





December 4, 2025

#### **Meetings**

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

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

1/19 No Meeting: MLK Day Holiday

1/26 Joe Zadik, FBI
Cybersecurity Special
Agent for the Southeast
Region, and Bryant Tow,
Leapfrog Chief Security
Officer

#### **Events**

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

#### Last Meeting of 2025! See you Monday!

Service Project for LifeLine Pack Pet Stockings for the Holidays

Service Project onsite at Maggiano's to pack stockings for cats and dogs. Santa Claus will be making a guest appearance, straight from the North Pole to put us in the holiday spirit. Let's make these shelter animal's holidays purr-iffic.

Invocation: Tobias Hoffmeister

New member induction - Eddie LaRocco (Sponsor: Allie Geisler)

Rotary Club of Buckhead

Maggiano's Little Italy

3368 Peachtree Road

Atlanta, GA 30326

# RSVP Today! Holiday Party & Volunteer Opportunities

RSVP HERE!

Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand

December 6, 2025 10:00 am— 1:00 pm

Lend a paw (or a hand) through our Pawsitivity Partnership bringing together Buckhead Rotarians supporting LifeLine's mission to keep pets with their people. We are delivering pet food to those in need. We will meet at OpenHand for an orientation and then each carload will hit the road to help our furry friends and their people.

OpenHand, 1380 West Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

Holiday Party @ Cherokee Town Club

Rotary Club of Buckhead

December 16, 2025 6:00 pm— 9:00 pm

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 holiday/business attire. Valet parking available, no tipping.

1/17 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with

OpenHand

1/22 Thirsty ThirdsDay

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#### **Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS**

12/3 Betsy Barge

12/5 Edward Lindsey, Jr.

12/6 Brandi Smith

12/7 Denise Starling

12/9 Ryan Neff

12/19 Jeff Clark, Jr.

12/20 Taos Wynn

12/23 Cathy LaMon

12/24 Judge Gardner, III

12/25 Maggi O'Brien

12/29 **Brent Adams** 

12/30 Randall Martin

12/31 **Greg Davis** 

#### WEDDING **ANNIVERSARIES**

12/8 Matt Jollay (8)

12/15 Mark Johnson (52)

12/17 Catherine Land-Waters

12/21 Greg Davis (51)

12/21 Jack Hellriegel (62)

12/30 Edward Lindsey, Jr. (37)

#### **Rotary Online**

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









#### **LEADERSHIP**

President

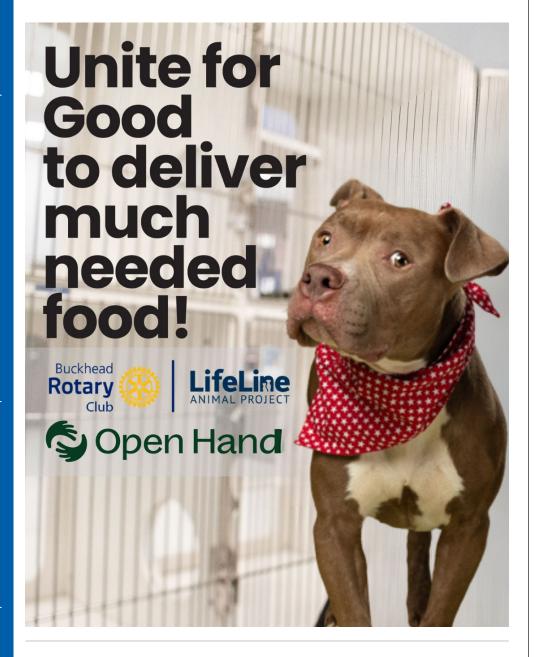
Shelley Hammell

President-Elect Immediate PP

Jeff Clark, Jr. Denise Starling Vice President Jeff Clark, Jr.

Treasurer

Radu Zernoveanu



# **Buckhead Rotarians Shine on this Holiday Season!**

A big thank you from the bottom of my heart. Buckhead Rotary truly shines when we pair our fundraising efforts with hands-on service. Thanks to our members' generosity, we funded 50 plushies, and with a one-for-one match from The Lumistella Company, we were able to provide every student and teacher with a toy.

A few of Santa's elves delivered joy and cheer to the 94 students at the Boyce Ansley School, all on Santa's nice list from kindergarten through 5th grade. We were greeted with cheers, grateful smiles, and even a few guestions about when Santa might be stopping by.

Thanks to elves, Jim and Anne Breedlove, Jeff Clark, and our newest member, Carl Wiljelm who took the North Pole Express (MARTA) to join the festivities. And a special shout out to our Chief Elf, Miriam Falaki, for packing the sleigh, coordinating with Rudolf and the other reindeer, securing the plushies from Santa and his toy makers,

Secretary Michael Stimpert
Public Image Mark Meltzer
Sergeant-at-Arms Garth Peters

