



November 20, 2025

11.20.2025: Message from the President

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With the holiday's coming up, we want to ensure the animals have food and that no one is skipping a meal to feed their pet. Our final delivery of the year is scheduled for Saturday December 6th at 10:00 am at Open Hand's headquarters. Please check the calendar for sign up information.

Our December 1st meeting is almost here. Please wear your college (or pro) apparel and show support for our speaker, Gary Stokan... Even if your old sweatshirts are a little tight around the middle, pull out your go to Brave's t-shirt and show your team spirit. Go Dawgs, Bumblebees, or whoever you root for!

No Meeting November 24th. Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday. Thank you to all our members for your fellowship and your commitment to service above self which continues to make a difference in our community and beyond.



November is Rotary Foundation Month



Holiday Party! RSVP Today!

Holiday Party @ Cherokee Town Club
Rotary Club of Buckhead
December 16, 2025 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
[RSVP HERE](#)

Come and join in the festivities at the Cherokee Town Club at 155 W. Paces Ferry Road NW, Atlanta and celebrate some holiday cheer. This not to miss event is a holiday/business attire. Valet parking available, no tipping!



December: Volunteering and Fellowship

We have a few great opportunities to connect, volunteer, and fellowship this December. Check out the December calendar here: [RSVP for December Events](#)



Unite for Good to deliver much needed food!

Buckhead Rotary Club | LifeLine ANIMAL PROJECT | Open Hand

Meetings

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- 11/24 No Meeting Thanksgiving Holiday
- 12/1 Gary P. Stokan, CEO & President, Peach Bowl, Inc.
- 12/8 Service Project for LifeLine Pack Pet Stockings for the Holidays
- 12/15 No Meeting: Register for Holiday Party
- 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 Tent. Rotary on the Road at OpenHand

Events

- 11/20 Tacos! Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 12/6 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
- 12/8 Board of Directors Meeting
- 12/16 Holiday Party @ Cherokee Town Club
- 1/12 Board of Directors Meeting
- 1/15 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 1/17 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
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Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 11/3 Charlie Rigby, Jr.
- 11/4 Raymond Reynolds, Jr.

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- 11/4 Ford Donohue
- 11/5 Bill Gentner
- 11/5 Stephen Craft
- 11/12 Kari Kirkley
- 11/14 Alan Redding
- 11/15 Beth Howell
- 11/17 Michael Halaby
- 11/18 Ben Bowen, III
- 11/18 Jordan Jones
- 11/24 Travis Bowden
- 11/27 Harrison Davis

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rotary Online

<https://buckheadrotary.com>

<https://rotary6900.org/>

<https://rotary.org/>



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







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