

Buckhead Rotary Club



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February 11, 2026

RSVP Today! Governor Kemp, February 23 Meeting

As you might imagine, there will be tight security for this meeting. We are required to give the Governor's office a list by Friday, February 12th, of all attendees. It is important that all members register themselves and any guests before the close of business on February 12th. There are only approximately 120 seats for this event, so please register immediately to secure your spot. Note we will not be able to admit any last-minute Rotarians or guests, and registration will be closed to both once we reach the seating limit. Attendance is limited to Buckhead Rotarians and their spouses.

To register, click here and select "Will Attend" button for the event. Click the "Guest" button to add your guest.

Message from the President: Love is in the Air

Buckhead Rotary hosted a fun, educational, and creative pre-Valentine's Day event at the Boys' And Girls' Club of Buckhead. The event, which took place on February 11th, was a success! The students made toys for shelter cats and dogs and created Valentine's drawings to show their affection for individual animals. A special guest foster dog, Jolly Boy, gave students the chance to enjoy some hands-on time, and the day concluded with Valentine cookies for all. This project was made possible in part by a grant from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to support education.

Thank you to our fabulous volunteers: Sam Alton, Karla Arroza, our GRSP student Giai Bergamo, Anne Brinkley (in with Brian Falaki), Kathy Faust, Mody Gosselar, Joe Hamandi (Shelley's husband), Beth Howell, Jenny Paulk, Maddie Pyle, Ty Tippett, Carl Wilgus and most especially Anna Shuler who made this first month with us a big coordination leading up to this event.

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

Supporting education: Boys' And Girls' Club Students Interaction with Rescued Dogs and Cats

Rotary Club of Buckhead

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Pawsitively Delightful: Saturday, February 21

Lend a paw (or a hand) through our Pawsitively 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

Pawsitively Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand

February 21, 2026 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Click Here to Sign Up

OpenHand, 1380 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta, GA 30318

Thirsty Thirdsdays: Hosted by Kevin & Stephanie Glass

Chewy's February Thirsty Thirdsday

February 21, 2026 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Kevin and Stefani Glass will host us at their home this month, 260 Runnen Road, just off of Peachtree Rd in Buckhead. This is a great time to bring a prospective member. We will enjoy wine, beer, and light snacks. There is no cost to attend. Please sign up as we have enough food and drinks.

RSVP TODAY! Click Here

Rotary Club of Buckhead - Dog for a Day!

Pick up a Dog for a Day from Lifeline and enjoy a nice stroll through Chastain Park. Each dog walker will be given a bag of snacks which includes dog treats and everything you will need for your excursion. Come stroll with your fellow Buckhead Rotarians for a healthy walk and stress relief, yours and the

If you don't want to get a dog but would like to stroll with us, please meet us at the Peachtree Rd. entrance to Chastain Park at 10:00 am on Saturday last. We will have short and longer walks for everyone who is interested.

Prefer to just mingle with your fellow Rotarians over lunch, please join us afterwards at Piske Chicken 2096 Chamblee Tucker Rd, Atlanta, 30341 around 1:00 pm. Please note meals are available for purchase and are the responsibility of the individual.

All Rotarians are welcome!

Welcome to the World Luke!

One of our newest Rotarians, Eddie LaRocco and his wife Erin, welcomed their son, Luke Edward LaRocco, to the world in January! Let's celebrate!

((Goode))

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Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict

Prevention Month

- 2/16 No Meeting President's Day
- 2/23 Governor Kemp and Georgia First Lady, Marty Kemp
- 3/2 Hands-On Volunteer Activity Benefiting Girl Scouts and Inspiration from their Community Projects
- 3/9 No Meeting: Volunteer for Shepherd Center Tuesday Dinner Service
- 3/16 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 3/23 Speaker to be Announced
- 3/30 Kyle Waide, CEO, Atlanta Community Food Bank
- 4/6 Griff Lynch, President and CEO, Georgia Ports Authority

Events

- 2/11 SHARE Pizza Night
- 2/16 Board of Directors Meeting
- 2/19 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 2/21 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
- 3/7 Dog for a Day (or a Few Hours) at the lush and scenic Chastain Park
- 3/10 Shepherd Center Family Dinner Volunteer Event
- 3/16 Board of Directors Meeting
- 3/19 Thirsty ThirdsDay

Our Rotary Family

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/3 James Cotton
- 2/3 Daniela Bergamo
- 2/6 David Bockel, Jr.
- 2/6 Reeves Smith
- 2/11 Bill Barney, III
- 2/14 Kevin Glass
- 2/14 Eddie LaRocco
- 2/15 Sean Mikula
- 2/15 Patty Webb

RSVP Today! Governor Kemp, February 23 Meeting

Exciting news! The speaker for our meeting on February 23rd will be Governor Brian Kemp, accompanied by his wife, Georgia's First Lady, Marty Kemp. (Our originally-scheduled event at Shepherd Center will be rescheduled.)

As you might imagine, there will be tight security for this meeting. We are required to give the Governor's office a list by February 19th of all the people who will attend the meeting, so it is imperative that all members register themselves and any guests before the close of business on February 18th.

There are only approximately 120 seats for this event, so please register immediately to secure your spot. Note we will not be able to admit any last-minute Rotarians or guests, and registration will be closed to both once we reach the seating limit. Attendance is limited to Buckhead Rotarians and their guests until February 16th, after which the general public will be able to register, so don't delay.

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2/16 Michelle Middlebrooks

2/19 Mark Meltzer

2/22 Emily Carter

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

Secretary Michael Stimpert

Public Image Mark Meltzer

Sergeant-at-Arms Garth Peters



Message from the President: Love is in the Air

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Supporting education: Boyce Ansley School Students
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Thirsty Thirdsdays: Hosted by Kevin & Stephanie Glass

Cheers! February Thirsty ThirdsDay

February 19, 2026 5:30 pm— 7:30 pm

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[RSVP Here: March 7, 2026 10:00 am— 12:00 pm](#)

If you don't want to get a dog but would like to stroll with us, please meet at 10:45 am outdoors, look for the Buckhead Rotary tent. We will have short and longer walks for everyone who is interested.

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