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Club of Dalton, Georgia

**February 6th,
2024**

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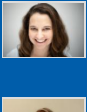
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This Week: Georgia Trends With Neely Young

This week, our speaker is a journalist who covered news around the state of Georgia for his entire career, beginning with his graduation from the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication and culminating with his retirement in 2018 as the editor-in-chief and publisher of Georgia Trend magazine. In between, the Cedartown native held positions at newspapers around the state (including our own Dalton Daily Citizen!), rising from a photographer at the Valdosta Daily Times to editor and publisher positions. After his retirement, he wrote his first book, "Georgia Made" which tells the story of great Georgians and their role in making our state what it is today.

He has served as president of the Georgia Press Association, Associated Press of Georgia, the Clayton County Rotary Club, and chaired the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce. He is the former chairman of the Atlanta Region Salvation Army and serves on several other boards including UGA's Henry W. Grady School of Journalism, Georgia Press, UGA Board of Visitors, Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. In 2008 and 2012, he donated his papers to the Georgia Historical Society, making them available for scholarly research by future generations.

Neely Young lives in Marietta with his wife Kathy.

Meeting Recap: Powering Georgia

Last week we had the pleasure of hearing from public servant and fellow Rotarian, Tricia Pridemore. Tricia serves as a commissioner on Georgia's Public Service Commission where she works tirelessly to provide Georgians with fair and reliable utility services.



Tricia enlightened us on Georgia's role in the national and global energy and utilities sector. During Pridemore's 2018 campaign she realized the lack of high-speed internet access in rural areas. Post-pandemic, federal funds have been used to provide citizens with reliable internet and empowering electric membership co-ops (EMC) to get into the broadband market, previously unavailable to them. The PSC remains dedicated to finding innovative solutions for internet access. As president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commission, Tricia connects with energy sector professionals nationwide. This collaboration has brought about a partnership with the Southern Company, which provides us access to various municipal providers and EMCs that guarantee the needs of Georgians are met.

Georgia boasts a well-diversified energy portfolio, incorporating solar, nuclear, natural gas, coal, and wind energy. Solar farms scattered across the state contribute to our electricity generation from the sun. We are still a state that uses coal. We operate off a clean coal variant which produces a low level of carbon monoxide into the air. While Georgia doesn't generate wind energy locally, we leverage production tax credits to acquire it from Oklahoma. In contrast to some states, Georgia strongly supports natural gas and aims to expand its usage across the state. Finally, the form of energy which is on track to make up 28% of our energy portfolio is nuclear. Currently, four operational units exist in the state, with two additional units set to open at Plant Vogtle. These nuclear plants continuously generate clean, carbon-free power, contributing to Georgia's commitment to a diverse and sustainable energy future.

February 6th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Chappell, William J. (WILLIAM)

Birthday

12-Feb

Partner Birthdays

McKenzie, Jimmy

Adcock, Diane

Brunson, Cindy

Member Name

McKenzie, Sandra D

Adcock, Don W.

Brunson, Kevin M.

Birthday

6-Feb

7-Feb

8-Feb

Member Anniversaries

Metcalf, David W(DAVID)

Start Date

2/8/2022

Years

2

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this period.

Partner's Name

Anniversary

Years

The Four Way Test

