

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

Thursday, March 11, 2021

March 15, 2021 Speaker: Gerry Taylor

By Chris Taylor on Thursday, March 11, 2021



Gerry Taylor, who will serve as Rotary District 6910 Governor in 2022-2023, will be the speaker on **Monday, March 15, 2021**. Gerry's presentation is titled "The Journey to District Governorship".

Gerry Taylor is a retired Vice President of Resource Development, United Way of Northeast Georgia. He has served United Ways for over 30 years beginning in Lexington, KY as Assistant Campaign Director, and then moving to Racine Wisconsin as Campaign Director before relocating to Birmingham Alabama as Senior Vice

President of Resource Development. He began his position with United Way of Northeast Georgia in January of 2007. Prior to his career with United Way, he spent over eight years in sales and sales management, primarily with office product companies. He is an alumnus of the University of Minnesota and has completed various campaign and management courses from the National Academy of Volunteerism at United Way of America, including the 4 year Management Course.

Gerry was responsible for United Way of Northeast Georgia's Annual Campaign and the Planned Giving program. During his United Way career, he has been responsible for raising more than a billion dollars in annual campaigns and over 15 million in Planned Giving assets. Gerry decided to become a United Way professional to help improve the quality of life for others after experiencing assistance in his young life from a couple of United Way agencies that taught him lifelong lessons and provided him opportunities to succeed.

He is a Past President of the Classic City Rotary Club in Athens Georgia, Past Assistant Governor of District 6910, Past District 6910 Training Vice Chair, current District 6910 Awards and Recognition Chair, a member of the District 6910 Conference Committee, District 6910 Board Member, current District Governor Nominee of Rotary District 6910, a Board Member of Georgia Laws of Life, Peachstate PETS, GRSP and C.A.R.T, and Past President of Sales and Marketing Executives of the Birmingham Alabama Chapter and the Past President and founder of Professional Sales Association of Birmingham. He has spent many years coaching youth baseball.

Gerry serves his church-Watkinsville First United Methodist as an Usher, a member of the Nominations Committee and a Collections Processor.

Gerry is married to Lisa Landers Taylor, a retired special education teacher. They have two sons, Christopher (daughter in law Ashley) and Ryan.

His favorite pastimes are outdoor sports, model railroading and spending time with his family, including his Black Labrador Retriever, Hannah.

Here is the Zoom link for the [Monday March 15th Club Meeting @ Noon](#).

Meeting ID: 889 1329 2830

Passcode: Classic

Birthdays

Maureen Baker
March 5th

Caleb Brown
March 21st

Beverly Harper
March 25

Charles L. Johnson
March 28

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Farmers to Families Program

By Chris Taylor Thursday, March 11, 2021

On Thursday March 4th, The Classic City Rotary Club and The Athens Rotary Club helped with the logistics associated with the delivery of 31,000 pounds of food goods to the Food Bank of NE Georgia. The 31,000 tons produced 1,035 thirty (30) pound boxes containing produce, dairy products and meat. These were much needed food goods for those folks who have faced some serious setbacks due to the Pandemic in the Athens Area and Northeast Georgia. The Classic City and The Athens Clubs are expecting another shipment of 31,000 pounds of food to the Food Bank on Wednesday March 10th.



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) began the Farmers to Families Food Box program last April after many people were shocked to see farmers destroy crops because restaurants and institutions abruptly canceled orders due to the virus even as food banks were crushed by demand from people suddenly out of work.

Within weeks, the USDA had paid nearly \$3 billion to contractors who worked with food banks across the country which began handing out boxes filled with 20 pounds of produce to long lines of people left jobless and desperate for food to feed their families. The "family-sized" boxes contained produce, dairy products, and/or meat.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will purchase an additional \$1.5 billion worth of food for nationwide distribution through the Farmers to Families Food Box Program. In total, USDA has [distributed more than 132 million food boxes](#) in support of American farmers and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2021 Program Calendar:

JANUARY: Theme - Vocational Service Month



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Jan 4: Introduction of New Board, Vic Chesnutt Update and Other News (Jay)

Jan 11: Joe Trocino: Adventures in the Caribbean (Joe)

Jan 18: Erica Andrews: Java Joy and Diversity and Inclusion (Emily)

Jan 25: Charles Bullock: Senate Runoffs (Emily)

FEBRUARY: Theme - Peace and Conflict Prevention

Feb 1: Dr. David Bode (Joe)

Feb 8: Ron Carlson: Dramatic Legal Cases in the News (Blair)

Feb 15: Lisa Bayer: University of Georgia Press (Emily)

Feb 22: Joe Trocino: Glaciers of the World (Joe)

MARCH: Theme  Water & Sanitation Month

Mar 1: Mayor Kelly Girtz: The State of Athens-Clarke County (Emily)

Mar 8: Nicole Andrews: The Enneagram Test (Emily)

Mar 15: Gerry Taylor: The Journey to District Governorship (Gerry)

Mar 22: J.J. Harris Essay Contest (Beverly Harper)

Mar 29: Sister Uyen-Chi: Diversity & Inclusion (Roy Legette)

APRIL: Theme - Maternal & Child Health

Apr. 5:

Apr. 12:

Apr. 19: Athens Club & Classic City Club Legislative Forum

Apr. 26:

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Our District Conference Planning Committee is hard at work transitioning our programs to a digital format. We're so excited to be able to bring you two days of great virtual programming that will offer fun, fellowship and celebration. We can't wait to showcase the amazing accomplishments of our 2020-21 Rotary year!

The new registration portal is under development and should go live any day, so keep a close watch for all of the latest on registration and conference events [here](#).

Be watching your inbox for a special eBlast unveiling all of the exciting conference activities. More news to come soon!

Previous Speaker: Nicole Andrews

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Nicole Andrews is the Executive Coordinator at Extra Special People. Nicole is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a BA in Communications Studies.



After working for the Whitaker family and also having her two older sisters previously work at ESP, Nicole was thrilled to accept her job as Executive Coordinator, where it already felt like home.

In her free time, Nicole enjoys spending time with her close friends and family, reading, playing frisbee, or exploring the amazing Athens, GA.

Nicole spoke to the club about the Enneagram personality test. She recommended that our members take the Classic Enneagram

personality test, linked below.

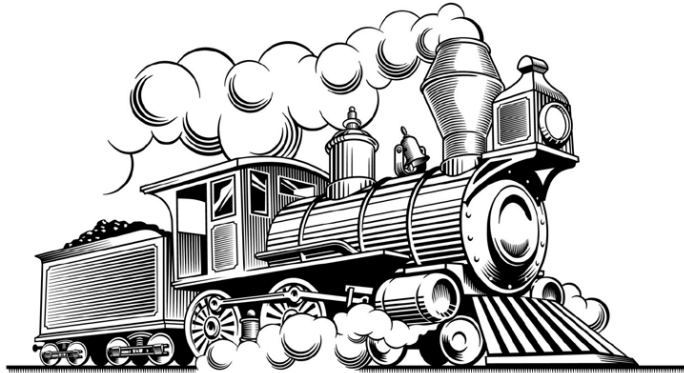
1. Take the Classical Enneagram test at eclecticenergies.com
2. A second option of testing is found at truity.com

Gerry Tracker: ALL ABOARD!!!

The Gerry Train has left the station! Welcome aboard!! Please, take your seats and relax as we continue to countdown the days remaining on Gerry Taylor's journey to District Governor!

Days Remaining:

473



Events

No Events found