

Buckhead
Rotary
Club



August 7, 2025

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- 8/18 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 8/25 Ricky Smith, General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
- 9/1 No Meeting Labor Day
- 9/8 Dr. Bryan Johnson, Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent
- 9/15 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 9/22 Rotary on the Road Lunch at Fulton County Animal Shelter
- 9/29 David E. Altig, Executive Vice President and Chief Economic Adviser, The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Events

- 8/16 Pups on the Path
- 8/16 Lunch After Pups on the Path - All Are Welcome
- 8/18 Board of Directors Meeting and Reception for the new District Governor, Steve Ivory
- 8/21 Thirsty ThirdsDay

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Collette Brown
- 8/6 Blake Beyer
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- 8/6 Rick Higgins
- 8/9 Matt Jolley

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8/15 Dietrich Logan
8/21 Michael Stimpert
8/23 Jim Floyd
8/24 Matthew Frost
8/31 Brian Mendelson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/3 Kari Kirkley (23)
8/24 Cort Neimark (34)
8/24 Phyllis Neimark (34)
8/25 Blake Beyer (18)
8/25 Ford Donohue (6)
8/25 Chris Jones (28)
8/28 David Bockel, Jr. (21)

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