

# 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, January 23rd - GA Dept of Community Affairs: Rusty Haygood**



Rusty Haygood has more than 15 years of experience in the development and oversight of community and economic development financing programs. As Deputy Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Community Development and Finance Division, he oversees the business processes and policies that implement the state's community and economic development programs, including DCA's relationship with the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the OneGeorgia Authority. The Division also includes Planning, Building Codes, Research, Downtown Development and the Georgia Commission for Service & Volunteerism.



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## Rotarian Highlight - Matthew Kinnard



I, Secretary and Editor of the prestigious Oconee County Rotary Bulletin, was born and raised in Oconee County and graduated from Oconee County High School in 2013. I am married to Claire (Sanders), who is a native of Oglethorpe County and works in communications for CAES at UGA - we were married on November 18, 2023. I am the son of Eddie and Deborah Kinnard and have a twin brother, Andrew, who lives in Oconee, is a LT at Station 1 with Oconee Fire Rescue, and is married to Tricia.

I attended the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, obtained a BBA in 2017, and fell in love in trout fishing in the process. While in college, I worked for the North American Mission Board where I coordinated disaster relief projects across the country geared toward college students. I enjoyed getting to travel to different projects in New Orleans, Detroit, Phoenix, and St. Louis, among others. After college, I began working in insurance with Georgia Administrative Services as the marketing manager for Self-Insured organizations and Group Self-Insured Funds for the petroleum, agriculture, education, health care, and construction industries. In this position, I traveled all across Georgia to meet with insurance agents. Fun fact: I was a lobbyist for two years through this work. I joined Chastain & Associates in July 2021 as a commercial producer handling all types of business/commercial insurance.

I joined the Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary in 2019 and was a member there for two years before moving to Athens and transferring my membership to the Oconee County Rotary.

## M&K Foundation Casino Night on 2/17

Join Us for a Night of Fun at Casino Night in the OC â€” Support the M&K Foundation!

Please mark your calendars for **February 17th** and get ready for an exhilarating evening at our bi-annual Casino Night in the OC! Every ticket purchased or business sponsorship secured by the end of January will get **DOUBLE the casino money** for you to enjoy.

As we gather for a night of games and camaraderie, let's remember the heart of this event: supporting the M&K Foundation, established in memory of Melissa Norris and Karen Nasworthy. Our efforts on this night contribute directly to fostering youth leadership and scholarship in our community. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun, win prizes, and make a difference. Please purchase your tickets now and join us in honoring a legacy that shapes our future leaders.

### Here-is-the-Deal

\$100 per player includes food and one drink ticket

M&K is a 501(c)(3) organization.  
All donations are tax-deductible.

**High Rollers:** Ask us about event sponsorships **or** how to get a table just for your friends to gather between games!

M&K FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO



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Email: eyedocjsh@gmail.com

## Sponsorship Opportunities



### “High Roller”

**\$2000:** Reserved seating for 8, Event Signage and Recognition, Social Media Recognition and Year-Round Placement of Logo on the M&K Foundation Website



### “Card Shark”

**\$1500:** Reserved seating for 8, Event Signage and Recognition, Social Media Recognition



### “House Edge”

**\$1000:** 8 tickets to the event



### “ Pit Boss”

**\$1500 or Higher:** This sponsorship is for the individual, family, or organization that supports the purpose of the M&K Foundation but cannot attend the event. The donor's name or logo will be recognized at the event, on social media, and the website.

The M&K Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible.

## Ticket Sales

### Ticket Sales

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

**1/9 ticket sales: \$65**

**1/16 ticket sales: \$81**

**Current Total: \$2,183**

**Note: 31 cards left in the deck (no jokers !)**

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## Next Speakers

January 30th - UGA Soccer: Keidane McAlpine

February 6th - UGA Baseball: Wes Johnson

February 13th - GA Film Office (filming industry in our area): Lee Cuthbert

February 20th - Congressional Update: Congressman Mike Collins

February 27th - Georgia Tech Advaced Tech Development Center: Greg Jungles

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January 23rd