

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

December 4 , 2023: Kelly Girtz, Mayor of Athens-Clarke County



Kelly Girtz has been serving as mayor of Athens-Clarke County since January 2019. Prior to serving as mayor, Mr. Girtz was the District 9 Commissioner for 12 years. A renowned local educator, Mr. Girtz was both a teacher and administrator in the Athens-Clarke County school system from 1998-2014 and then served as Regional Director for Student Services & Special Education for Foothills Charter High School.

Next Meeting Programs

- December 11 -- No Meeting (Holiday Party on 12/12 at Epting Events at 6 PM)
- December 18 -- Club Assembly
- December 25 -- No Meeting (Christmas Day)
- January 1 -- No Meeting (New Year's Day)

Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Greeter	Pledge
December 4	Emily Escoe	Ellen Bryson
December 18	Derek Denney	Blair Dorminey

Service Committee

International Student Baskets

Each year, we purchase items for UGA international students arriving in January. Students arrive just as the residence halls are opening, so there is little time to purchase items. We are expecting 28 students for Spring semester. Those who volunteered will 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 brought to the Club on December 11. We will pack the items in the laundry bags at our December 11 meeting. Receipts will be reimbursed for these items, so receipts must be given to the Club Treasurer.

Grandparents Helping Grandchildren

Each year at our annual Holiday Party, we have supported the Grandparents Helping Grandchildren Program run by the Athens Area Council on Aging. These grandparents are over 60 years old and have stepped in to care for their grandchildren and often struggle to provide for their needs as well as birthday and Christmas gifts. At our Holiday Party on December 11, we will have a special gift for each member. Please 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.

Birthdays

- Robert Hardell
December 10th
- Daniel Everett
December 28th

Club Leaders



Jeffrey Auerbach
President
Club
Director



Jordan Bowen
President-Elect
Club
Director



Tammy Tate Gillard
Club
Director
Secretary



Heather J. McElroy
Club
Director
President-Nominee

Fest
Blair
Clif Mullis



Christine S. Waite-Morgan
Club
Director
Treasurer



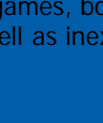
Selena Blankenship
Club
Membership
Chair



Jennifer Scott
Shoppers
Membership
Retention
Chair



Thomas J. Kramer
Grandchildren
Public
Image
Chair



Mary Lillie Watson
Club
Director

Coming Up:

There will be no Salvation Army bell-ringing this year.

Week of December 11 -- At least 3 volunteers are needed to pick-up stuffed animals to then be distributed at Denney Tower. The students are preparing stocking items for the tower's residents.

December 15 -- Our Daily Bread. As usual, there are two shifts -- 10:30 to 11:00 AM and 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM. Sign-up sheets will be available at club meetings or contact Marilyn at 97.ml.appleby@gmail.com or Candace at shirlycandace.ces@gmail.com if you can help.

January 6 (site TBD) -- annual "Bring One for The Chipper" event. for 25+ years. "Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful" with this program. Sign-up sheets will be available at December meetings.

Vic Chestnutt -- A Concert For Mental Health Awareness

Keep Saturday, December 9 open for a special concert at 40 Watt Club (285 W. Main St.) to raise awareness and support for mental health initiatives. Doors will open at 6:00 PM for a performance from Lonnie Holley, renowned artist and musician, known for his powerful and inspiring messages, and unique artistic expressions. Local music talent will also be performing including Night Palace, Well Kept, and Trvy and the Enemy.

Tickets are \$30 and can be ordered at www.40Watt.com



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Marilyn JJ Harris
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Service :45 AM to
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Ellen Bryson
Club
Director

Club
Fundraising
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Becky Engel
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Hawley
Sergeant-
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Richard J.
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Club Admin
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Club
Director



Michelle
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