

# Rotary



## Club of The Classic City of Athens

### February 27, 2023: New Member Panel

For the February 27th meeting, new Classic City Rotary members will participate in a panel to get to know current members and vice-versa!

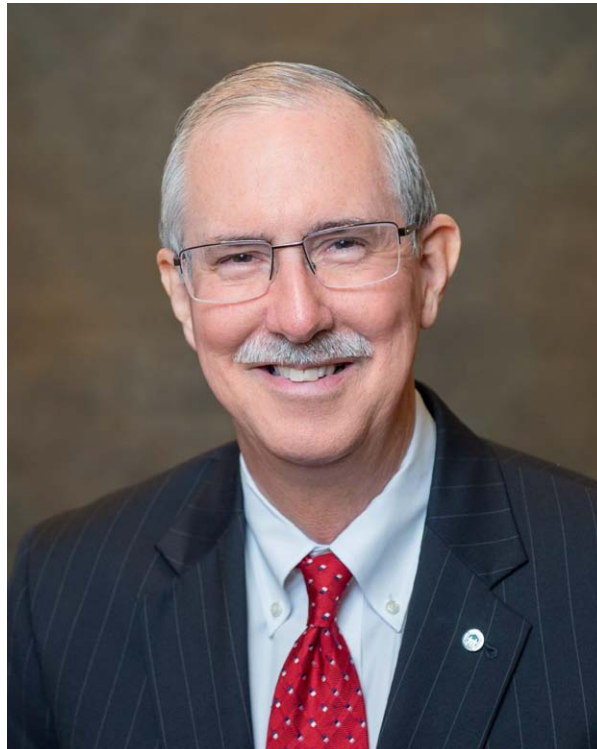


The new member panel will include:

- Marissa Chastain
- Paul Skinner
- Candace Shirley
- Tom Kramer
- Cindy Darden
- Jennifer Scott

### March 6, 2023: Rick Parker of the Athens Housing Authority

An honors graduate of the University of Memphis, where he also obtained his MBA, Rick Parker has served as the CEO of the Athens Housing Authority since 1989. He came to Athens 34 years ago after having served as the director of the Housing Authority of Jackson, TN.



Recent highlights during his tenure include the redevelopment of Jack R. Wells public housing into the national award-winning \$60 million Columbia Brookside neighborhood; the partnership with Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and Clarke County School District to transform a local historic gym into the Elizabeth G. King Boys & Girls Club; and the ongoing North Downtown Athens project to transform an old Section 8 project-based apartment complex into a mixed-income, mixed-finance neighborhood in partnership with the Athens-Clarke County Government.

The Athens Housing Authority (AHA) has 1291 public housing units and is engaged in

### Birthdays

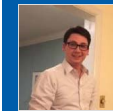
Michelle Elizabeth Roberts  
February 25th

Maureen Baker  
March 5th

### Club Leaders



[Michelle Elizabeth Roberts](#)  
President  
Club Director



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



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



[Tammy Tate Gilland](#)  
On-To Conference Chair  
Club Director  
Secretary



[Christine S. Waite-Morgan](#)  
Club Director  
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Membership Chair



[Beverly Harper](#)  
Club Director  
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Membership  
Retention Chair



[Marissa Leigh Chastain](#)  
Club Director  
Public Image Chair  
[Tammy Dalton](#)

redevelopment, homebuyer lending, new in-fill housing construction, and tax-exempt bonds. The AHA completed the first, true private mortgage on a HUD property in America and more than \$400 million (~\$220 million in original financing and \$200 million in refinancing) in bond deals with the University of Georgia for student housing, dining, and parking. The AHA recently completed a \$60 million three-phase project transforming one of its old neighborhoods into a new, master-planned, mixed-income community. The AHA is currently engaged in a major downtown revitalization project in concert with its development partners and local government for North Downtown Athens.

## Rotary Means Business

Thank you to all those who attended and invited friends and colleagues to Rotary Means Business! We had a wonderful time, hosted by our new member, Paul Skinner at Authentic!



Family of Rotary



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Training Officer



[Deanne Rosso](#)  
Club Director  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



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Club Service Chair



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Club Director  
Club Fundraising  
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Club Director  
iPast President



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Director  
Club Programs  
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Club Fundraising  
Chair



[Roy M. Legette](#)  
International  
Service Chair



Milton Masciadi  
International  
Service Chair

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## Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Award Nominations



 presented by Classic City Rotary

Nominations for the 2023 Award are currently open through March 20. Please let your friends and neighbors know that they can nominate their favorite local songwriter for any song publicly released during 2022. To learn more, go to [www.vicchesnuttward.com/nominations](http://www.vicchesnuttward.com/nominations).

Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$250 to \$5,000. Monies raised from this event are used to award the Winner and Finalists, and also go to fund the Classic City Rotary Service Projects and Outreach.

Save the date: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Award Event. Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at The 40 Watt Club.

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## District Conference

We are quickly approaching Gerry's conference in Chattanooga on April 27-30! While we hope that each of you attend, our goal to have at least 30 representatives (members and significant others) in attendance. Register here: <https://myrotaryconference.com/>