





August 18, 2025

Buckhead Rotarians: Be an MVP and RSVP!

We have a TON of exciting meetings, socials, and volunteer events coming our way. Be an MVP today and help us bring the best of this newsletter to see a few highlights, and click on the calendar below to see all events.

Message from the President, August 28

This past Monday's meeting was filled with great energy. We were honored to welcome our district leadership, including Governor Susan Berry, Membership Chair Audrey Knight, and Cynthia Edwards, who joined us for our meeting. And thanks to Miriam Falaki, Program Chair, for arranging for our featured guest speaker, Ricky Smith, General Manager of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Ricky shared his vision for making our airport more strategic, improvements across the airport in the world, bringing real-world insight to our members. However, the highlight of the meeting was the induction of three new members. Audley Smith, and Patricia Miller from our guest speaker, Ricky Smith, joined in the celebration. Contact with Molly Joy and Patricia on LinkedIn! A warm congratulations and welcome to our new members. We are excited to have you on board!



Rotary on the Road! RSVP today!

Lifeline made history in 2019 by achieving a no-kill rate, where at least 90% of all pets coming into the shelter are saved. This is thanks to the community of pet lovers, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and donors! Their focus is about saving every healthy and treatable animal and making decisions that are best for every individual pet that comes into care. Please join us for lunch and a brief presentation of how shelters provide a safe place for animals. This is a unique opportunity to experience a behind the scenes tour of the state of the art 10,000-square-foot facility which is three times the size of the county's previous shelter and features a full-service vet clinic, a cat clinic, designated play and adoption areas for new rescue and increased capacity to house more animals. Please sign up on the calendar as we have enough food for everyone.

September 18: Thirsty Thursday

Get ready for a snack pink inside a fellow Rotarian's home. No secret passwords or disclaimer rings required. Join us for casual conversation, drinks, and food, and share all around with a side of Rotary fellowship. In September, we are heading over to the home of Jeff and Nanette Nicholson. Don't miss out, be sure to RSVP so we can get a headcount for all the food and drinks! RSVP here: <https://www.buckheadrotary.org/membership/4455> Join us in thanking Julia and Doug Edmon for their warm hospitality on LinkedIn! The club room made the perfect spot for light snacks, drinks, and plenty of great conversation. Thank you to everyone who joined us—it's always a treat to connect outside of our regular meetings, and we had such a blast! Post your "thank you" here: https://www.linkedin.com/company/club-of-buckhead_buckheadrotary/posts/active/7346140073972472?utm_source=share-button&utm_medium=member_post&utm_campaign=CC&utm_content=7346140073972472&utm_source=share-button



Bark-A-Que and Pet Adoption Event!

You'll be barking mad to miss out on our annual fall event. This year, we're changing things up a bit. Instead of our traditional sherry hot, we're serving up some bark-a-que, well that's barbecue for us humans of course! Your whole family is welcome, and yes, that includes your four-legged friends! We'll have a fabulous buffet and plenty of other fun and games. Because this event is catered, you must sign up on the calendar as we can make sure there's enough food for everyone. Don't be a copy-cat, get your spot now! Hope to see you there!

Buckhead Rotary, Growing Strong Together

I am thrilled to announce Buckhead Rotary was recognized at the most recent District 6900 membership summit for two consecutive years of outstanding growth. This is a huge accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our previous membership chair Miriam Falaki and her committee. A special congratulations to past presidents Doug Edmon and Denise Starling for their leadership, this is so small feat! Let's keep the momentum going! If you have any friends or business associates you would like to invite to a luncheon, social, or volunteer event, please reach out to our Membership Chair, Alice Gaskin, Alice.Gaskin@rotary.org



Member Spotlight



Congratulations to Billy Ansborg and his wife Lindsey on the birth of their son on August 17th, Carter Andrews Ansborg.

Buckhead Rotary was proud to support our GRSP student, Dani Bergman, at the recent Condens in Athens. Dani carried the Brazilian flag on steps with her class, posed with fellow LatinasLatinos, and celebrated alongside 38 other students from 23 countries—including Kenya, Turkey, Jordan, Fiji, Bolivia, Jamaica, Argentina, Costa Rica, China, and Russia. The GRSP Class of 2025-26 represents a truly global family, building lifelong friendships and understanding across cultures. We're honored to be part of this tradition of service and international fellowship.



September 27: Healthy Pet Event

Come out and support our Pawsitivity Partnership with LifeLine's Healthy Pet event. There will be 1,500+ pets and their people in attendance. This event provides the much-needed vaccinations for dogs and cats as well as shipping and vouchers for spaying and neutering. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to engage with the animals as you help direct people, check them in, and assist with paperwork. Come for an hour or stay for the entire time. Families and children of all ages are welcome to attend. LifeLine provides breakfast and coffee plus lunch for all staff, volunteers, and event attendees. But you must sign up on the calendar if you want to volunteer.



Let's get the word out about LifeLine.

