Robert Ross Johnson Humanitarian Award Luncheon

Each year Buckhead Rotary honors a community member who personifies the ideal of humanitarianism. This year's award will be presented to Kathy Colbenson, recently retired CEO of CHRIS 180, for 38 years, one of the Southeast's premiere mental health, child welfare and family service organizations who saves, serves and protects thousands of abused and neglected children while empowering families through positive, solution focused programming which includes: behavioral health, life/social/vocational skill development, group homes, community services, training and housing programs.

Need to join by Zoom, click the link below.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87941219913?pwd=S15RIBjTE1TRk1NaDRNa3hTcmphUT09#success Password: 485257

Rotary Club of Buckhead

Maggiano's Little Italy

3368 Peachtree Road

Atlanta, GA 30326

Message from the President: February 9, 2026

We are very excited to kick-off the 2026 Buckhead Rotary Club Benefit honoring Gary Stokan, President and CEO of the Peach Bowl and his wife Tia on April 11, 2026. We hope all of our members and their guests can attend. This event is the primary fundraising effort for the Club that supports our three Signature Projects along with all our other efforts that make an impact in our community.

MEETINGS

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

2/9	Robert Ross Johnson Humanitarian Award Luncheon
2/16	No Meeting President's Day
2/23	Governor Kemp and Georgia First Lady, Marty Kemp
3/2	Hands-On Volunteer Activity Benefiting Girl Scouts and Inspiration from their Community Projects
3/9	No Meeting: Volunteer for Shepherd Center Tuesday Dinner Service
3/16	No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
3/23	Joe Zadik. FBI Cybersecurity Special Agent for the Southeast Region, and Bryant Tow, Leapfrog Chief Security Officer
3/30	Kyle Waide, President & CEO, Atlanta Community Food Bank

EVENTS

2/11	SHARE Pizza Night
2/16	Board of Directors Meeting
2/19	Thirsty ThirdsDay
3/7	Dog for a Day (or a Few Hours) at the lush and scenic Chastain Park
3/10	Shepherd Center Family Dinner Volunteer Event
3/16	Board of Directors Meeting
3/19	Thirsty ThirdsDay
3/21	Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand

BIRTHDAYS

2/11	Bill Barney

We are updating the Patron Sponsorship offering this year to include two levels. The first “Patron Sponsorship” level is at $500 and will offer Buckhead Rotary sponsors an additional ticket (you already have paid for a ticket through your dues) to the event for their plus one (you will have two tickets total) along with recognition in the event brochure. The second “Hosting Patron” level is at $1,000 and will offer the same number of tickets plus special recognition at the event.

We ask that all Rotarians please seriously consider sponsoring the event to help support the Club and its community service efforts throughout the year.

Check out the Annual Benefit Information here!

Event details:

Cherokee Town & Country Club (155 W Paces Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30305)

Saturday, April 11, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Registration is required for all attendees.

Each Buckhead Rotarian has one (1) prepaid ticket reserved exclusively for them, but you must still register to confirm attendance.

You can submit a patron sponsorship in one of two ways:

Online (strong preference) at www.buckheadgala.com/sponsor

By Check

Make payable to “Buckhead Rotary Foundation” – please note “Gala Sponsorship” on check

Deliver to “PO Box 12151, Atlanta, Ga 30355” or to Sponsorship Committee directly

All we ask is that you complete your sponsorship by 03/15 so we can maintain an accurate count of attendees. We hope we can count on you to support all the good work Buckhead Rotary does in the community and beyond!

Please direct any questions to Ford Donohue at Ford.Donohue@hbwealth.com or 404.264.1400.

2/14	Kevin Glass
2/14	Edward LaRocco
2/15	Sean Mikula
2/15	Patty Webb
2/16	Michelle Middlebrooks
2/19	Mark Meltzer
2/22	Emily Carter
3/5	Carol Gray Walker

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

ROTARY ONLINE

https://buckheadrotary.org
https://rotary6900.org/
https://rotary.org/

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

Be Pawsitive, Be Thirsty, Be There!

Don't miss out on these upcoming events!

SHARE Pizza Night, Feb. 11, Shepard Center

Thirsty Thirdsday hosted by Kevin and Stephani Glass, Feb 19.

Pawsitivity Partnership, Feb. 21.

Rotary on the Road, Feb 23, at the Sheperd Center