

# The Geechee Greeter

The Official Weekly Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Savannah South in Savannah, GA

A 100% Paul Harris Club

Founded in 1981

Monday, March 18, 2024



**This Week's Program -Gene Dobbs Bradford -  
Executive Director, Savannah Music Festival**

## Club Meeting

Savannah South  
Meets at Carey Hilliard's  
Private Banquet Hall  
11111 Abercorn Extension  
Savannah, GA 31419  
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM

## Speakers

### April 02, 2024

Amy Gray - History of  
Women Airforce Service  
Pilots

### April 09, 2024

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## Birthdays

Steve Pound  
March 21st  
Thomas J. Hussey  
March 26th  
Jazmine Spicer  
March 30th  
Greg Witbeck  
April 13th

## Years of Service

Charles B. DePue Jr.  
01-01-1982  
43 Years  
Arden J. Hadwin  
01-01-1986  
39 Years  
James L. Drake Jr.  
12-01-1989  
35 Years  
Jason M Harper  
12-07-2021  
3 Years



**Gene Dobbs Bradford**

**Executive Director, Savannah Music Festival**

## Club Leaders



Brian Dawsey  
President



Jazmine Spicer  
President-Elect



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Secretary  
iPast President



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Foundation Chair



Carolyn Amanda Brooks  
Club Programs  
Chair



Gerald M. Thomas Jr.  
Youth Services  
Chair

Gene Dobbs Bradford joined Savannah Music Festival as Executive Director of the Savannah in February 2022. He previously served as the President and CEO of Jazz St. Louis for 23 years, where he led an \$8.5 million capital campaign as well as the expansion of education and outreach programs reaching more than 200,000 students. Before his tenure with Jazz St. Louis, Gene served as the Director of Operations for the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra and as the Production Manager for the Honolulu Symphony.

Known for his award-winning collaborations with other arts institutions, his collaboration with Opera Theatre of St. Louis resulted in the commissioning and production of two operas; *Champion* in 2013, and *Fire Shut Up in My Bones*, which premiered at the Metropolitan Opera in the fall of 2021, making history as the first opera written by an African-American to ever be presented at The Met.

Gene has received many honors over the years, including a University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music's Centennial Award, Jazz Journalist Association's Jazz Hero Award, St. Louis Arts Award for Excellence in the Arts, Excellence in Leadership and Civic Engagement Award and Inclusive Leadership Award. He has also been named the Non-profit Executive of the Year by the St. Louis American Foundation, honored as one of the Most Influential People in St. Louis and received a Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award from the Webster Groves Arts Commission. In 2022, Gene received an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Gene earned a bachelor's degree in Music from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester and an MBA from Washington University. As a student at Eastman, Gene developed a passion for playing blues harmonica, which he still plays today. As a harmonica player, he has performed with leading artists such as Jon Batiste, Terence Blanchard, Wynton Marsalis, Cedric Burnside and Cyrus Chestnut. Gene and his wife, Maria, have one daughter, Mireille.

## Meeting Assignments

If you are the Greeter or selling 50/50 tickets, please be at the meeting no later than 12:00 p.m. If you cannot fulfill your role, particularly 50/50 tickets, please find someone to do so.

Date	Greeter	50/50 Tickets	Invocation/Pledge	Fines
<b>March 19</b>	John Northup	Byron Loomis	Jackie Ogden	Paul Meyer
<b>March 26</b>	Joe Van Gorp	Billy Sanders	Steve Pound	Tom Miller
<b>April 2</b>	Charles DePue	Michael Babcock	Steve Lewis	Peter Muller
<b>April 9</b>	Bob Vineyard	Marian Owens	Lisa Birch	Mike McCann
<b>April 16</b>	Jane Beare	Joe Van Gorp	Carolyn Brooks	Tom Hussey
<b>April 23</b>	Jim Drake	Jason Harper	George Hubbs	Chad Reese

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