

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

Thursday, March 18, 2021

March 22, 2021 Speaker: Winners of the J.J. Harris Essay Contest

By Chris Taylor on Thursday, March 18, 2021

The Classic City Rotary Club's Guest Speakers for Monday March 22nd will be four excellent scholars from JJ Harris Elementary School. They are the finalists in Rotary's "4-Way Test" Essay Contest. The theme this year: "Is it Fair to all concerned?"

This is the fifth annual of the Classic City / JJ Harris Elementary School's endeavor to enhance the writing abilities of the fifth-grade students via this spirited contest. Our Members eagerly look forward to the Rotary 4-Way Test Essay Contest and enjoy listening to the student's presentation of their essays. Each of the four (4) JJ Harris scholars will receive a \$25 Walmart gift card.

In the past the scholars have presented their literary works in-person, but with this being such an unusual year due to the Pandemic, the Essay Contest finalists will recite their essays via Zoom.

We are proud to announce the four (4) Essay finalists, and thank them for their hard work:

Andrea Bautista-Vega
Alan Garcia
Natavia Lowe
Karen Walker

The March 22nd Meeting will be via Zoom only. No in-person meeting this week.

Here is the Zoom link for the [Monday March 22nd Club Meeting @ Noon](#).
Meeting ID: 876 0313 0931
Passcode: Classic

Rotary Beach Blanket Contest Update

By Chris Taylor on Thursday, March 18, 2021

The District 6910 Annual Conference that was slated for Jekyll Island, has been converted to a Virtual Conference this year due to the Pandemic. Many events that were planned for an in-person conference have been converted to a Zoom production. One of those virtual events will be the "Rotary Bench Blanket" contest. Club's in District 6910 were challenged to design their version of a Beach Blanket that reflects the Rotary spirit.

The Classic City Rotary Club's contest blanket design couples the highly respected Rotary 4-Way Test bordering the Club's annual main project which is the Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year event.

Birthdays

Caleb Brown
March 21st
Kenneth Scott Collins
April 7th
Adam Mosley
April 15th

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 Assistant Governor



BEACH TOWEL/MAT COMPETITION

Criteria

- Must be a towel or beach mat
- Should be decorated in a fashion to embody the spirit of your club **
- Must include the name of your club in some fashion, so that your towel may be identified
- Must be presented during the DG Club visit 2020 / 2021
- Anything affixed to the towel, should be securely fastened for transport
- Bring to District Conference to display in the House of Friendship

**Be creative! This is your time to shine and express to everyone who YOU are and what makes your club UNIQUE. Are you known as the "FUN" club? Is there something special about where you are located? Do you do a special fundraiser or service project? Incorporate as much or as little as you want to tell the story of your club through the towel. Cover the whole towel, or place one bold item - you make the call! We know we have a lot of creative and inspirational Rotarians out there; this is your time to shine, WOW us!

Pack-A-Backpack Service Project

By Chris Taylor on Thursday, March 18, 2021

What is the Project? Purchase backpacks and school supplies, fill the backpacks with the supplies, and distribute the backpacks to students in your community who need them. Include a note of encouragement in each backpack.



The Classic City Rotary Club was awarded with a \$1,000.00 matching District Grant which will enable us to purchase \$2,000.00 worth of back packs and school supplies for the scholars at JJ Harris Elementary School. Great job Classic City!!

Views From Last Weeks Hybrid Meeting





Previous Speaker: Gerry Taylor

By Chris Taylor on Thursday, March 18, 2021



Gerry Taylor will serve as Rotary District 6910 Governor in 2022-2023. He was the speaker on **Monday, March 15, 2021**. Gerry's presentation was 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 \$ 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.

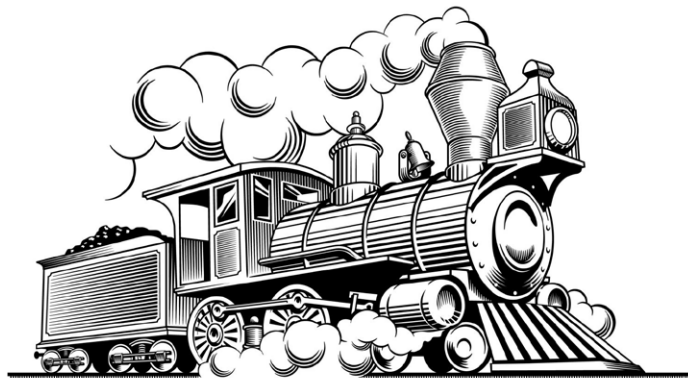
His favorite pastimes are outdoor sports, model railroading and spending time with his family, including his Black Labrador Retriever, Hannah.

Gerry Tracker: ALL ABOARD!!!

We sure do appreciate you riding with us! We hope that you are enjoying your time on the Gerry Train, as we continue our way to District Governor!

Days Remaining:

466



Events

No Events found