





August 14, 2020

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Register Here: <https://bookladder.org/forums/threads/what-is-your-idea-for-a-third-day.218>

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August 21, 2025 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Join us at the Gallery condominiums, 2795 Peachtree Rd., the home of Doug and Julie Wilson. We will meet in the club room on the main floor of the building for light snacks, drinks, and good conversation. Please park in the parking lot of the Cathedral of St Philip and walk across to the Gallery. There is also street parking on Peachtree Rd.

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Not interested in volunteering at the shelter, come out for Pets on the Park this Saturday. Let Kelly Kerkay know if you are interested in volunteering at one of the shelters as we look into coordinating monthly commitments. A few members have already expressed interest to let us know they will be participating in the future. We are looking for more volunteers to help out at the Heart Center on 11-4-15 for a moderate walk. Find the event on our previously nice stroll with your own dog.

Those who just want to join in the fun but don't want to walk a dog, the party starts at noon for lunch. Search <https://chicagobest.org/charity-and-cause/>

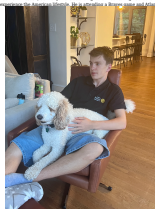
Thank you to immediate past president Denise Stading who led an informative Rotary Information session, our first for the year, with 2 prospective members to share the purpose and mission of Rotary Club of Oakbrook. They stayed for the introductions over the next couple of weeks and please take a moment to meet them and give them a warm welcome. Joy DeLorenzo Stading, Molly Gower and Frensch Mitter.

And thanks to Kelly Kerkay and his membership committee for all their hard work. We are off to a great start for the new year with several new prospective members in the pipeline.



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 Welcome our RYE, Rotary Youth Exchange student Leo from Drieders, Germany. He is attending North Atlanta High School and is living with his first host family, Penny and Tim Webb. Leo has a twin sister and he is very eager to experience the American lifestyle. He is attending a Brownie camp and Britons United camp next month and a visit to Central



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Share our speakers and highlights from our impressive members on LinkedIn here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rutland-club-of-buckhead/po/?ed=1>

Buckhead Rotary is proud to congratulate our very own Melissa Reed Vinkler, PhD, MPA as being named the new CEO & Executive Director of WTS International and the WTS Foundation, effective August 18, 2020. The 39-year-old leadership, dedication, and commitment to service is a true inspiration to all and we wish her well on this new journey. <https://www.wtsinternational.org/about-us/press-releases>



Service Above Self



Shane Bremer and David Buckel. V. volunteer Buckhead Rotary each month at Shave Paws Night with veterans who are enrolled in The Shepherd Center's comprehensive rehabilitation program for those who have experienced traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and mental health conditions like PTSD. Our District Governor, Steve Ivach, joined us for music, trivia, and lots



Thanks A Lot! Anna Strabler for all you do to make our meetings special. Your reaching out, coordination, and follow-up with our members is greatly appreciated.

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## Meetings

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

- 8/18 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 8/25 Ricky Smith, General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
- 9/1 No Meeting Labor Day
- 9/8 Dr. Bryan Johnson, Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent
- 9/15 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 9/22 Rotary on the Road Lunch at Fulton County Animal Shelter
- 9/29 David E. Altig, Executive Vice President and Chief Economic Adviser, The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- 10/6 District Governor Steve Ivory

## Events

- 8/16 Pups on the Path
- 8/16 Lunch After Pups on the Path - All Are Welcome
- 8/18 Board of Directors Meeting and Reception for the new District Governor, Steve Ivory
- 8/21 Thirsty ThirdsDay

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Collette Brown
- 8/6 Blake Beyer
- 8/6 Ken Clary
- 8/6 Rick Higgins
- 8/9 Matt Jollay
- 8/15 Dietrich Logan
- 8/21 Michael Stimpert
- 8/23 Jim Floyd

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Questions? call Cathy LaMon 404-805-2273 or [cathy@lamonteam.com](mailto:cathy@lamonteam.com)

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Let Kari Kirkley know if you are interested in volunteering at one of the shelters as we look into coordinating another orientation. A few members have already expressed interest so let us know.

Not interested in volunteering at the shelter, come out for Pets on the Path this Saturday. You will be purr-fectly matched with a dog from LifeLine and join your fellow Rotarians to walk on the path. We meet at LifeLine at 10 am to pick up our dogs and proceed to the Hyatt Centric at 10:45 ish for a moderate walk. Feel free to meet us for a pawsitively nice stroll with your own dog.

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And thanks to Billy Amberg and his membership committee for all their hard work. We are off to a great start for the new year with several new prospective members in the pipeline.

Interested in volunteering on our membership committee, there are a multitude of ways you can help. Please reach out to Billy Amberg [billy@bloomwoodcapital.com](mailto:billy@bloomwoodcapital.com).

