

Email is our primary way of communicating important updates, events, and club news. Staying informed is part of being an active and responsible member.

Oconee County
Rotary



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Barbara Dooley 8/12/25

Barbara Meshad Dooley, the First Lady Emeritus of Georgia Football, was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and attended Auburn University. She earned degrees in speech therapy and special education, along with a Master's in guidance and counseling. She married Coach Vince Dooley on March 19, 1960, and the couple moved to Athens when he became Head Football Coach at Georgia in December 1964. They were married for sixty-two years and raised four children: Deanna, Daniel, Denise, and Derek.



Barbara has never been one to remain in the shadow of her legendary husband. She is vivacious, outspoken, opinionated, and endlessly charming. A highly sought-after public speaker, she has delighted audiences for decades with her wit, wisdom, and stories on everything from football to family.

As a cancer survivor and advocate for physical wellness, Barbara is deeply committed to helping others. She is a true philanthropist who has generously given her time and resources to countless worthy causes over the years.

The Oconee County Rotary Club is honored to welcome her and looks forward to beginning our day with laughter, inspiration, and a spark of Southern charm.

Kayak Social

Save the Date: Rotary River Day!

Saturday, August 23rd | 10:00 AM – around 1:00 PM

Join us for a laid-back, family-friendly adventure on the water with **Oconee Joe** as we paddle down to the historic **Old Barnett Shoals Mill** site.

We'll launch from the Skipstone neighborhood and enjoy about an hour-long kayak float, followed by lunch, non-alcoholic drinks, and a few cold ones from **South Main Brewing**. After that, we'll take a short walk through the historic mill ruins and hear more about the archeological gems found on the property.

- ? Kid-friendly
- ? About 30 boats available
- ? Not into kayaking? You can meet us at the takeout site!

Birthdays



Chad Waddell
August 15th

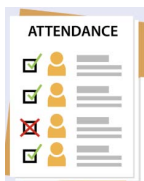


Russell Willis
August 16th



Matt Stephens
August 16th

42.5% attendance rate on 8/5/2025 - again, slightly lower than the week before.



August is Membership Month. We invite members to connect with us and encourage you to reach out and invite a friend to visit. We are always looking for more members.

Did you know? The #1 reason people don't join Rotary is that ***no one asked*** them. Every Rotarian has the power to inspire, to invite, and to ignite purpose. Just one invitation can lead to a lifetime of service and fellowship.



Take a look at the friendships that have been forged in this picture alone! Our club is special, and we should share the joy of what Rotary can be for new members. #inviteafriend

Please support our club and Alzheimer's research by donating to CART. Scan the club's Venmo QR code to donate. See Rick Waller for more information about this organization and Rotary's connection.



Questions? Reach out to [Brock Toole](#)
Sign-up coming soon!

Car Show Coming Soon

Our Biggest Fundraiser is Coming Up!

We appreciate **John Wagner** and **Marion Butler** for leading this event, but it truly takes **all of us** to make it a success.

Here's how you can help:

1. **Secure sponsors:** this is key as the Car Show raises over **\$15K** to support our projects.
2. **Volunteer on event day:** setup, clean-up, and everything in between.
3. **Spread the word:** invite friends, share on social media, and encourage classic car entries!

Let's make this another great year!



Last Rotary year, our club donated over \$10K to the cause, and it was primarily because of Rick and his yummy Brunswick Stew! He has some in the freezer for you!

Starting soon, I'll be reaching out to our club newsletter sponsors in order to spotlight their business for our members. If anyone would like to join this list of sponsors, please reach out to Quack.

Thank you to our current sponsors!

- **AgriTrust of Georgia**, Eddie Kinnard
- **Avants Management Group, Inc.**, Gary Avants
- **Evergreen Nursery**, Bill and Will Ross
- **FRM Feeds**, George Lee
- **Hormone Free Grass Fed Beef**, Fred Liebl
- **Johnson Land**, Jesse Johnson
- **LAD Truck Lines**, Mack and Dutch Guest
- **OCAF**, Calbos, Marable & Quackenbush
- **Oconee State Bank**, Neil Stevens and Philip Bernardi
- **UNG Foundation** - Russell Willis
- **Walton Gas**, Cindy Haddon

Ticket Sales 2

Our President banned Ken from participating last week!
CJ had the winning ticket, but not the winning card!

8/5 ticket sales - SEED \$500 Cash: \$45

Check from Jesse \$235 (settlement of a bet)

The total going into this week, with 50 cards left, is \$780.

Promote our club!

Help Us Share the Rotary Love!

If you're not already following Oconee Rotary Club on social media, now's the time! You can find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). We post highlights from our service projects, speaker spotlights, and all the good work happening behind the scenes.

When you **like, share, and comment**, you help us spread Rotary's impact across the community, and that visibility matters. Kick it up a notch by posting a comment and tagging friends to invite them to a meeting; you might just bring in our next great member.

Let's keep growing our reach and showing our community what Rotary is all about!



The next Rotary & American Red Cross Blood Drive at Athens Academy is on **October 8th!**

To sign up, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and search for the zip code (30604) until the correct one is found. Please contact Joey Wilson with any questions.

August Club Member Duties

August ASSIGNMENTS



















Greeter	Colby Baker, Daniel NeSmith, Kevin Yancey, Charles Barron, Steven Nugent
Kitchen	Andy Barrs, Tom Odom, Coleman Benko

Raffle	Philip Bernardi, Ed Ogletree
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Remember, if you're unable to work on any specific Tuesday in August, it is up to you to arrange with other members of your assigned group. The assignments for September, October, and November are found behind the "read more" message below.

Thank you,
 Matthew Kinnard
[Read More](#)

Club Leaders

	Robert Jahn President		Steven T Strickland President-Elect		DeeDee Gaines Secretary		Matthew Kinnard President-Nominee Club Conference Chair
	John V. Quackenbush Club Executive Secretary Treasurer		Jason D. Koberger Membership Chair		Catherine Allen Family of Rotary		Catherine T. Casto Public Image Chair
	Rodney Patton Rotary Foundation Chair		Colby J. Baker Co-Service Projects Chair		Chad Day Sergeant-at-Arms		Daniel NeSmith Co-Service Projects Chair Service Projects Chair
	Kirk Shook Club Admin Chair		Richard Waller CART Chair		Joseph M. Wilson Club Director		Marion A. Butler Club Fundraising Chair
	Michael Eddy Interact Club Sponsor Youth Services Chair		Brock Toole Club Fellowship Chair		Jeffrey S. Hackleman RYLA Coordinator		Michael J McCleary iPast President