

# Rotary



## Club of The Classic City of Athens

### January 30, 2023: Eddie Van Giesen III on Rainwater Systems

George Edward (Eddie) Van Giesen III is the National Sales Manager at Raincycle, a WATTS company. Eddie received his MLA at the University of Georgia in 1995, and his BA at the University of Georgia in 1984. He is an American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA) accredited professional. He speaks regularly at conferences, universities and professional associations, including The American Institute of Architects, American Society of Plumbing Engineers, American Society of Landscape Architects, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials among others. He was co-author of *Designing Rainwater Harvesting Systems* (John Wiley 2014), and principal author of the *Georgia Rainwater Harvesting Guidelines* (Georgia Department of Community Affairs, in 2009). He has worked and is currently active at the state and national level in the development of codes and standards related to the rainwater industry since 2008 in association with the ICC, IAPMO, and the CSA. His work is primarily centered on commercial rainwater systems applications for water conservation and stormwater management.



#### Want to connect to the meeting via Zoom?

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### New Members

The Board approved the admission of Tom Kramer, Sales Vice President for Northeast Brokerage, Inc., for membership in our club as an Active member. Tom visited our Club a few months back as a guest of Gerry Taylor. Year-end was busy for Tom, but he is ready to get involved now. If you have any questions or comments regarding this potential member, please contact Emily Escoe via e-mail ([eke@fbglaw.com](mailto:eke@fbglaw.com)) or telephone (706-599-6321).

The Board approved the admission of Paul Skinner, owner/founder of Athentic Brewing Co., 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](mailto:eke@fbglaw.com)) or telephone (706-599-6321).

### Rotary Leadership Institute

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#### Birthdays

Jordan Bowen  
January 25th

Paul H. Matthews  
January 29th

Kemp Gaskill  
January 30th

George Raymond Watson  
February 3rd

Becky Engel  
February 21st

#### 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  
Treasurer



[Emily K. Escoe](#)  
Membership Chair



[Beverly Harper](#)  
Club Director  
Membership Chair

[Lawrence W Harris](#)  
Membership

On February 7 at 4pm there will be an online offering of the first session of RLI! Our Club will reimburse you the \$15 but please sign up with the following link [RLI Online Session 1.1 - I am a Rotarian!](#)

## District Conference

We are quickly approaching Gerry's conference in Chattanooga! 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/>

## Page STAR Awards

In conjunction with the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, we'll be hosting the Page STAR Award program during our meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to bring a guest as we recognize our local STAR students and teachers!

## Rotary Means Business

On February 21<sup>st</sup> our club is planning to host a public Rotary Means Business event that evening instead of our traditional meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring business cards, your elevator pitch and get ready to network! Location and more details to be announced.

## Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Award Nominations



presented by Classic City Rotary

The Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Awards nominations process opens on January 1, 2023. For more information go to [www.vicchesnuttaward.com](http://www.vicchesnuttaward.com)



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Club Director  
Club Service Chair



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Club Director  
Club Fundraising Chair



[Blair Dorminey](#)  
Club Director  
iPast President



[Becky Engel](#)  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



[Robert A. Hawley](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Paul H. Matthews](#)  
Club Admin Chair  
Club Director



[James J. Milner](#)  
Past President  
Club Director  
Club Programs Chair



[Mary Lillie Watson](#)  
Club Director  
Club Programs Chair

Save the date:

Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Awards Kick-Off

Hendershots

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Free)

Vic Awards Songwriter Seminar and Workshops:

Seminar – Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Moderated by David Barbe

Participants include Boo Ray, Cassie Chantel, Timi Conley, and special guest Ben de la Cour

For more information and registration go to [www.vicchesnuttaward.com/workshop](http://www.vicchesnuttaward.com/workshop)

Workshops – Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2 and 9 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

For more information and registration go to [www.vicchesnuttaward.com/workshop](http://www.vicchesnuttaward.com/workshop)

Save the date:

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Awards Event – Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the 40 Watt Club

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## Service Committee

Thanks to all who participated in Bring One for the Chipper at our new site at the UGA Vet Teaching Hospital. We collected trees from 9 am to 1 pm. Athens-Clarke County picked up and will turn the trees into mulch so if you purchase mulch from ACC Solid Waste, you might get your tree back. Many thanks to Stephanie Hall from the Vet School who helped make the arrangements for the site and worked with us that day.



Heather J. McElroy  
Club Fundraising  
Chair



Roy M. Legette  
International  
Service Chair



Milton Masciadri  
International  
Service Chair



## "The Trembling Earth" Rotary Adventure!

Classic City Rotarians and Friends made their way to the Okefenokee Swamp January 20th through 22nd. 19 rotarians and friends attended (7 Classic City Rotarians including Ellen Bryson, Blair Dorminey, Becky Engel, Mary Lilli Watson Chamberlin, Ray Watson, Tammy Dalton, and Laura Iyer). We traveled the swamp by boat (spotting several alligators), explored the preserved Chesser homestead, and enjoyed a naturalist hike on the swamp boardwalk.



**Did You Know?**

#DYK: The Rotarian "100 Years" edition included younger Rotarians' visions for the future. Gary Parmeter, the president of the Rotaract of Chicago wrote, "Rotary clubs need to diversify their membership from all angles, including age, ethnicity, vocations, sex, and sexual orientation."

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