

## Happy Holidays! Message from the President

As the holiday season arrives, it's a time to pause and reflect on all we have to be grateful for as we gather with family and friends. Amid gift giving and meal preparations, it can be easy to forget to slow down and truly appreciate the blessings around us.

The holidays can also be a difficult time for those who have lost a loved one. After losing both my mother and father just a year apart in 2019 and 2020, I initially found this season especially challenging. Over time, I've learned to find comfort in cherished memories. I remember my parents in their prime, the fun times we shared, and the moments that still bring a smile. I'm also deeply grateful for the friendships and experiences that continue to fill my life. Wishing you time this holiday season to enjoy the company of those who matter most to you.

Warm holiday wishes to all, whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or another special tradition.



### 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

- 12/23 Cathy LaMon
- 12/24 Judge Gardner
- 12/25 Maggi O'Brien
- 12/25 Mary Ann Cathopoulos
- 12/28 Jonathan Blalock
- 12/29 Brent Adams

## Sign up for the Holiday Ham Haul!

It's BAAAAAAAACK! The Christmas Eve dinner delivery for our First Responders! This insanely popular event will provide dinner to every single fire station and police precinct in the City of Atlanta. We will pull it off in conjunction with Livable Buckhead, Buckhead Coalition and some additional sponsors yet to be nailed down. We need volunteers to help with picking up food, setting up the distribution and delivering the dinners to the stations. We need a lot of hands for this and if you are delivering, you need a car with a little bit of space! Pick up/Set up will start at 8am, deliveries will begin at 11:00am and should be wrapped up no later than about 2pm.

Please join us!

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## Holiday Party Photos

A great time was had by all at the annual Holiday Party! Check out the photos here:

Holiday Party Photo Album

12/30	Randall Martin
12/31	Greg Davis
1/8	Bernard Santa Maria
1/9	Nell Benn
1/14	Sara Beth Prendeville
1/14	Bernard Van Der Lande

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/30	Edward Lindsey, Jr. (37)
1/6	Reeves Smith (1)

### ROTARY ONLINE

<https://buckheadrotary.com>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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### SOCIAL MEDIA



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