Don't forget to show off your pet! Email a photo of you and your pet to Mark Johnson mtjohnson@gmail.com. LifeLine Donations. We are collecting the following items, every week at our Monday luncheon to include the following:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Linens
- Pet Food
- Pet Toys
- Cleaning Supplies



Do you have something you want to share in the newsletter?

Thanks "a lot" for the positive feedback on the newsletter! If you have something you'd like to share, just email it to me, Emily Carter at emcarter@bga.org, by COB on Wednesdays. To be included in the weekly newsletter. Please include "Buckhead



Newsletter" in the subject line.

Meetings

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

- 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
- 10/13 No Meeting Columbus Day
- 10/20 Christa Pitts, Owner and Co-CEO, The Lumistella Company

Events

- 9/15 Board of Directors Meeting
- 9/18 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 9/27 Fulton Healthy Pet Event as part of the Pawsitivity Partnership with LifeLine
- 10/5 Bark-A-Cue Family Event and Dinner

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Collette Brown
- 8/6 Blake Beyer
- 8/6 Ken Clary
- 8/6 Rick Higgins
- 8/9 Matt Jollay
- 8/13 Fotemah Mba
- 8/15 Dietrich Logan
- 8/21 Michael Stimpert
- 8/23 Jim Floyd

Buckhead Rotarians: Be an MVP and RSVP!

We have a TON of exciting meetings, socials, and volunteer events coming our way. Be an MVP today and RSVP for the September events today! Enjoy the rest of this newsletter to see a few highlights, and click on the calendar below to see all events:

<https://www.buckheadrotary.org/calendar/view>

Message from the President, August 28

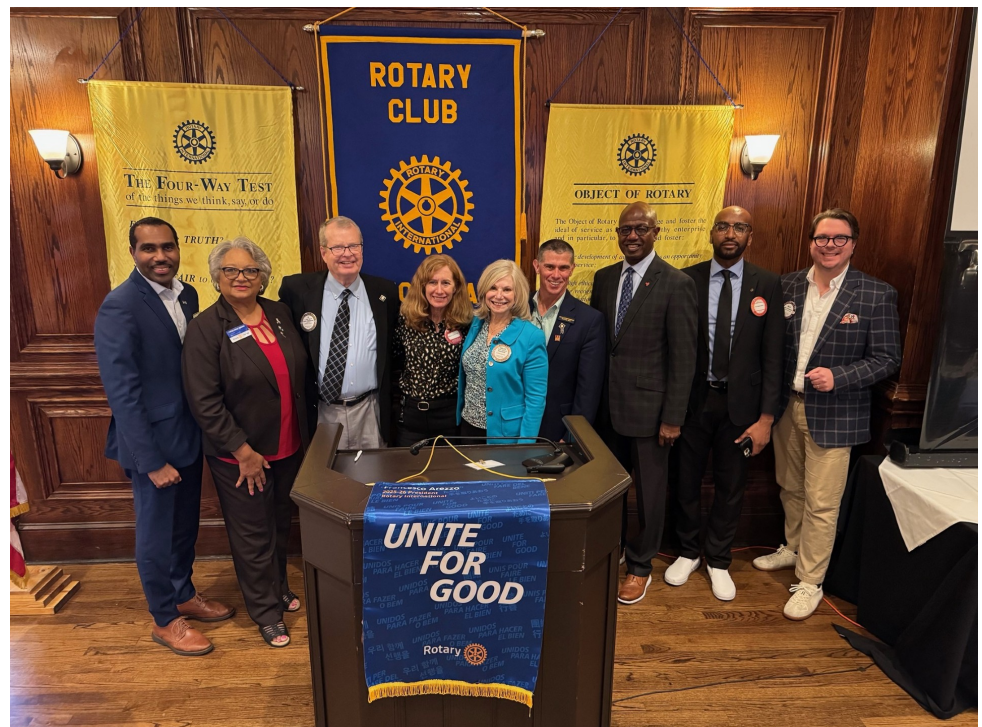
This past Monday's meeting was filled with great energy. We were honored to welcome our district leadership, including Governor Steve Ivory, Membership Chair Audley Knight, and Cynthia Edwards, who joined us for our meeting.

And thanks to Miriam Falaki, Program Chair, for arranging for our featured guest speaker, Ricky Smith, General Manager of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Ricky shared his vision for rolling out strategic improvements across the busiest airport in the world, bringing real-world insight to our gathering.

However, the highlight of the meeting was the induction of three new members—Molly Guenther, Joy Stanley, and Fotemah Mba! Even our guest speaker, Ricky Smith, joined in the celebration.

Connect with [Molly](#), [Joy](#) and [Fotemah](#) on LinkedIN!

A warm congratulations and welcome to our newest members. We are thrilled to have you on board!



8/24 Matthew Frost
8/31 Brian Mendelson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/2 Joy Stanley (28)
8/3 Kari Kirkley (23)
8/24 Cort Neimark (34)
8/24 Phyllis Neimark (34)
8/25 Blake Beyer (18)
8/25 Ford Donohue (26)
8/25 Chris Jones (28)
8/28 David Bockel, Sr. (54)
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 |

Rotary on the Road! RSVP today!

