Monday's Speaker: Chef Kevin Rathbun

Chef Kevin Rathbun's passion for food and hospitality started in Kansas City, where he started as a dishwasher. Following culinary school, Rathbun went on to New Orleans, Dallas, Houston and Atlanta to work with celebrity chefs and restaurateurs including Bradley Ogden, Emeril Lagasse, Stephen Pyles, Ella Brennan and Pano Karatassos. In 1994, he was nominated for the James Beard Awards "Rising Star Chef" for his work at Baby Ruth. By 1996, he opened two different flagship restaurants with Buckhead Life Restaurant Group and served as the Corporate Executive Chef, overseeing several restaurants for the group. Rathbun then ventured out on his own in 2004 to open Rathbun's. Krog Bar, Kevin Rathbun Steak and KR Steakbar followed.

Sunshine: LeeHester Rhodes

Blue Badge Induction: Tayen "Haz" Hazqiyal

Click the Calendar invite to RSVP, Register a Guest, and find the Zoom Information: Calendar Invite: August 4, 2025

MEETINGS

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

8/4	Mr. Kevin Rathbun, Chef and Atlanta restaurateur
8/11	Sam Donaldson, interim associate dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, Georgia State University
8/18	No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
8/25	Ricky Smith, General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
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

EVENTS

8/2	Pawsitivity Partnership; Signature Project Orientation at LifeLine
8/5	GRSP Welcome for Daniela Bergamo @ Hartsfield International Airport
8/16	Pups on the Path
8/16	Lunch After Pups on the Path - All Are Welcome
8/18	Board of Directors Meeting and Reception for the new District Governor, Steve Ivory
8/21	Thirsty ThirdsDay
9/15	Board of Directors Meeting
9/18	Thirsty ThirdsDay

BIRTHDAYS

8/1	Collette Brown

8/1	Trent Collett
8/5	Richard Higgins
8/5	J Gibson
8/6	Blake Beyer
8/6	Ken Clary
8/9	Matthew Jollay
8/13	Fotemah Mba
8/15	Dietrich Logan
8/21	Michael Stimpert
8/23	Jim Floyd
8/24	Matthew Frost

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/3	Kari Kirkley (23)
8/19	Bill Barney, III (8)
8/19	Mike Parks (8)
8/24	Cort Neimark (34)
8/24	Phyllis Neimark (34)
8/25	Blake Beyer (18)
8/25	Ford Donohue (6)
8/25	Chris Jones (28)
8/28	David Bockel (54)
8/28	David Bockel, Jr. (21)

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August 1: Message from the President

Thank you!

July was an exciting kick off to the new Rotary year, especially for recognizing our fellow Rotarians.

Congratulation to all our new Paul Harris Fellows!

A special congratulations to Jim Floyd and Ben Shapiro for becoming Paul Harris Major Donors.

I wanted to take a moment to once again, Thanks "a Latte" to our July honorees; Drew Amerson, Michael Stimpert and Marilyn Morgan. And a special shout out to Kari Kirkley for winning the special GOAT award for all her efforts with RYE and LifeLine.

My Rotary, My Way. We have great attendance at our Monday meetings. Let’s turn up the volume on our signature projects and socials too. We have so many ways to get connected and stay connected to Buckhead Rotary and our mission. Check out the August calendar and sign up for one of our many events. I hope to see more of you at one of these events. I hate for you to suffer from FOMR, Fear of Missing Rotary!

Membership Spotlight

Congratulations are in order to…

Brian Mendelson who got engaged to Rachelle Copeland

And Brandi Smith who got engaged to Eric Cray

Cheers to the two happy couples!

We have two Rotarians that can use your cheer. Ken Clary, who is homebound is turning 96 on August 6th and has been a member for 38 years! Please send him your wishes on his special day.

Jimmy Paulk had ankle surgery this week. Show him some Rotary fellowship and check in on his recuperation. Wishing you a speedy recovery Jimmy!

Nominate Your Fellow Rotarians

It’s an important focus for my presidency to recognize Rotarians doing good in our club. Please nominate your fellow Rotarians who deserve a sincere thank you for their dedication. Whether they've consistently shown up, lent a hand, or gone above and beyond. Simply send their name and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Jim Coleman jcolemanoss72@gmail.com.

These awards are given out at various intervals throughout the year. Whenever you experience Rotarians doing good, please take a moment to nominate them.

Sincerely,

Shelley


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The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the
ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise
and in particular, to encourage and foster:
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Marilyn Morgan
ACTIVE MEMBER
ROTARY
SHELLEY
Shelley Hammett
PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL



Paul Harris Fellow Recipients


JIM
James W. Floyd
DAVE



Special Presentation on August 4

Honoring the Buckhead Rotary's Commitment to Scouting - America

Fellow Rotarians, if you were a member of the Boy Scouts of America or have a child/grandchild in Scouting – America or simply want to support our club's Scouting initiatives, please contact our co-chairs Brandon Smith Brandon.smith@scouting.org or Jim Breedlove jim.breedlove@fernbankmuseum.org. In addition, we will have a special presentation at our next meeting on August 4th to honor our commitment to Scouting – America.

August: Opportunities to Connect

GRSP Welcome for Daniela Bergamo @ Hartsfield International Airport Register Here

August 5, 2025 10:48 am— 12:00 pm

Please join us in welcoming this year's GRSP, Georgia Rotary Student Program, student Daniela Bergamo. We are gathering at the international terminal for her arrival at 10:48 am. This is an important year for

Daniela so let's show her how excited we are to have her part of this program and our club for this scholastic year.

Pups on the Path Register Here

August 16, 2025 10:00 am— 1:00 pm

Pick up a Dog for a Day from LifeLine and enjoy a nice stroll on the Path followed by a box lunch and dog treats with your fellow Buckhead Rotarians. If you don't want to get a dog but would like to stroll with us, please meet at 10:45 am on the Patio outdoors at the Hyatt Centric Buckhead at 3301 Lenox Parkway NE, Atlanta. We will have short and longer walks for everyone who is interested.

Prefer to just mingle with your fellow Rotarians over lunch, please register with this link

All Rotarians are welcome!

Thirsty ThirdsDay Register Here

August 21, 2025 5:30 pm— 7:30 pm

Join us at the Gallery condominiums, 2795 Peachtree Rd., the home of Doug and Julie Eidson. We will meet in the club room on the main floor of the building for light snacks, drinks, and good conversation. Please park in the parking lot of the Cathedral of St Philip and walk across to the Gallery. There is also street parking on Rumson Rd. Questions? call Cathy LaMon 404-805-2273 or cathy@lamonteam.com