



May 7, 2026

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Best regards,
Shelley Hammell

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May You Never go Thirsty!

Join us for casual conversations, drinks, and snacks in a relaxed and friendly environment. Fellow Rotarian Jim Floyd and his wife Nancy are hosting. Weather permitting, we will enjoy some sips and snacks on their lovely deck. We would love you to join us for this special evening of fellowship.

545 Pinetree Drive, NE, Atlanta 30305

Help Jim and Nancy plan for this thirsty crew! [RSVP Here for Thirsty ThirdsDay](#)

Volunteer Opportunity you Pawstively Don't Want to Miss!

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MEETINGS

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- 5/11 Paul Byrd, Braves
Broadcaster
- 5/18 Russell R. McMurry, P.E.,
Commissioner, Georgia
Department of
Transportation
- 5/25 No Meeting: Memorial Day
Holiday
- 6/1 Tomer Zvulun, International
Stage Director and CEO,
The Atlanta Opera
- 6/8 Rotary on the Road: Lunch
and Short Volunteer at
Fulton County Animal
Shelter
- 6/15 No Meeting: Register for
End of Year Party
- 6/22 Jonathan J. Hunt, Esq.,
Interim General Manager,
MARTA
- 6/29 Year-end awards and
Installation of new officers
and directors.

EVENTS

- 5/16 Pawsitivity Partnership
with Buckhead Rotarians
Delivering Pet Food with
OpenHand
- 5/18 Board of Directors Meeting
- 5/21 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 6/8 Board of Directors Meeting
- 6/14 Year End Pizza Party
- 6/20 Pawsitivity Partnership
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- 10/20 Donate a Plushee Pals®
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BIRTHDAYS

5/8 Aadu Allpere
5/9 Curtis Douglass
5/12 Miriam Falaki
5/14 Doug Eidson
5/15 Greg Cole
5/16 Karla Arriola
5/17 Lew Brown
5/21 Kathleen Finn
5/25 Chris Jones
5/27 John Saunders
5/29 Cort Neimark
5/30 Sam Alston
6/2 Bea Garner
6/2 Peter Guentermann
6/2 David Bockel

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/21 Lew Brown (44)
6/3 Travis Bowden (2)

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