
Go to the District Tab
Go to the Calendar Tab; make sure PETS & Multi-District Events are checked at the top
Choose the date for which you wish to register

The \$100 registration fee includes your courses, course materials notebook, breakfast, lunch, snacks, facility fees and course completion certificate.

Canada Discovery Trip Fundraising Raffle

The drawing for our Canada Discovery Trip is fast approaching on Thursday, February 29 at Athentic Brewing. If you haven't sold your 10 tickets yet, please do so quickly. If you have already sold your 10

Birthdays

- Selena Blankenship
February 5th
- Esau Linares
February 9th
- Thomas J. Kramer
February 10th
- Becky Engel
February 21st
- Michelle Elizabeth Roberts Kelterborn
February 25th

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...ing. If you haven't sold your 10 tickets yet, please do so quickly. If you have already sold your 10 tickets and would like to sell more, there are additional tickets available. Please contact Ellen Bryson for more details.

Just a reminder that tickets are \$50 each and the value of the 6-night trip to Montreal and Quebec City is \$7,500. Contributions directly support Classic City Rotary's service projects.

Service Committee

Friday, February 16 – We will be at **Our Daily Bread** to make and serve lunch to those who are elderly, homeless, or underemployed. We will be there from 10:30 am to 1 pm. Lunch prep shift is from 10:30 am to 11:45 am and the serving shift is from 11:45 am to 1 pm. If you can spare a lunch hour, come out and help this community-wide effort. A signup sheet will be going around the next few club meetings.

Tuesday, March 12 – We will continue the work we began last year **planting native species along The Greenway at the new Chimney Swift Tower with Athens-Clarke County Sustainability Office**. Chimney Swifts are efficient insect-eating birds. The newly constructed tower will allow them to nest and roost. We will begin working at roughly 5 pm and work until 6:30. More details to follow.

TBD – The next **Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful litter pick up date** along Sunset Drive will be decided shortly for a date in either late Feb. or in March. Staytuned for more details.

Club Trip to Unicoi State Park

Keep the weekend of February 9-11 open for an exciting journey to Unicoi State Park, a haven of natural beauty and adventure. This will be a chance to break away from your routine and immerse yourself in the wonders of nature. The trip promises to be a blend of fellowship and exploration.

Don't miss the opportunity to connect with fellow club members, share stories, and explore the great outdoors together. Whether you're seeking serene hikes, breathtaking views, or just a peaceful retreat, Unicoi State Park has something for everyone.

Ensure your participation by reserving your spot today. Contact ecorotary@sosuin.org.

Small Group Fellowship

It is time to renew the program with new groups. It will again be 8 people (4 couples or "plus ones").

Each group will meet once a month for 4 months. The host will work with the group to select meeting dates and will provide the main dish and drinks. The other participants will provide sides, appetizers, and desserts. Ideally, the meals should be at participants' homes, although your group can do a restaurant if you so choose. The goal is to build goodwill and better friendships.

Becky Engel and Ellen Bryson will randomly assign the groups in mid-February.

Please e-mail Becky at triengel@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. Please indicate if you have the capacity to host the first meal for your new group.



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