RSVP HERE: <https://www.buckheadrotary.org/meeting/14101>

LifeLine made history in 2019 by achieving a no-kill rate, where at least 90% of all pets coming into the shelter are saved. This is thanks to the community of pet lovers, adopters, fosters, volunteers, and donors! Their focus is about saving every healthy and treatable animal and making decisions that are best for every individual pet that comes into care. Please join us for lunch and a brief presentation of how shelters provide a safe place for animals. This is a unique opportunity to experience a behind the scenes tour of the state of the art 50,000-square-foot facility which is three times the size of the county's previous shelter and features a full-service vet clinic, a cat condo, designated play and adoption areas for new owners and increased capacity to house more animals. Please sign up on the calendar so we have enough food for everyone.

September 18: Thirsty Thirdsday

Get ready for a sneak peek inside a fellow Rotarian's home. No secret passwords or decoder rings required. Join us for casual conversation, drinks, and tasty nibbles, all served with a side of Rotary fellowship. In September, we are heading over to the home of Jeff and Nanette Nicholson. Don't miss out, be sure to RSVP so we can get a headcount for all the food and drinks!

RSVP Here: <https://www.buckheadrotary.org/reservation/create?event=8395>

Join us in thanking Julie and Doug Eidson for their warm hospitality on LinkedIn! The club room made the perfect spot for light snacks, drinks, and plenty of great conversation. Thank you to everyone who joined us—it's always a treat to connect outside of our regular meetings, and we had such a blast!

Post your 'thank you!'

here: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/rotary-club-of-buckhead_buckheadrotary-rotarysocials-rotaryfellowship-activity-7366188885799759872-cmJY?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAMIDJ4BW7xetOtuCF4SkVgXs5cssEFqt9g



Bark-A-Que and Pet Adoption Event!

RSVP Here: <https://www.buckheadrotary.org/reservation/create?event=8572>

You'd be barking mad to miss out on our annual fall event. This year, we're changing things up a bit. Instead of our traditional shrimp boil, we're serving up some bark-a-que, well that's barbecue for us humans of course! Your whole family is welcome, and yes, that includes your four-legged friends! We'll have a frisbee contest and plenty of other fun and games. Because this event is catered, you must sign up on the calendar so we can make sure there's enough food for everyone. Don't be a copy-cat; get your spot now! Hope to see you there!

Buckhead Rotary, Growing Strong Together

I am thrilled to announce Buckhead Rotary was recognized at the most recent District 6900 membership summit for two consecutive years of net membership growth, covering the Rotary years of 2024-2025. This is a huge accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our previous membership chair Miriam Falaki and her committee. A special congratulations to past presidents Doug Eidson and Denise Starling for their leadership, this is no small feat! Let's keep the momentum going! If you have any friends or business associates you would like to invite to a luncheon, social, or volunteer event, please reach out to our Membership Chair, Allie Geisler Allie.Geisler@td.com.



Member Spotlight

Congratulations to Billy Amberg and his wife Lindsey on the birth of their son on August 17th, Carter Andrews Amberg.



Buckhead Rotary was proud to support our GRSP student, Dani Bergamo, at the recent Conclave in Athens. Dani carried the Brazilian flag on stage with her class, posed with fellow Latinas/Latinos, and celebrated alongside 38 other students from 23 countries—including Kenya, Turkey, Jordan, Fiji, Bolivia, Jamaica, Argentina, Costa Rica, China, and Russia. The GRSP Class of 2025-26 represents a true global family, building lifelong friendships and understanding across cultures. We're honored to be part of this tradition of service and international fellowship.



September 27: Healthy Pet Event

RSVP Here: <https://www.buckheadrotary.org/event/8590>

Come out and support our Pawsitivity Partnership with LifeLine's Healthy Pet event. There will be 1,500+ pets and their people in attendance. This event provides the much-needed vaccinations for dogs and cats as well as chipping and vouchers for spaying and neutering. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to engage with the animals as you help direct people, check them in, and assist with paperwork. Come for an hour or stay for the entire time. Families and children of all ages are welcome to attend. LifeLine provides breakfast and coffee plus lunch for all staff, volunteers, and event attendees. But you must sign up on the calendar if you want to volunteer.

Let's get the word out about LifeLine.

Don't forget to show off your pet! Email a photo of you and your pet to Mark Johnson mejgeorgia@gmail.com

LifeLine Donations: We are collecting the following items, every week at our Monday luncheons to include the following:

Newspapers

Linens

Towels

Pet Food

Pet Toys

Cleaning Supplies



Do you have something you want to share in the newsletter?

Thanks "a latte" for the positive feedback on the newsletter! If you have something you'd like to share, just email it to me, Emily Carter at ecarter@ging.org, by COB on Wednesdays. to be included in the weekly newsletter. Please include "Buckhead Newsletter" in the subject line.

