Buckhead Rotarians: Be an MVP and RSVP!

Happy Labor Day! No Meeting on Monday

We have a TON of exciting meetings, socials, and volunteer events coming our way. Be an MVP today and RSVP for the September events today! Enjoy the rest of this newsletter to see a few highlights, and click on the calendar below to see all events:

https://www.buckheadrotary.org/calendar/view

Message from the President, August 28

This past Monday's meeting was filled with great energy. We were honored to welcome our district leadership, including Governor Steve Ivory, Membership Chair Audley Knight, and Cynthia Edwards, who joined us for our meeting.

And thanks to Miriam Falaki, Program Chair, for arranging for our featured guest speaker, Ricky Smith, General Manager of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Ricky shared his vision for rolling out strategic improvements across the busiest airport in the world, bringing real-world insight to our gathering.

However, the highlight of the meeting was the induction of three new members—Molly Guenther, Joy Stanley, and Fotemah Mba! Even our guest speaker, Ricky Smith, joined in the celebration.

Connect with Molly, Joy and Fotemah on LinkedIN!

A warm congratulations and welcome to our newest members. We are thrilled to have you on board!

MEETINGS

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

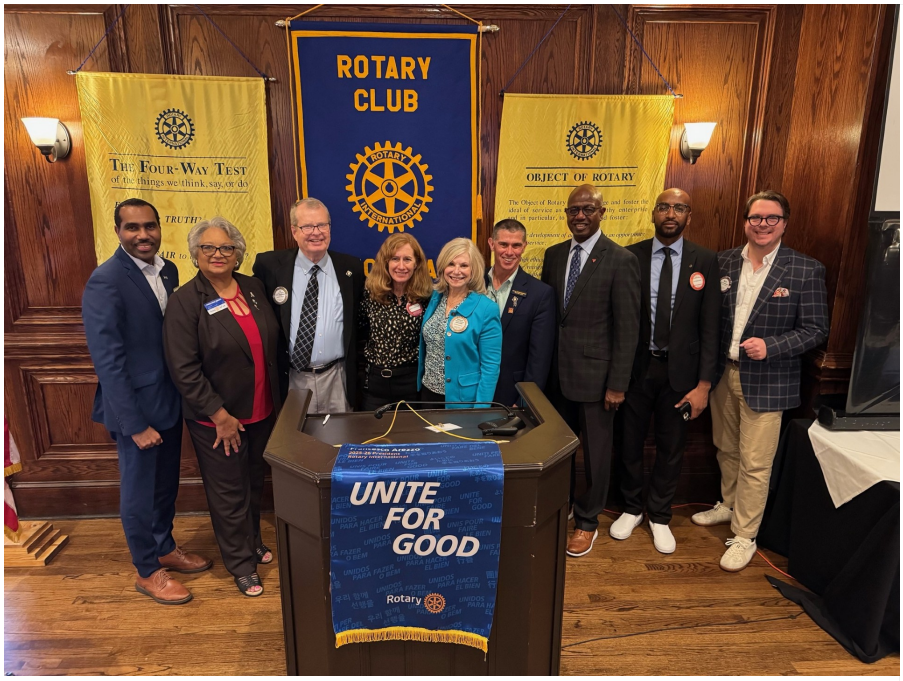
9/1	No Meeting Labor Day
9/8	Dr. Bryan Johnson, Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent
9/15	No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
9/22	Rotary on the Road Lunch at Fulton County Animal Shelter
9/29	Paula Tkac, Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, Executive Vice President and Director of Research
10/6	District Governor Steve Ivory
10/13	No Meeting Columbus Day
10/20	Christa Pitts, Owner and Co-CEO, The Lumistellla Company

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	LifeLine Pawsitivity Adoption Event
10/5	Bark-A-Cue Family Event and Dinner / Monthly Social Events
10/6	Buckhead Official Visit
10/11	Dekalb Healthy Pet Event as part of the Pawsitivity Partnership with LifeLine
10/18	Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand AND OpenHand Tours

BIRTHDAYS

8/31	Brian Mendelson



Buckhead Rotary, Growing Strong Together

I am thrilled to announce Buckhead Rotary was recognized at the most recent District 6900 membership summit for two consecutive years of net membership growth, covering the Rotary years of 2024-2025. This is a huge accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our previous membership chair Miriam Falaki and her committee. A special congratulations to past presidents Doug Eidson and Denise Starling for their leadership, this is no small feat! Let's keep the momentum going! If you have any friends or business associates you would like to invite to a luncheon, social, or volunteer event, please reach out to our Membership Chair, Allie Geisler Allie.Geisler@td.com.

9/2	James Wimberly
9/2	Carolyn Stefanco
9/4	Armando Ruiz
9/9	Stephen Hall
9/18	David Bockel

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/28	David Bockel (54)
8/28	David Bockel, Jr. (21)
9/4	Armando Ruiz (4)

ROTARY ONLINE

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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



Member Spotlight

Congratulations to Billy Amberg and his wife Lindsey on the birth of their son on August 17th, Carter Andrews Amberg.



Buckhead Rotary was proud to support our GRSP student, Dani Bergamo, at the recent Conclave in Athens. Dani carried the Brazilian flag on stage with her class, posed with fellow Latinas/Latinos, and celebrated alongside 38 other students from 23 countries—including Kenya, Turkey, Jordan, Fiji, Bolivia, Jamaica, Argentina, Costa Rica, China, and Russia. The GRSP Class of 2025-26 represents a true global family, building lifelong friendships and understanding across cultures. We're honored to be part of this tradition of service and international fellowship.



September 27: Healthy Pet Event

RSVP Today!

RSVP Here: https://www.buckheadrotary.org/event/8590

Come out and support our Pawsitivity Partnership with LifeLine's Healthy Pet event. There will be 1,500+ pets and their people in attendance. This event provides the much-needed vaccinations for dogs and cats as well as chipping and vouchers for spaying and neutering. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to engage with the animals as you help direct people, check them in, and assist with paperwork. Come for an hour or stay for the entire time. Families and children of all ages are welcome to attend. LifeLine provides breakfast and coffee plus lunch for all staff, volunteers, and event attendees. But you must sign up on the calendar if you want to volunteer.

Let’s get the word out about LifeLine.

Don't forget to show off your pet! Email a photo of you and your pet to Mark Johnson mejgeorgia@gmail.com

LifeLine Donations: We are collecting the following items, every week at our Monday luncheons to include the following:

Newspapers

Linens

Towels

Pet Food

Pet Toys

Cleaning Supplies


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PARTNERSHIP