





December 18, 2025

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[Holiday Photo Slide Show](#)

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Meetings

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- 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
- 2/2 Adam Chamberlain, President & CEO, Mercedes-Benz USA
- 2/9 Robert Ross Johnson Humanitarian Award Luncheon

Events

- 12/24 Holiday Ham Haul
- 1/15 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 1/17 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
- 1/19 Board of Directors Meeting
- 1/22 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 1/30 ASO
- 1/30 Night at the ASO Chamber Music on the New Goizueta Stage
- 2/6 Pre Valentine's Day at Boyse Ansley School

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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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