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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME SOCRATIC CHALLENGS & THE ATHENIAN PROJECT?

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The Athenian Project

"We will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

Connection.
Challenges.
Personal Growth.
Reflection.
Legacy.
Saving Democracy.

An Athenian Day

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Connection Before Content

Participants as Moderators. Musical Selections. Snacks.

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Speaker/Partner

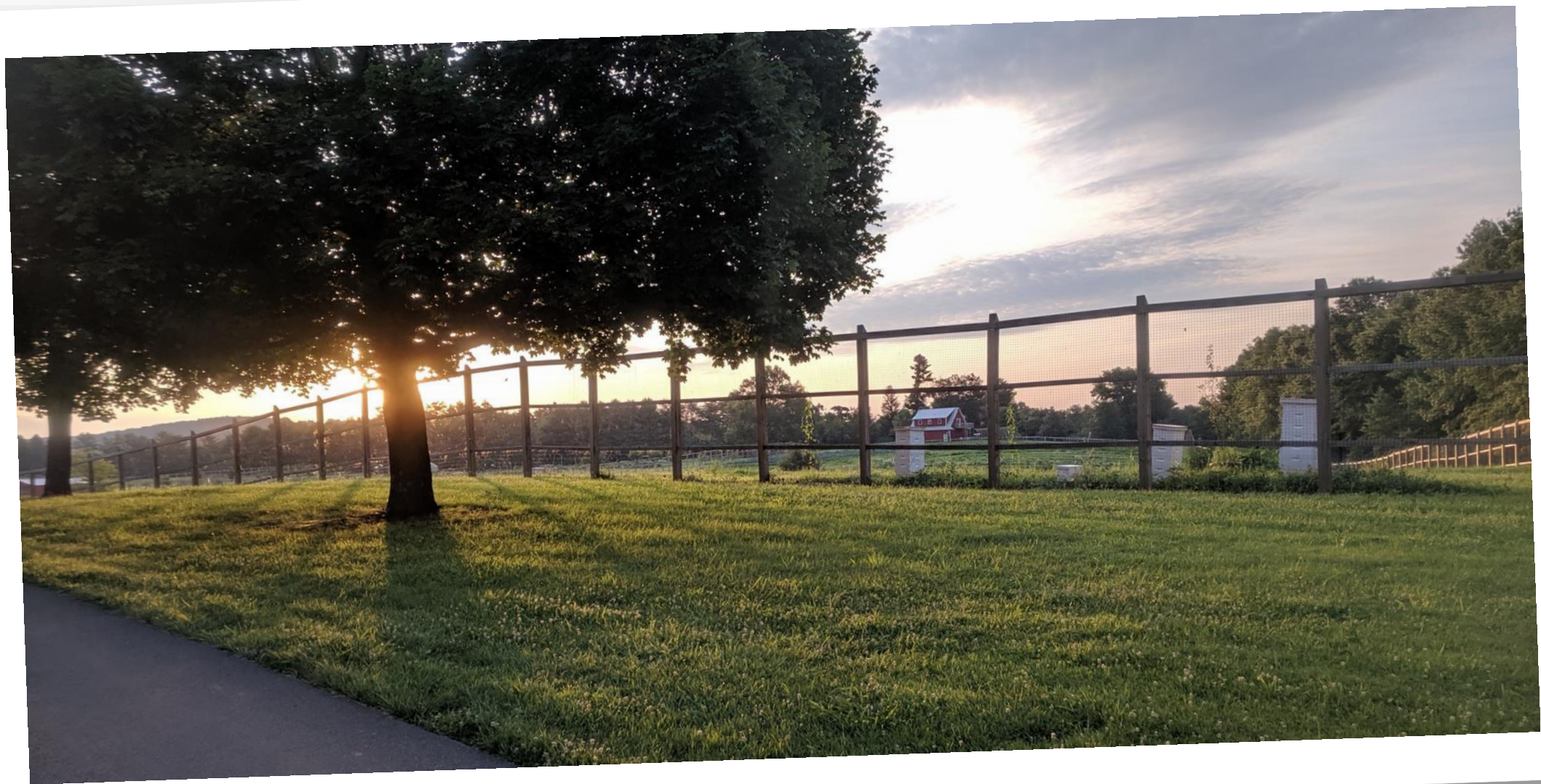Nationally known speaker. One of the group.

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Reflection Exercises

Planning. Reflecting. Goal setting.

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Socratic Challenges & The Athenian Project

- What are the Socratic Challenges:

  ➤ The Tension between Personal and Professional Integrity

  ➤ Socio-technical

  ➤ Serving in the Future

  ➤ Community Building

- How can we heal Civic Democracy?

WHAT IF I WANT TO MARCH?

Issues and causes supported by members are increasingly associated with one political party. The prevalence of social media eliminated the firewall between work and personal life. Public support for particular causes may be at odds with the position of the elected body and may forever associate the manager with a political party.

SOCIO-TECHNICAL

E-commerce and the sharing economy provide options to meet consumer demands yet will impact local government finances. Smart-city technologies are impacting local service delivery. Automation in the transportation sector will offer challenges and opportunities.

SERVING IN THE FUTURE

The transition of the baby boom generation will continue to affect local government through retirements. The future workforce will be more diverse and the traditional local government systems and structures will become obsolete.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Community wellness must include mental, physical, behavioral, and emotional health. Demographics are telling us a story of a very different future power structure. Diversity isn't a fad – it's real. The financial gap between the middle and upper classes continues to widen. Every community is one milli-second from a police officer's making a bad decision that changes the course of that community forever.

Healing Civic Democracy

1. What does civic democracy mean?

2. What skills/Abilities/Tools will you need to improve civic democracy?

3. What are the pros and cons of advocating for civic democracy?

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Questions?

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