



No Meeting Monday: Join us for Thirsty Thirstday

Thirsty Thursday

August 20, 2026 5:30 pm— 7:30 pm

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Please join us for Thirsty Thursday at Betsy Barge's home (address will be emailed when you register).

Come enjoy drinks, supper, swimming (if you are interested!), and good company.

Parking instructions are as follows:

- Please park only on the EVEN-NUMBERED side of the street.
- There is plenty of parking all along Winthrop Circle but only enough width for parking on one side in the unlikely event that an emergency vehicle needs to get through.

August 24: Rotary on the Road

Open Hand Atlanta

ROTARY ON THE ROAD @ OPEN HAND ATLANTA

MEETINGS

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

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| 8/17 | No Meeting |
| 8/31 | Comer Yates, Executive Director, Atlanta Speech School |
| 9/7 | No Meeting: Labor Day holiday |
| 9/14 | F. Sheffield Hale, President & CEO, Atlanta History Center |
| 9/21 | No Meeting |
| 9/28 | Cynthia Dorsey Edwards, Governor, District 6900 |
| 10/5 | Alli Neal, Founder and Executive Director, Revved Up Kids Inc. |
| 10/12 | No Meeting: Columbus Day |

EVENTS

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| 8/15 | Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand |
| 8/17 | Board of Director's Meeting |
| 8/20 | Thirsty Thursday |
| 8/24 | Order Your Buckhead Rotary Challenge Coins |
| 8/24 | Rotary on the Road @ Open Hand Atlanta |
| 9/19 | Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand |
| 9/21 | Board of Director's Meeting |
| 10/17 | Healthy Pet Event as part of the Pawsitivity Partnership with LifeLine |

BIRTHDAYS

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| 8/13 | Fotemah Mba |
| 8/15 | Dietrich Logan |
| 8/21 | Michael Stimpert |



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This month we are trading the ballroom for a working kitchen. The Rotary Club of Buckhead is taking its Monday meeting on the road to Open Hand, where thousands of meals are cooked, packed, and delivered every day to Atlanta neighbors living with chronic illness and food insecurity.

We will hear directly from the Open Hand team, including Executive Director Matt Pieper (bio below), about how the operation runs, and members will have the chance to tour the facility and see the work up close. It is one thing to hear about service. It is another to stand in the middle of it.

Lunch is included. Space is limited, so please sign up in advance to grab your spot. Feel free to bring a guest, and it's a perfect chance to invite someone who might be interested in joining.

The meeting will be held at:

Open Hand Atlanta
1380 West Marietta St NW
Atlanta, GA 30318

Matthew (Matt) Pieper is the Executive Director for Open Hand Atlanta, a community-driven non-profit organization that provides nutritious and medically appropriate meals, nutrition education and counseling to those challenged by chronic disease or disability. Open Hand provides services in over 40 Georgia counties. Matt serves as Co-Chair of the Board of Advisors for the

8/23 Jim Floyd
 8/24 Matthew Frost
 8/31 Brian Mendelson
 9/2 James Wimberly
 9/2 Carolyn Stefanco
 9/9 Stephen Hall

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/19 Bill Barney, III (9)
 8/19 Mike Parks (9)
 8/24 Cort Neimark (35)
 8/24 Phyllis Neimark (35)
 8/25 Blake Beyer (19)
 8/25 Ford Donohue (7)
 8/25 Chris Jones (29)
 8/28 David Bockel (55)
 8/28 David Bockel, Jr. (22)

ROTARY ONLINE

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

SOCIAL MEDIA



LEADERSHIP

President	Jeff Clark, Jr.
Vice President	Radu Zernoveanu
Treasurer	Rosa McHugh
Secretary	Marilyn Morgan
Public Image	Andrew Amerson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Scott Thompson

Food Is Medicine Coalition (FIMC) and is the President of the Meals on Wheels Association of Georgia (MOWAG). Additionally, he is a member of the Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement (ARCHI); the Fulton County HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Policy Advisory Committee; and the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council. In 2016 and 2017, he was listed in The Atlanta Business Chronicle as one of the Top 50 Influential Nonprofit Leaders in Atlanta. Matt is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta's Class of 2018 and former member of the Rotary Club of Buckhead.

Breast Cancer Survivor Support

IRIS Grand Opening - Thursday, August 20th



The graphic is a vertical poster for IRIS Grand Opening Week. The left side is white with a large, faint pink flower outline. The right side is dark purple with a subtle floral pattern. The text is arranged in three rows, each corresponding to a day of the event.

Day	Date	Time	Event	For
TUESDAY	AUGUST 18TH	4PM-7PM	Day of Beauty	Breast Cancer Patients & Survivors
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 19TH	6:30PM-8:30PM	Cocktail Reception	
THURSDAY	AUGUST 20TH	4PM-5PM	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	

IRIS
Grand Opening Week
7820 Roswell Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30350

Join Buckhead Rotarian Liz Loretto, Executive Director of IRIS, in celebrating the grand opening of their new offices.

A Week That Showed What Buckhead Rotary Is Made Of

More than 30 guests joined us for an outstanding presentation from Sonny Perdue, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia — one of our strongest turnouts of the year, and proof that when Buckhead

Rotary puts a program on the calendar, Atlanta shows up.