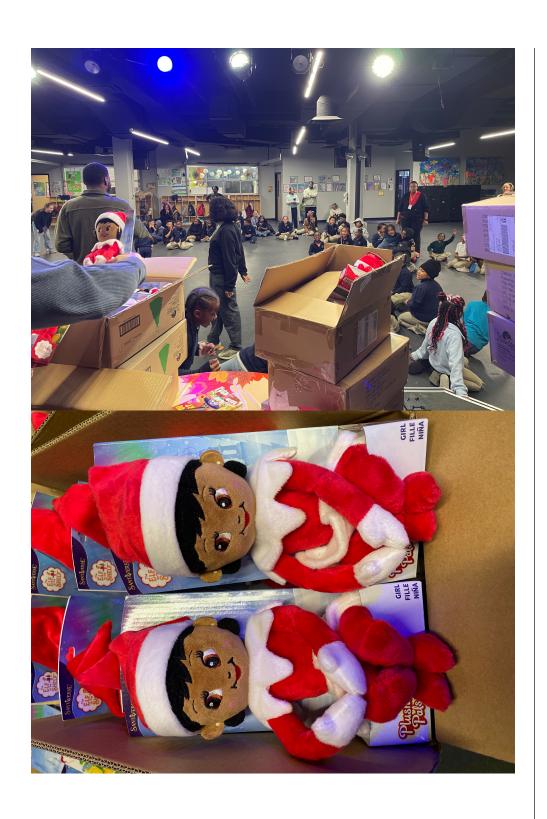
The Lumistella Company, and making this day a holly-jolly fun time for the children at the Boyce Ansley School. What a wonderful way to give back to our community. I am truly proud of the impact we make as Buckhead Rotarians.

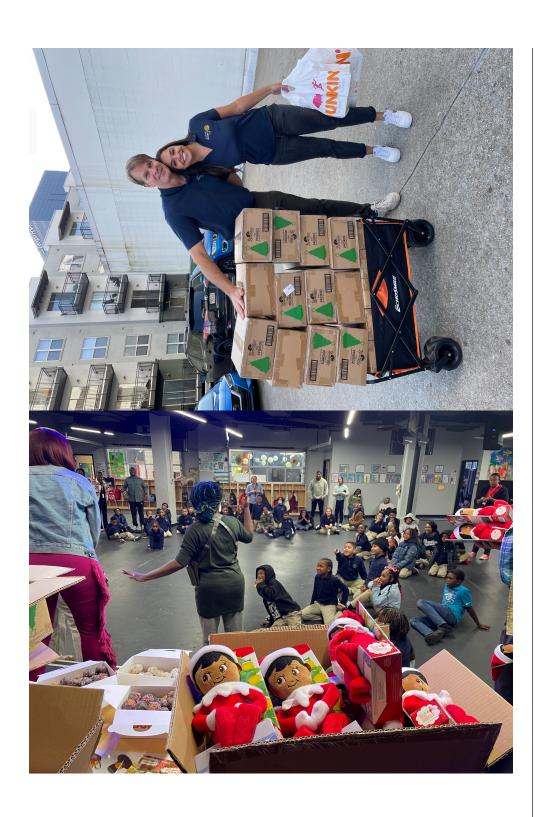


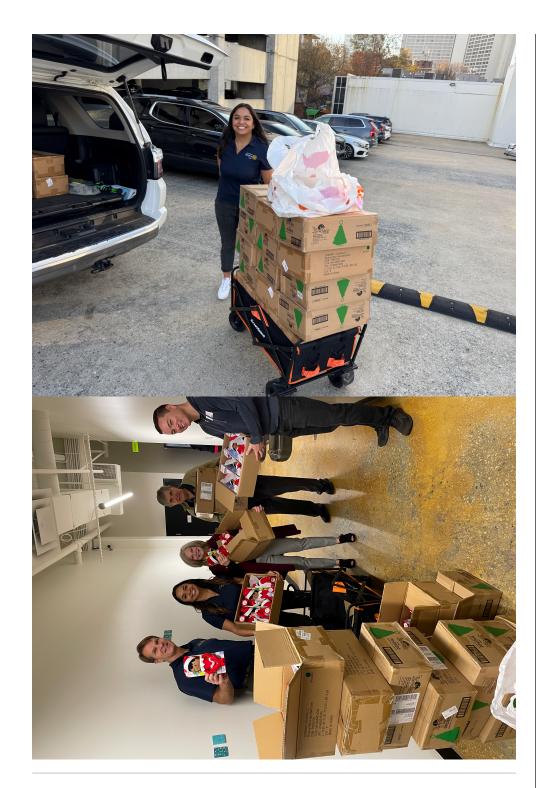












### 12.4.2025: Message from the President

Thank you to Gary Stokan, CEO and President, Peach Bowl for sharing his inspiring life and leadership lessons with us this past Monday. His impact on college football and our state's economy is undeniable, as the Peach Bowl has become a major driver of business, tourism, and national visibility for Georgia. As he concludes his final year in this role, he leaves things better than he found them. A powerful reminder for us all. For anyone who was unable to attend or wanted more information on the acronyms Gary shared, they are included below.

TEAM
Teamwork - no job is too big or small, we work together
Empowerment - hire expertise of roles
Accountability - make everyone accountable to play their role
Management - manage the company through TEAM
CARE
Customer - should always be treated first
Attitude - should be positive everyday
Relationships - should be built for the long term
Excellence – should be the goal in everything that we do
ROCKS - Build your business with a strong foundation
Relationships - create and keep
Opportunities – always look for
Competitive – always be
Knowledge – continue to grow-learn
Strategic – look around the corner for what is next



## Let's Celebrate New Beginnings!

We've got a lot to celebrate!

 $Help\ give\ a\ warm\ welcome\ to\ Buckhead\ Rotary's\ newest\ members!$ 

We're thrilled to officially welcome Elizabeth Martin (sponsored by Denise Starling) and Brooke Wilson (sponsored by J. Tyler ("Ty") Tippett) to our club. Each new member strengthens our impact, our friendships, and our ability to serve our community.



Huge congratulations to our fellow Buckhead Rotarian Brian Mendelson and his

fiancée Rachelle Copeland on their engagement!

Thirsty Thirdsdays: Don't Miss Out on the Fun!

Good times were had by all at the November Thirsty Thirdsday hosted by Cathy Lamon! Don't miss January! RSVP HERE



