

# Rotary



# Club of Oconee County

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## Club Meeting

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

## Tuesday, March 12th - Caterpillar Business Updates & Local Impact: Rodney Kalessa

Tuesday morning we will hear about local impacts and updates from Rodney Kalessa with Caterpillar.

We look forward to hearing from Rodney.

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## Rotarian Highlight - Lenn Chandler



### Lenn Chandler

#### Retired Vice President Northeast Region of Georgia Power

Lenn was born and raised in Bremen, Georgia which is a small town on the westside of the state along I-20. He currently serves part-time as the Director of Operations for Watkinsville First Baptist Church. He and his family moved to Athens in 2012 as he became the Northeast Region Vice President for Georgia Power Company. He retired as the vice president of Georgia Power's Northeast Region at the end of 2017 after a 33-year career with the company. In his role as the regional vice president he was responsible for Georgia Power operations in 24 counties. His responsibilities included providing leadership of the company's operations, sales, customer service, economic and community development, and external affairs activities.

He graduated from the University of West Georgia in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in business information systems. He has completed numerous leadership development programs during his career with Georgia Power, including Leadership Georgia in 2003 and Leadership Atlanta in 2011.

Lenn served as the Interim President and CEO of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce for five months in 2018. He serves as the Past Chair (2018-2019) of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation Board and is a member of the advisory board member for Mercy Health Center and Past Chair of the Mercy Health Center Board (2015-2016). He serves on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Georgia Council of Boy Scouts and is a past President of the Council (2014-2015). He served as the President of the Athens Touchdown Club in 2021-2022 and President of the Georgia Chapter of the National Football Foundation in 2022-2023. Currently serves on the Oconee State Bank Community Advisory Committee and the Coordinating Committee for the National Day of Prayer Breakfast in Athens.

He received the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award in 2011. While a member of the Meriwether County Rotary Club he received Rotary's "Service Above Self" Award in 2003. In 2023 he received the "Robert S. Stubbs II Guardian of Ethics Award" from the Oconee Rotary Club.

Lenn and his wife, Paula, have been married 33 years and live in Athens. They have one son, Preston, who is an Eagle Scout, a graduate of the University of North Georgia and works as a Forester for the University of Georgia Warnell Forestry School.

Lenn enjoys playing golf, hunting, traveling and being a Dawg Fan.

## Vidalia Onion Fundraiser

Our club is selling Vidalia Onions again this year. There is an online order form available [HERE](#) or forms will be available at the meetings. Payment can be made through Venmo: @Oconee-Rotary, check payable to: Oconee Rotary or cash. **PLEASE put order details in Venmo payments.**

Prices are the same as last year:  
10 lb. bag is \$12  
25 lb. bag is \$30  
40 lb. box is \$45

All orders need to be turned in by Tuesday, **April 9.**

Delivery will be in early May to LAD Trucking and onions can be picked up there.

Questions, please contact Eddie Kinnard at [kinnardhe@gmail.com](mailto:kinnardhe@gmail.com) or 404-983-3911.

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## Ticket Sales

### Ticket Sales

Participate in Ticket Sales by using the Venmo app. Get it on your phone and send money to @Oconee-Rotary.

**3/5 ticket sales: \$96**

**Current Total: \$2,737**

**Note: 24 cards left in the deck (no jokers !)**

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## Next Speakers

March 19th - RLYA Students

March 26th - Chosen for Life Ministries: Anna Bearden

April 2nd - NO MEETING: Spring Break

April 9th - New Member Vocational Talks

April 16th - Students of the Semester

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## Birthdays



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March 13th



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March 14th



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March 17th