Message from the President: December 2025

A heartfelt thank you to all our members who joined us for the last meeting of the year, for some holiday cheer. It was one to remember! Together, we packed 100 bags for deserving cats and dogs, all while sharing laughs and working side by side in the spirit of service above self. We were treated to a festive serenade by our very own Drew Amerson, with Ty Tippet joining in for a lively round of “Jingle Bells.” And of course, the highlight was Santa’s surprise visit, straight from the North Pole Rotary Club! Special thanks to Jim Coleman for arranging Santa’s appearance and spreading holiday cheer. LifeLine was onsite to transport the donations, via their sled, back to the Fulton County Shelter. Thank you to Kari Kirkley for organizing the toys and treats for our four-legged friends! I was deeply moved by the energy, generosity, and heart our members showed. I am incredibly proud to serve as your president. In addition to these pictures, please use the link below to view a slide show of all the festivities.

Holiday Photo Slide Show

MEETINGS

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

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	Rotary on the Road @ Scouting America
1/19	No Meeting: MLK Holiday
2/2	Adam Chamberlain. President & CEO, Mercedes-Benz USA
2/9	Robert Ross Johnson Humanitarian Award Luncheon
2/16	No Meeting President's Day

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
1/30	Buckhead Rotary Night at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
2/6	Pre Valentine's Day at Boyse Ansley School to Benefit LifeLine
2/7	Polar Bear Plunge
2/9	Rev. R.R. Johnson Award

BIRTHDAYS

12/19	Jeff Clark
12/20	Taos Wynn
12/23	Cathy LaMon
12/24	Judge Gardner



Happy Hanukkah!

Happy challah days to all our Jewish members. Wishing you plentiful latkes and jelly donuts and enough gelt to keep the dreidel spinning all 8 nights. Happy Hanukkah!

12/25	Maggi O'Brien
12/25	Mary Ann Cathopoulis
12/28	Jonathan Blalock
12/29	Brent Adams
12/30	Randall Martin
12/31	Greg Davis
1/8	Bernard Santa Maria
1/9	Nell Benn
1/10	Neslihan Atici
1/14	Sara Beth Prendeville

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/21	Greg Davis (51)
12/30	Edward Lindsey, Jr. (37)
1/6	Reeves Smith (1)

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Pawsitivily Jolly!

As part of our Pawsitivity Partnership, we had another successful pet food delivery earlier this month. 25 Rotarians and their guests delivered to 45 LifeLine pet owners with an added total of 24 Open Hand meal orders. Thank you to everyone who participated, it warms my heart to know pets and their people won’t go hungry this holiday season.


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ANIMAL PROJECT

Welcome Eddie LaRocco!

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Eddie LaRocco, who was inducted on Monday. As we close out the year, we celebrate a major milestone,12 new members! While many Rotary clubs are seeing declines, Buckhead Rotary is growing, thriving, and gaining momentum. I can’t wait to see all that we will accomplish together in the second half of the Rotary year.

Join us in celebrating Eddie on LinkedIN:Welcome Eddie!