



May 21, 2026

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Best regards,
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May is Youth Service Month



Rotary on the Road: We're Making Dog and Cat Lick Mats!

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MEETINGS

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- 5/25 No Meeting: Memorial Day Holiday
- 6/1 Tomer Zvulun, International Stage Director and CEO, The Atlanta Opera
- 6/8 Rotary on the Road: Lunch and Short Volunteer at Fulton County Animal Shelter
- 6/15 No Meeting: Register for End of Year Party
- 6/22 Jonathan J. Hunt, Esq., Interim General Manager, MARTA
- 6/29 Year-end awards and Installation of new officers and directors.
- 7/6 No Meeting: July 4th Holiday
- 7/13 Ann Marie Bedtke, Executive Director, Horizons Atlanta

EVENTS

- 5/21 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 6/8 Board of Directors Meeting
- 6/14 Year End Pizza Party
- 6/20 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
- 10/20 Donate a Plushee Pals® Toy to the Boyce L. Ansley School Students

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/21 Kathleen Finn
- 5/25 Chris Jones
- 5/27 John Saunders
- 5/29 Cort Neimark
- 5/30 Sam Alston
- 6/2 Bea Garner
- 6/2 Peter Guentermann
- 6/9 Rich Kruse
- 6/10 Gail Wofford
- 6/15 Liz Loreti
- 6/17 Marilyn Morgan

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/21 Lew Brown (44)

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- 6/3 Travis Bowden (2)
- 6/11 Alec Smythe (43)
- 6/18 Patty Webb (12)

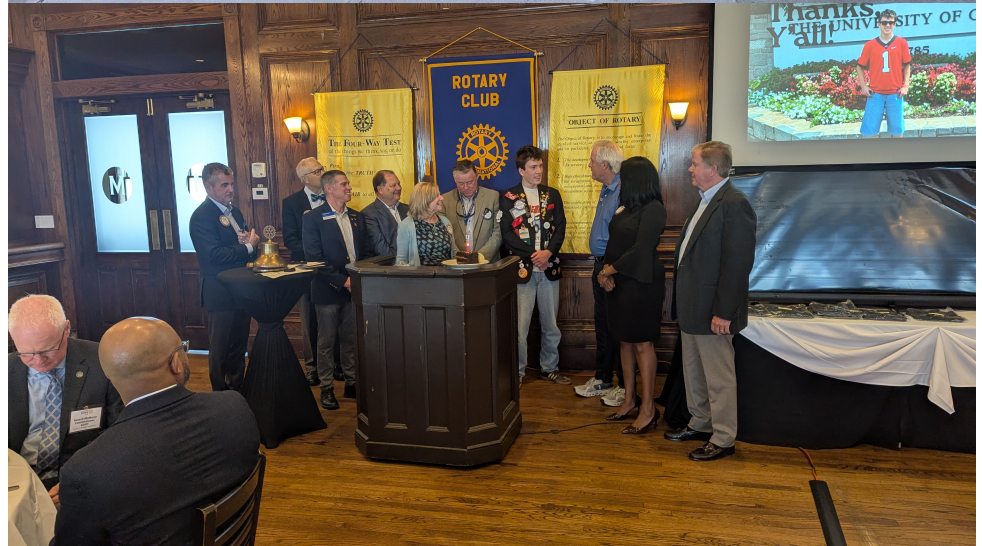
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