





September 4, 2023

Hey MVP's! RSVP for Buckhead Rotary Today!

Dr. Bryan Johnson, a former corporate executive and accomplished K-12 administrator, has joined the Buckhead Rotary team for Atlanta Public Schools bringing a unique blend of corporate and educational leadership to the role. [RSVP HERE](#). Click Here to RSVP for our annual pet photo contest.

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International Rotarian

Need to join by Zoom, click the link below.

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Sincerely,

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Rotary on the Road! RSVP today!

[RSVP HERE](https://www.buckheadrotary.org/event/110) <https://www.buckheadrotary.org/event/110>

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[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [YouTube](#)

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But you in return, get to bring your pet to volunteer.

[RSVP Here!](https://www.buckheadrotary.org/event/8395) [Click HERE to RSVP Today!](https://www.buckheadrotary.org/event/8395)

Bark-A-Que and Pet Adoption Event!

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Betsy Barge is my HERO!

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Betsy Barge completed the Betsy Barge swim (a 100m swim in the 70-74 age group category) with a time of 1:55:40!

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Notice Betsy was the 29th oldest out of more than 2800 registered swimmers!



Member Spotlight: Jim Coleman

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Meetings

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- 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
- 10/27 Rotary Polio Awareness Day: Robert Hall, Past Rotary International Trustee

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

- 9/2 Jim Wimberly, Jr.
- 9/9 Stephen Hall
- 9/26 David Bockel, Sr.
- 9/26 Alison Geisler
- 9/27 Jan Johnston
- 9/28 Jay Shirley

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Invocation: Reeves Smith

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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