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Service Project castle at Maggiano's to pack stockings for cats and dogs. Santa Clause will be making a guest appearance, straight from the North Pole to put on as the holiday spirit. Let's make those shelter animal's holidays purr-fect.

#### RSVP Today! Holiday Party & Volunteer Opportunities

Presenting Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering the Food with Openhand  
December 14, 2023 5:30-8:00 pm  
Rotary Club of Buckhead  
2320 Peachtree Road  
Atlanta, GA 30305

Come and join us in the festivities at the Cheshire Town Club at 155 W. Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30313.

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Rotary LifeLine  
Open Hand



#### Buckhead Rotarians Shine on this Holiday Season!

A big thank you from the bottom of my heart, Buckhead Rotary colleagues when we pair our fundraising efforts with hands-on service. Thanks to our members' generosity, we funded 50 guitars, and with a one-for-one match from The Lumineux Company, we were able to provide every student and teacher with a top-of-the-line instrument. This year, we were able to add 10 guitars to our collection, and we are excited to add 10 more next year. We are also grateful to the many individuals who have given generously to the operation of our club, and to the children at the Northside Center. What a wonderful year it has been for our club, and we are grateful for the great work of the Board of Directors and the dedicated members.



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Huge congratulations to our fellow Buckhead Rotarians Brian Madigan and Jennifer Buckhead for their commitment to their community.

Thursday Thirdbirds...Don't Miss Out on the Fun!

Good times were had by all at the November Thursday Thirdbirds hosted by Carly Lusk! Don't miss January! [RSVP HERE](#)



## Meetings

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

- 12/8 Service Project for LifeLine Pack Pet Stockings for the Holidays
- 12/15 No Meeting: Register for Holiday Party
- 12/22 No Meeting Christmas and Hanukkah Holidays
- 12/29 No Meeting New Year's Holiday
- 1/5 Georgia State Legislators. House of Representatives: Betsy Holland (D) and Deborah Silcox (R)
- 1/12 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 1/19 Rotary on the Road @ Scouting America
- 1/26 Joe Zadik, FBI Cybersecurity Special Agent for the Southeast Region, and Bryant Tow, Leapfrog Chief Security Officer

## Events

- 12/6 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
- 12/8 Board of Directors Meeting
- 12/16 Holiday Party @ Cherokee Town Club
- 12/24 Holiday Ham Haul
- 1/15 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 1/17 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
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Invocation: Tobias Hoffmeister

New member induction - Eddie LaRocco (Sponsor: Allie Geisler)

Rotary Club of Buckhead

Maggiano's Little Italy

3368 Peachtree Road

Atlanta, GA 30326

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[Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand](#)

December 6, 2025 10:00 am— 1:00 pm

Lend a paw (or a hand) through our Pawsitivity 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 friends and their people.

OpenHand, 1380 West Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

[Holiday Party @ Cherokee Town Club](#)

Rotary Club of Buckhead

December 16, 2025 6:00 pm— 9:00 pm

Come and join in the festivities at the Cherokee Town Club at 155 W. Paces Ferry Road NW, Atlanta and celebrate some holiday cheer. This not to miss event is holiday/business attire. Valet parking available, no tipping.

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

12/3 Betsy Barge  
12/5 Edward Lindsey, Jr.  
12/6 Brandi Smith  
12/7 Denise Starling  
12/9 Ryan Neff  
12/19 Jeff Clark, Jr.  
12/20 Taos Wynn  
12/23 Cathy LaMon  
12/24 Judge Gardner, III  
12/25 Maggi O'Brien  
12/29 Brent Adams  
12/30 Randall Martin  
12/31 Greg Davis

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/8 Matt Jollay (8)  
12/15 Mark Johnson (52)  
12/17 Catherine Land-Waters (48)  
12/21 Greg Davis (51)  
12/21 Jack Hellriegel (62)  
12/30 Edward Lindsey, Jr. (37)

## Rotary Online

<https://buckheadrotary.com>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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## 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

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## Buckhead Rotarians Shine on this Holiday Season!

A big thank you from the bottom of my heart. Buckhead Rotary truly shines when we pair our fundraising efforts with hands-on service. Thanks to our members' generosity, we funded 50 plushies, and with a one-for-one match from The Lumistella Company, we were able to provide every student and teacher with a toy.

A few of Santa's elves delivered joy and cheer to the 94 students at the Boyce Ansley School, all on Santa's nice list from kindergarten through 5th grade. We were greeted with cheers, grateful smiles, and even a few questions about when Santa might be stopping by.

Thanks to elves, Jim and Anne Breedlove, Jeff Clark, and our newest member, Carl Wiljelm who took the North Pole Express (MARTA) to join the festivities. And a special shout out to our Chief Elf, Miriam Falaki, for packing the sleigh, coordinating with Rudolf and the other reindeer, securing the plushies from Santa and his toy makers, The Lumistella Company, and making this day a holly-jolly fun time for the children at the Boyce Ansley School. What a wonderful way to give back to our community. I am truly proud of the impact we make as Buckhead Rotarians.













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We've got a lot to celebrate!

Help give a warm welcome to Buckhead Rotary's newest members!

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fiancée Rachelle Copeland on their engagement!



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### **Thirsty Thirdsdays: Don't Miss Out on the Fun!**

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