

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

November 6, 2023: Paul Skinner -- Founder & Owner, Athentic Brewing Company



Paul Skinner was born and raised in Iowa and grew up farming in a small town agricultural community but always had a passion for science. After college, Paul married his wife Dawn and began his career in the field of Veterinary Animal Health at the National Animal Disease Labs in Ames, Iowa. After moving several times over the years for new opportunities, Paul and Dawn ultimately relocated with their family from Iowa to Georgia in 2000 and immediately fell in love with the area (and have stayed ever since).

Paul explored the world of home-brewing in 2010 as he and Dawn joined a small group at their church that met weekly to brew, eat, drink and enjoy fellowship with each other. After gaining some confidence by winning several homebrew competitions, Paul along with his wife Dawn, and friends Mark and Peg, decided to take a leap of faith

and open a brewery, Athentic Brewing Company, in 2020. In 2022,, Paul officially retired from the Biotech Industry after 40 years and has devoted himself full-time to his passion of creating a craft beer community in Athens, Georgia. Cheers!

Next Two Meeting Programs

November 13 -- Gerry Taylor, Rotary Foundation Presentation

November 20 -- No Meeting (Happy Thanksgiving!)

Service Committee

Quarterly Litter Pickup

We need at least 10 volunteers for our final litter pickup of the year on Saturday, November 18th at 10 A.M. We will spend the hour cleaning up the section of Sunset Drive between Prince Avenue and King Avenue. We will meet at the VFW parking lot at 835 Sunset Drive just before 10 A.M. Vests, bags, and pickup sticks will be distributed at that time. Please be sure to bring work gloves and water. It is recommended to wear closed-toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty.

International Student Baskets

Each year, we purchase items for UGA international students arriving in January to begin their studies. Students arrive just as the residence halls are opening, so there is little time to get them out to purchase items. We are expecting 28 students for Spring semester. We still need 11 volunteers to purchase full-size sheets and blankets, towel sets, and large laundry bags for each student. These can be easily purchased through Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, etc. and should be in the price range to just get them started. We will pack the items in the laundry bags at our December 4 meeting. Due to

Birthdays

Robert A. Hawley
November 7th

Carey McLaughlin
November 15th

Leigha Streetman
November 18th

Heather J. McElroy
November 21st

Richard J. Leffel
November 22nd

Christine S. Waite-Morgan
November 29th

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the number of students, we'd like to have 14 shoppers in order for each person to be responsible for the purchase of items for 2 students each. Shoppers will be reimbursed for these items, so receipts must be given to the Club Treasurer. Please contact Marilyn at 97.ml.appleby@gmail.com or Candace at shirlycandace.ces@gmail.com if you can help. Also, standby for a date in November or early December for our next Adopt-A-Highway litter pick-up.

Grandparents Helping Grandchildren

Each year at our annual Holiday Party, we have supported the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program run by the Athens Area Council on Aging. These grandparents are on a very fixed income and have stepped in to care for their grandchildren and often struggle to provide school supplies as well as birthday and Christmas gifts. At our Holiday Party on December 11, we ask that each member bring two unwrapped items for this program. Puzzles, board games, card games, books, crayons, coloring books, action figures, building blocks, assorted athletic balls, as well as inexpensive jewelry and nail polish for teenagers are always appreciated.

Coming Up:

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Stay tuned to the Bulletin for confirmed dates.
- December 15 -- Our Daily Bread

Vic Chestnutt Update

Keep Saturday, December 9 open for a special concert at 40 Watt Club to raise awareness and support for mental health initiatives. Doors will open at 7:00 PM for a performance from Lonnie Holley, renowned artist and musician, known for his powerful vocals, inspiring messages, and unique artistic expressions. Local music talent will also be joining him including Night Palace, Well Kept, and Trvy and the Enemy.



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