The Buckhead Rotary Viewer

JUNE 11, 2026

Only a Few Spots Remain for End of Year Party

Join us as we celebrate another fantastic year of service, friendship, and impact on Sunday, June 14, from 5:30–7:30 PM at Cathy and Bob LaMon's.

Pizza truck ✔
Gelato bar ✔
Great friends and family fun ✔

Bring your spouse, bring the kids, and bring your appetite. Sounds like the perfect way to celebrate an amazing year!

The only thing missing is you**. Sign up immediately, we only have a few spots remaining until we are at capacity!**

RSVP TODAY! Click Here to Snag Your Spot!

President's Message: Help Us Reach Our GRSP Goal by June 30th

Since 1946, the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) has provided scholarships that promote cultural understanding, lifelong friendships, and the ideals of Rotary worldwide. This year, Buckhead Rotary proudly sponsored Dani Bergamo from Brazil.

Our goal is to reach $100 per member in GRSP contributions, which will earn our club a 50% incentive credit toward sponsoring next year's student. This reduces the club's sponsorship cost and allows these funds to be reallocated to such things as our signature projects.

We have made some progress due to the generosity of Mark Meltzer and Scott Thompson, but we are still approximately $1,400 short of reaching our goal. If you would like to contribute, please do so by June 25th and indicate that your gift is for Buckhead Rotary, so the club receives credit. All payments and inquiries to our treasurer Radu Zernoveanu at raduzer@gmail.com or

MEETINGS

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

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.
7/6	No Meeting: July 4th Holiday
7/13	Ann Marie Bedtke, Executive Director, Horizons Atlanta
7/27	William Pate, President and CEO, Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau
8/10	Sonny Perdue, Chancellor, The University System of Georgia
9/14	Ms. Lee Thomas, Deputy Commissioner, Georgia Film Office, Georgia Department of Economic Development

EVENTS

6/14	Year End Pizza Party
6/20	Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
7/13	Board of Directors Meeting
7/20	No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
7/23	Thirsty ThirdsDay
9/28	Governor Visit
10/20	Donate a Plushee Pals® Toy to the Boyce L. Ansley School Students

BIRTHDAYS

6/15	Liz Loreti
6/17	Marilyn Morgan
6/29	Tobias Hoffmeister
7/3	Mark Johnson
7/4	John Amberg

919.699.7238.

Ways to Give:

1. You can request this donation be added to your account and you will be billed during the next invoice cycle.

2. Pay by credit card at one of our meetings.

3. Zelle payment – pay Buckhead Rotary. Please indicate this is for GRSP.

4. Hand deliver a check at one of our upcoming meetings.

Thank you for helping us support GRSP and next year's international student.

Opioid Crisis and the Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention: Volunteers Needed

The opioid crisis is widely considered one of the most severe public health emergencies in modern history. It has profoundly impacted life expectancy and productivity across the nation, with overdose fatalities serving as a leading cause of preventable deaths. Fentanyl and fentanyl-like drugs now account for up to 79% of overdose deaths in the US.

OPVEE is an FDA-approved, prescription nasal spray used for the emergency treatment of opioid overdoses in adults and children aged 12 and older. It is specifically formulated to rapidly reverse the effects of life-threatening respiratory depression caused by synthetic opioids (like fentanyl) and natural opioids (like heroin) and is more effective due to its potency in reversing the symptoms of opioids over the standard doses of NARCAN.

The Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention (RAG-AP), a global network of Rotarians and addiction specialists, is the distributor of OPVEE to schools and first responders nationwide and promotes awareness, provides training, and helps communities acquire the drug.

Buckhead Rotary applied for and received a grant for three OD rescue kits (each kit contains two doses of OPVEE nasal spray). We are working on a partnership with police and firefighters to host free training on how to identify an overdose and properly administer OPVEE with our first school, North Atlanta High School who has requested all three kits! They will receive training for their teachers, coaches, nurses, and students. This training is scheduled for July 30th at which time the boxes will be installed before the start of the school year.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6/11	Alec Smythe (43)
6/18	Patty Webb (12)
7/7	Karla Arriola (24)

ROTARY ONLINE

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

LEADERSHIP

President	Shelley Hammell
President-Elect	Jeff Clark, Jr.
Immediate PP	Denise Starling
Vice President	Jeff Clark, Jr.
Treasurer	Radu Zernoveanu
Secretary	Michael Stimpert
Public Image	Mark Meltzer
Sergeant-at-Arms	Garth Peters

We are looking for Buckhead Rotarians who want to help with the onsite training. The first responders will conduct the training piece with Buckhead Rotarians helping to emcee (coordinate, act as host, introduce first responder, etc.) at the train-the-trainer event on Tuesday July 28th.

If you are interested in getting involved in this critical, national Rotary initiative, please reach out to Nell Benn nellbenn@agapeatlanta.org and consider attending the train the trainer event on July 28th to get additional information.

Member Spotlight

A special congratulations to **Aadu Allpere and his wife Kristi who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on June 10th**! Fifty-nine years together is an achievement worthy of applause and admiration. Their enduring partnership is an inspiration to all of us. We wish them continued joy, laughter, and many more happy years ahead.

Best regards,

Shelley Hammell

Doggone Good Time was Had By All!

40 volunteers, 25 minutes and 500 pounds of dog food. Thank you to everyone who showed up and helped us break up 40-pound bags of dog food into smaller bags to be distributed to foster families. We filled a huge need and with all our volunteers, we were able to accomplish what would have taken the staff two weeks to do. It was a fun time filling bags and building fellowship. We enjoyed a terrific lunch, organized by Kari Kirkley, of fried chicken and blue and yellow Rotary themed cupcakes. We also donated canned pumpkin to be used for cat and dog lick mats to help relieve boredom and stress for the shelter animals.

“The food bagging your group accomplished today will truly make a difference and save the Pets for Life team a tremendous amount of time.” Audrey Shoemaker, Director Fulton County Shelter

Additionally, Buckhead Rotarians were featured prominently in the June 3rd Northside Neighbor Article, “Fulton County Animal Shelter Over Capacity”. The article stated the Pets for Life program provides much needed supplies to keep pets with their people. This article highlighted the benefit of the Buckhead Rotary program we created, our Pawsitivity Partnership with LifeLine and Open Hand, where we deliver pet food to those in need on the third Saturday of every month! Thank you to everyone who has participated to fill this growing community need.

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Last One Best One! Volunteer Opportunity on June 20!

This is the last volunteer opportunity on Saturday June 20th at 10:00 am for this Rotary year, and it's a big one. We have more routes and we are looking for Rotarians who can spend 90-minutes taking a route or riding with another Rotarian to deliver pet food to LifeLine clients. We kick off at Open Hand, 1380 West Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30318, with coffee and fresh made sweet bread to fortify us for the deliveries ahead.

Click Here to Sign up: VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Signing Up is as Easy as 1-2-3

We hate waste, extra food waste that is. Help us manage our attendance numbers. Sign up on the calendar for all events including Maggiano's lunch meetings, on the road luncheons, and member parties. We never want to run out of food, but we hate to order too much and have it go to waste. It's super easy to sign up. Go to the calendar and click on the *"Will Attend"* button. Once you signed up, you will see *"Scheduled"* on the calendar. To invite a guest, click the " *Guest* " button. And lastly, you can use the *"Invite"* button to send an email to your guest. See the photo and start signing up today!

Check out our Calendar of Events Here! June Calendar