

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

March 27, 2023: Mary Joyce on Athfest Educates

Mary-Eleanor Joyce has worked at nonprofit Children First Inc, serving as Associate Director and SafeCare Home Visiting Program Coordinator for 15 years. She has lived in Athens since moving here for graduate school in the mid-2000's. She holds a master's degree in Nonprofit Organizations (currently called Nonprofit Management and Leadership) from the University of Georgia, served Girls Rock Athens as both a grants committee member and volunteer, and is a graduate of the 2022 LEAD Athens program through the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. Joyce began as Executive Director for AthFest Educates in November 2022. AthFest Educates awards grants to Athens educators for music and arts education for local K-12 youth. Grants are funded in part by proceeds from the AthFest Music & Arts Festival and the AthHalf Half Marathon & 5K. [AthFest Music & Arts Festival](#) will take place on June 23-25 this year.



Want to connect to the meeting via Zoom?

To join the meeting with one-click, [CLICK HERE](#).
Meeting ID: 848 1309 0687
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Meeting Roundup:

Date	Greeter	Pledge (prayer opt.)	4-Way Test
Mar. 27	Mary Lillie Watson	Bowen Craig	Cris Waite-Morgan

New Members

The Board approved the admission of Dan Everett, a retired UGA professor, for membership in our club as an Active member. If you have any questions or comments regarding this potential member, please contact Emily Escoe via e-mail (eke@fbglaw.com) or telephone (706-599-6321).

Athens Academy Interact Service Project

Please visit the [Athens Academy Interact page](#) on the service project they are doing on April 1st, Rise Against Hunger. Rotarians will have the ability to provide a financial donation or volunteer to assist the Interact

Birthdays

Kenneth Scott Collins
April 7th
Tammy Tate Gilland
April 19th

Club Leaders



[Michelle Elizabeth Roberts](#)
President
Club Director



[Jeffrey Auerbach](#)
President-Elect
Club Director



[Jordan Bowen](#)
Club Director
President-Nominee



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Club Director
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Membership Chair



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Club Director
Membership Chair



[Lawrence W Harris](#)
Membership
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[Marissa Leigh Chastain](#)
Club Director
Public Image Chair
[Tammy Dalton](#)

Club with packaging meals.

Service Committee Information

A big thank you to Adopt-a-Highway "litter gitters" Bowen Craig, Becky Engel, Cindy Darden, Scott Collins, Deanne and Blake Rosso, Ray Watson and Marilyn Appleby for cleaning up the Sunset Drive area as part of the Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful program on March 21. We think our efforts over the past two years are making a difference, as we all commented that there seemed to be less litter than in the past.

Image preview



Feedback Please: As we approach the 2023 – 2024 Rotary Year, the Service Committee wants to hear your ideas about projects to undertake for the benefit of our community and any ideas you may have about international projects. There are numerous ways we can help our community in the coming year but we need to know what interests you. So what do you like to do in a service capacity? What have been some of the best or most fun experiences you have had when completing a service project? Email 97.ml.appleby@gmail.com or text 706-202-1506 with your suggestions. Your suggestions will also help us determine our budget for the next Rotary year.

Save the Dates:

- Books for Keeps Distribution at J.J. Harris Elementary School will be held April 19 and 20. Volunteers will assist students with selecting their free books to take home for the summer. The book distribution helps prevent the Summer Slide in reading comprehension. Help spread the excitement of reading. Sign ups and time slots will be available soon but mark your calendars now to participate in this event.
- Fri., April 21 is our scheduled bimonthly day to make and serve lunch at Our Daily Bread. There are two shifts - meal assembly is from 10:45 am -11:45 am; serving is from 11:45 am – 1 pm. Please spare a lunch hour to assist with this project which helps provide a meal to the underemployed, the elderly, and the homeless in our community.



Family of Rotary



Richard J. Leffel
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Chair



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Club Admin Chair
Club Director



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Club Director
Club Programs
Chair



Mary Lillie Watson
Club Director
Club Programs
Chair



Heather J. McElroy
Club Fundraising
Chair

Roy M. Legette

Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Awards

Exciting news! Nominations closed on Monday, March 20th. This year, we received a record number of 110 nominations! This number reflects 68 distinct artists with 83 different songs! Paul Matthews is busily preparing submissions to send to our stellar panel of Judges: Cassie Chantel (Athens hip hop artist and 2021 winner!), Caroline Herring (Atlanta-based singer-songwriter), Boo Ray (Nashville-based alt country troubadour), Robert Schneider (experimental musician and Elephant 6 producer), and Greg Suran (lead guitarist for the B-52s and American Idol house band).



Our featured performer this year will be Caroline Herring. She will perform for 45 minutes between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. prior to the Awards show. Caroline Herring is an American folk singer, songwriter, and musician. She won Best New Artist at the *Austin Music Awards* in 2002, and has been making music ever since. Caroline has appeared on *All Things Considered Weekend* and *A Prairie Home Companion*, and has played many festivals nationally and internationally, including Newport Folk Festival, Austin City Limits Music Festival and Merlefest. Caroline has lived in Atlanta for 20 years and is a regular at Eddie's Attic in Decatur. She is best known for her historical story songs and has recorded eight albums. Caroline will participate in the *Black Legacy Project* in Atlanta in April, and was recently asked by WABE in Atlanta to write and record a song for season four of the *Buried Truths* podcast. As a graduate student in Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi, Caroline co-founded *Thacker Mountain Radio*, a live-audience radio show. It continues today as a weekly broadcast on both Mississippi and Alabama Public Radio.

Enviro/Sustainability (ES) Committee

ES Committee Strategic Planning Meeting: Are you interested in the Rotary's 7th Focus Area, "Protecting the Environment"? Come to Classic City Rotary's Strategic Planning session for ES Action Team on March 27, 2023 at 10:00 am - 11:30 am at Trump's Catering. Help drive the direction of this committee and our work. Email ECORotary@sosuin.org.

Sustainable Community Opportunity:



The Repair Café is a free place to meet and fix things together. Attendees can bring their broken items, and experts are there to help them repair it. Both attendees and specialists are members of the Athens community, and we are working together to foster a culture of reuse and repair before landfill. Athens-Clarke County Recycling Division partners with community organizations to put on Repair Cafes. Attendees can bring a range of broken items to try and have repaired: bicycles, electrical appliances, toys, clothing, furniture, computers, and more.

Join us as the Repair Café RETURNS!

- Sunday, March 26th, 2-5 PM, at the CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle



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Materials)/[Teacher Reuse Store](#), 1005 College Ave, Athens, GA

- Sunday, April 23rd, EARTH DAY REPAIR CAFE! 2-5 PM, at the CHaRM
- Questions: <https://accgov.com/8510/Athens-Repair-Cafe>

Enviro/Sustainable Learn More:

Classic City Rotary has been busy educating ourselves with regards to the health of the Okefenokee Swamp and potential threats to the region. Here are three short online video **links** to learn more about the Okefenokee and the issues:

- [Sacred Waters: The Okefenokee in Peril](#) (32 minutes)
- [Okefenokee Destiny](#) (13 minutes)
- [Okefenokee Swampin' - On The Fly](#) (3 minutes)

Did You Know?

#DYK: Even though Rotary Clubs are commonly referred to as "_____ Rotary" such as Classic City Rotary, a club name is actually "The Rotary Club of _____".

