

# Rotary



# Club of Oconee County

[www.oconeecountyrotary.org](http://www.oconeecountyrotary.org)

## Club Meeting

Oconee County  
Meets at Oconee Veterans Park  
Main Building  
3500A Hog Mountain Road  
Watkinsville, GA 30677  
Time: Tuesday at 07:00 AM

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## Tuesday, November 29th Legislative Update from Marcus Wiedower and Houston Gaines

By Dean Bright on Saturday, November 26, 2022



State Representative Marcus Wiedower represents the citizens of House District 119, which includes portions of Oconee and Athens-Clarke counties. He was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2018 and is currently serving his second two-year term in office. Rep. Wiedower serves as the vice chairman of the Intragovernmental Coordination Committee, as well as secretary of Transportation Committee. He is also a member of the Higher Education, Motor Vehicles, Ways & Means, Appropriations and Natural Resources & Environment committees. While Rep. Wiedower is at the State Capitol, he focuses on a variety of policy issues that are important to residents in House District 119. He has passed several bills focused on foster care, public safety, energy policy, education and many other important matters. Since he was first elected, he has been committed to introducing meaningful legislation to keep the great state of Georgia safe, economically and environmentally responsible and the number one state for business. He was raised in Marietta and is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a degree in landscape architecture. Rep. Wiedower is also a member of the Oconee County Rotary Club and Athens Church, as well as a former member of the University of Georgia basketball team. He is also a five-time Ironman triathlete and completed his last event in October 2015. When out of session, Rep. Wiedower works as a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Upchurch Realty, development coordinator for Hillpointe, LLC, general contractor for Bulldawg Builders or keeping up with all things Georgia basketball. He lives in Watkinsville with his wife, Kelly, who is a nurse practitioner, and their three children, Annabelle, Kennedy and Cade.



Houston Gaines was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2018. Rep. Gaines is a Republican representing the 117th House District, which includes portions of Barrow, Clarke, Jackson and Oconee counties. Houston works at Cannon Financial Institute, where he serves clients across the country in the financial industry. In the Georgia House, Houston has championed a number of important priorities for House District 117, including legislation targeting human trafficking and domestic violence, as well as legislation to support substance abuse recovery. Houston was named "Champion of Recovery" by the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse for his work on this legislation. As a third-generation Athenian and grandson of the late Judge Joseph Gaines, Houston has long been engaged in our community. He is a member of the Athens Rotary Club and previously served on the Envision Athens Steering Committee, Junior League of Athens Community Advisory Board, LEAD Athens Alumni Association Board of Directors and multiple boards for K-12 education and the University of Georgia. Houston currently serves on the School of Public and International Affairs Alumni Board. He is a "2015 LEAD Athens" graduate and a graduate of the Zell Miller Foundation's Leadership Institute. A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia, Houston served as student body president while at UGA and was recently named to its 2020 "40 Under 40" class.



Marcia Wilbur  
Family of Rotary



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The Godfather

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## Wednesday, December 7th Oconee Rotary Christmas Party at 6pm at South Main Brewery at Wire Park

By Dean Bright on Saturday, November 26, 2022

Mark your calendar for December, 7th at 6:00pm for the Rotary Christmas Party. The party will be at South Main Brewery at Wire Park and catered by Satisfied Foods with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Joey Wilson will MC the party, and there will be a gift exchange.

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## Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed at Kroger on Epps Bridge December 10th

By Dean Bright on Saturday, November 26, 2022

You can bring an instrument to play, dress up or simply wish folks a Merry Christmas. You can have fun ringing the bell. We've had folks sing, play an instrument, dress up and bring their families to ring the bell with them. Kids are welcomed to come along with you. Click the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EACAC2FA4F5C16-2022>

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## Ticket Sales

Ticket Sales - **NOTICE TICKETS ARE \$5 DOLLARS PER TICKET**

Participate in Ticket Sales by using the Venmo app. Get it on your phone and send money to @Oconee-Rotary. **\$5 per ticket.**

**11/15 ticket sales: \$55**

**Current Total: \$1690**

**Note: 36 cards left in the deck (no jokers !)**

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## Next Speakers

By Dean Bright on Saturday, November 26, 2022

December 6th - Students of the Semester

December 13th - Christmas Breakfast with OCS Choral Groups

December 20th - No meeting

December 27th - No meeting

January 3rd - Club Assembly and Vocational Talks

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## Events

No Events found

## Birthdays



[George Brinson Lee](#)  
December 1st