We also recognized two of the Site Directors from our signature project, Horizons Atlanta:

- **Kelsey Bunker** has led the Atlanta International School program supporting Garden Hills Elementary scholars since 2016.
- **Latifah Williams** has worked with The Galloway School program supporting Scott Elementary scholars since 2021 and took over the program in 2024.

They wrapped up their summer sessions in July and both received a some well-earned recognition and a "Thanks A Latte" gift card. We are excited to work with these two amazing leaders in support of their program in the coming months.



Next, we're preparing to welcome Neslihan Atici, our incoming GRSP student, who arrived Wednesday from Turkey to begin her year at Oglethorpe University.

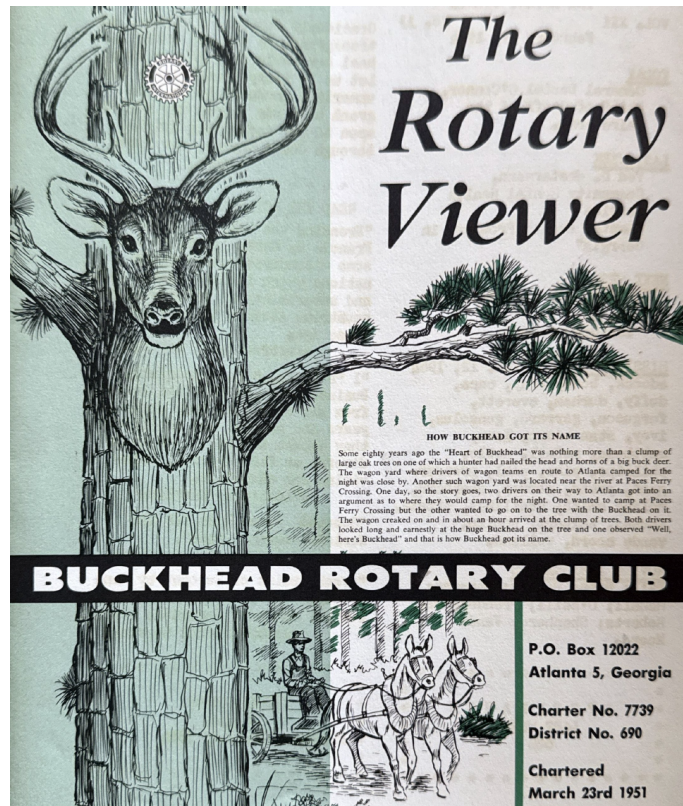
And our 75th anniversary celebration keeps building. This week we unveiled a Deep Dive podcast, alongside our growing archive of The Viewer — 75 years of club history, week by week.

Don't forget: no meeting at Maggiano's next week. We are hosting our next Thirsty Thursday at the home of Betsy Barge. The first one set a high bar. Bring a guest — this is the easiest, most enjoyable way to show someone what this club is really like. **Please register on the club calendar** so Betsy knows how many to expect.

Reporting the Good Works of Buckhead Rotary

Weekly Newsletters are an important club tradition

Buckhead Rotary has been making an impact in this community since 1951 and that legacy has been communicated to our members in our weekly newsletter, known as The Buckhead Rotary Viewer, published almost every week since at least 1961. Our former archivist, Aadu Allpere, maintained a significant collection of former newsletters, including this one from February 19, 1962:



[\[CLICK HERE FOR THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE\]](#)

75th Anniversary: 1963 College Scholarship Award Letter

As we celebrate 75 incredible years of the Rotary Club of Buckhead, we are looking back at the milestones that have defined our legacy of service. From our earliest days to our current signature projects, our commitment to supporting the community has remained as strong as ever.

As part of this journey, take a look at this College Scholarship Award Letter from 1963! It is a fantastic piece of our history and a great reminder of the long-standing impact our club has had on local students' lives and education over the decades.

Want to explore more of our history? Check out the newly released "Deep Dive" episode on the Buckhead Rotary podcast! It is a fast and engaging 30-minute run through our proudest moments, tracing the club straight through to today. It is packed with fun facts that even our longest-tenured members might not see coming.

Give the podcast a listen on your next drive or walk, and continue exploring our 75-year history week by week in our growing archive of The Viewer!



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RAYMOND BUCK, PASTOR
810 LAUREL FOREST CIRCLE, N. E.

CHURCH OFFICE: BLACKBURN 5-0224
PARSONAGE: BLACKBURN 5-6488

31 October 1963

Mr. Roland P. Smith, President
The Board of Directors
Rotary Club of Buckhead

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Schools and Scholarship Committee held on
October 30, 1963, the following resolutions were passed:

1. Beginning with the 1964-65 academic year, three equal scholarships of \$500 each will be offered to deserving students in the high schools of the Buckhead Rotary Club area.
2. These scholarships will be granted for the first year at any four-year college or university in the State of Georgia.
3. Each high school in the Buckhead Rotary Club area will be requested to nominate two candidates (one boy and one girl) on the basis of prescribed qualifications of academic standing, personal character, demonstrated need, and acceptance by the college or university chosen.
4. Final selection of the three recipients of the scholarships will be made by the Schools and Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of Buckhead.

FOR THE SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Raymond Buck, Chairman

