

December 4, 2025

## Meetings

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

- 12/8 Service Project for LifeLine Pack Pet Stockings for the Holidays
- 12/15 No Meeting; Register for Holiday Party
- 12/22 No Meeting Christmas and Hanukkah Holidays
- 12/29 No Meeting New Year's Holiday
- 1/5 Georgia State Legislators. House of Representatives: Betsy Holland (D) and Deborah Silcox (R)
- 1/12 Tent. Rotary on the Road at OpenHand
- 1/19 No Meeting: MLK Day Holiday
- 1/26 Joe Zadik, FBI Cybersecurity Special Agent for the Southeast Region, and Bryant Tow, Leapfrog Chief Security Officer

## Events

- 12/6 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
- 12/8 Board of Directors Meeting
- 12/16 Holiday Party @ Cherokee Town Club
- 1/12 Board of Directors Meeting
- 1/15 Thirsty ThirdsDay

## Last Meeting of 2025! See you Monday!

Service Project for LifeLine Pack Pet Stockings for the Holidays

Service Project onsite at Maggiano's to pack stockings for cats and dogs. Santa Claus will be making a guest appearance, straight from the North Pole to put us in the holiday spirit. Let's make these shelter animal's holidays purr-iffic.

Invocation: Tobias Hoffmeister

New member induction - Eddie LaRocco (Sponsor: Allie Geisler)

Rotary Club of Buckhead

Maggiano's Little Italy

3368 Peachtree Road

Atlanta, GA 30326

## RSVP Today! Holiday Party & Volunteer Opportunities

RSVP HERE!

[Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand](#)

December 6, 2025 10:00 am— 1:00 pm

Lend a paw (or a hand) through our Pawsitivity Partnership bringing together Buckhead Rotarians supporting LifeLine's mission to keep pets with their people. We are delivering pet food to those in need. We will meet at OpenHand for an orientation and then each carload will hit the road to help our furry friends and their people.

OpenHand, 1380 West Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

[Holiday Party @ Cherokee Town Club](#)

Rotary Club of Buckhead

December 16, 2025 6:00 pm— 9:00 pm

Come and join in the festivities at the Cherokee Town Club at 155 W. Paces Ferry Road NW, Atlanta and celebrate some holiday cheer. This not to miss event is holiday/business attire. Valet parking available, no tipping.

1/17 Pawsitivity Partnership  
with Buckhead Rotarians  
Delivering Pet Food with  
OpenHand

1/22 Thirsty ThirdsDay

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## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

12/3 Betsy Barge  
12/5 Edward Lindsey, Jr.  
12/6 Brandi Smith  
12/7 Denise Starling  
12/9 Ryan Neff  
12/19 Jeff Clark, Jr.  
12/20 Taos Wynn  
12/23 Cathy LaMon  
12/24 Judge Gardner, III  
12/25 Maggi O'Brien  
12/29 Brent Adams  
12/30 Randall Martin  
12/31 Greg Davis

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/8 Matt Jollay (8)  
12/15 Mark Johnson (52)  
12/17 Catherine Land-Waters  
(48)  
12/21 Greg Davis (51)  
12/21 Jack Hellriegel (62)  
12/30 Edward Lindsey, Jr. (37)

## Rotary Online

<https://buckheadrotary.com>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>



## LEADERSHIP

President	Shelley Hammell
President-Elect	Jeff Clark, Jr.
Immediate PP	Denise Starling
Vice President	Jeff Clark, Jr.
Treasurer	Radu Zernoveanu



## Buckhead Rotarians Shine on this Holiday Season!

A big thank you from the bottom of my heart. Buckhead Rotary truly shines when we pair our fundraising efforts with hands-on service. Thanks to our members' generosity, we funded 50 plushies, and with a one-for-one match from The Lumistella Company, we were able to provide every student and teacher with a toy.

A few of Santa's elves delivered joy and cheer to the 94 students at the Boyce Ansley School, all on Santa's nice list from kindergarten through 5th grade. We were greeted with cheers, grateful smiles, and even a few questions about when Santa might be stopping by.

Thanks to elves, Jim and Anne Breedlove, Jeff Clark, and our newest member, Carl Wiljelm who took the North Pole Express (MARTA) to join the festivities. And a special shout out to our Chief Elf, Miriam Falaki, for packing the sleigh, coordinating with Rudolf and the other reindeer, securing the plushies from Santa and his toy makers,

Secretary Michael Stimpert  
Public Image Mark Meltzer  
Sergeant-at-Arms Garth Peters

The Lumistella Company, and making this day a holly-jolly fun time for the children at the Boyce Ansley School. What a wonderful way to give back to our community. I am truly proud of the impact we make as Buckhead Rotarians.











## 12.4.2025: Message from the President

Thank you to Gary Stokan, CEO and President, Peach Bowl for sharing his inspiring life and leadership lessons with us this past Monday. His impact on college football and our state's economy is undeniable, as the Peach Bowl has become a major driver of business, tourism, and national visibility for Georgia. As he concludes his final year in this role, he leaves things better than he found them. A powerful reminder for us all. For anyone who was unable to attend or wanted more information on the acronyms Gary shared, they are included below.

## TEAM

Teamwork - no job is too big or small, we work together

Empowerment - hire expertise of roles

Accountability - make everyone accountable to play their role

Management - manage the company through TEAM

## CARE

Customer - should always be treated first

Attitude - should be positive everyday

Relationships - should be built for the long term

Excellence - should be the goal in everything that we do

ROCKS - Build your business with a strong foundation

Relationships - create and keep

Opportunities - always look for

Competitive - always be

Knowledge - continue to grow-learn

Strategic - look around the corner for what is next





## Let's Celebrate New Beginnings!

We've got a lot to celebrate!

Help give a warm welcome to Buckhead Rotary's newest members!

We're thrilled to officially welcome [Elizabeth Martin \(sponsored by Denise Starling\)](#) and [Brooke Wilson \(sponsored by J. Tyler \("Ty"\) Tippet\)](#) to our club. Each new member strengthens our impact, our friendships, and our ability to serve our community.



Huge congratulations to our fellow [Buckhead Rotarian Brian Mendelson](#) and his

[fiancée Rachelle Copeland](#) on their engagement!



### **Thirsty Thirdsdays: Don't Miss Out on the Fun!**

Good times were had by all at the November Thirsty Thirdsday hosted by Cathy Lamon!  
Don't miss January! [RSVP HERE](#)