8/24 Matthew Frost  
8/31 Brian Mendelson

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/3 Kari Kirkley (23)  
8/24 Cort Neimark (34)  
8/24 Phyllis Neimark (34)  
8/25 Blake Beyer (18)  
8/25 Ford Donohue (6)  
8/25 Chris Jones (28)  
8/28 David Bockel, Jr. (21)

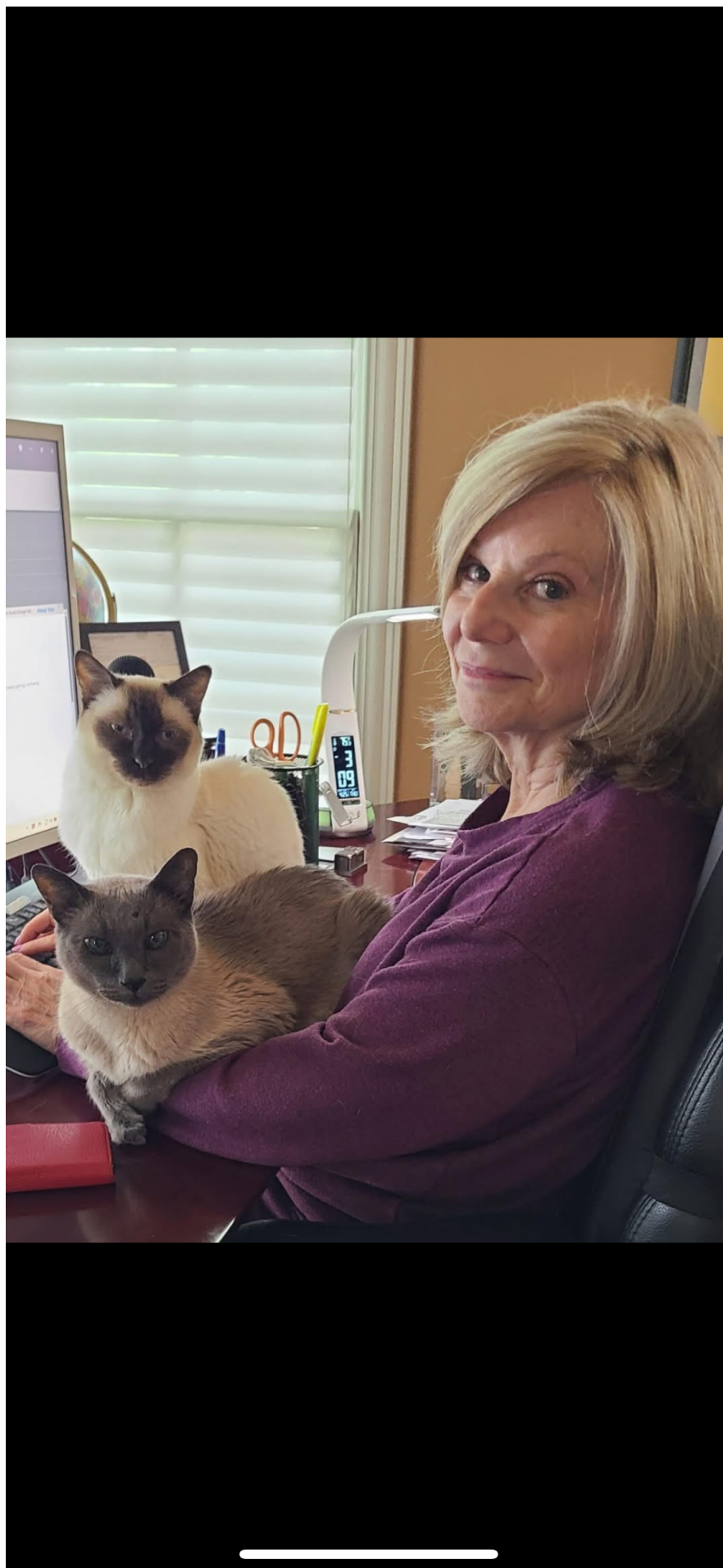
## Rotary Online

<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













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Dr. Wilkins' leadership, dedication, and commitment to equity have made a lasting impact locally and nationally, and we know she'll continue to inspire and lead WTS into an exciting new era.



## Welcoming our new CEO and Executive Director

Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins



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## Membership News

On a sad note, former president, and Rotarian for 42 years, Steve Bethea has passed away. More details forthcoming.

Maggi O'Brien underwent foot surgery on August 11th. Please reach out to her and wish her good luck. We know you got this Maggi!

Jim Breedlove celebrates 40 years of perfect attendance. Here's to 40 more Jim!

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## Thanks a Latte!





Thanks A Latte Anne Stuhler for all you do to make our meetings special. Your reaching out, coordination, and follow-up with our members is greatly appreciated.

### **Nominate Your Fellow Rotarians**

It's an important focus for my presidency to recognize Rotarians doing good in our club. Please nominate your fellow Rotarians who deserve a sincere thank you for their dedication. Whether they've consistently shown up, lent a hand, or gone above and beyond. Simply send their name and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Jim Coleman [jcolemanoss72@gmail.com](mailto:jcolemanoss72@gmail.com).

These awards are given out at various intervals throughout the year. Whenever you experience Rotarians doing good, please take a moment to nominate them.

