

Rotary



Club of The Classic City of Athens

June 10, 2024: Tommy Valentine, Executive Director -- Historic Athens



Tommy Valentine, PhD, serves as the Executive Director of Historic Athens. A UGA "Triple Dawg", he holds three degrees from the University of Georgia's School of Public & International Affairs. A proud K-12 graduate of Clarke County School District, he attended Gaines, Hilsman, and Cedar Shoals. He earned Georgia Trend 40 Under 40 in 2021 and Athens Gamechanger in 2023.

Since 2018, Tommy has led transformative efforts at Historic Athens, including passing the West Downtown Historic District, securing \$5.5M for local preservation projects, expanding education and community engagement programming, launching the award-winning Historic Athens Porchfest festival, and expanding preservation work for low-income homeowners, resulting in a \$200k annual effort to maintain historic properties and preventing displacement of residents, mainly seniors.

Tommy's diverse background includes a decade as an award-winning hip-hop artist, Eagle Scout, 25 years of managerial experience in public and private sectors, and Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt certification. His top priorities are family and making a positive contribution to his hometown of Athens, Georgia.

Historic Athens is a 501(c)(3) non-profit working to celebrate and conserve community heritage in Athens, Georgia. For over 55 years, we have worked to improve historic preservation and heritage conservation in the Athens area. Founded as Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation in 1967, our mission is to be a proactive force in developing community-wide understanding of the value of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and heritage.

Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Greeter	Pledge	Four Way Test
June 10	Laura Iyer	Melissa Ellard	Daniel Everett
June 17	Stephen Blake Lavender	Mary Lillie Watson	Becky Engel
June 24	Carey McLaughlin	Robert Hardell	Roy Legette

Next Meeting Programs

- June 17 -- President Transition Event (6 PM @ Authentic Brewing)
- June 24 -- Derek Eberhardt, UGA Innovation Gateway
- July 1 -- New Member Roundtable
- July 8 -- Jordan Bowen, Overview for Classic City Rotary President Year
- July 15 -- Abbie Vogt, A Bridge: Aging Life Care Management
- July 22 -- Michelle Roberts Kelterborn, Asst. District Governor, Rotary District Update

Birthdays

- Anjela K. Filipova
June 23rd
- Candace Crew
June 28th
- Jeffrey Auerbach
July 9th

Club Leaders



Jeffrey Auerbach
President
Club
Director



Jordan Bowen
President-Elect
Club
Director



Tammy Tate Gilland
Club
Director
Secretary



Laura Iyer
President-Nominee



Heather J. McElroy
Club
Director
President-Nominee



Christine S. Waite
Morgan
Club
Director
Treasurer



Selena Blankenship
Membership
Chair



Jennifer Scott
Membership
Retention
Chair



Tammy Dalton
Family of
Rotary



Thomas J. Kramer
Public
Image Chair



Mary Lille Watson
Club
Director
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Marilyn Appleby
Club
Director
Service
Projects
Chair



Ellen Bryson
Club
Director
Club
Fundraising
Chair



Becky Engel
CCO-Club
Comm.
Offcr



Robert A. Hawley
Sergeant-
at-Arms



Richard J. Leffel
Club Admin
Chair
Club
Director



Michelle Elizabeth Roberts
Kelterborn
Club
Director
iPast
President



Candace Crew
Club
Service
Chair



Paul Skinner
Club
Programs
Chair



Beverly Harper
Youth
Services
Chair