





January 8, 2026

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As in past years, this event will include a reception with open bar and hors d'oeuvres followed by great seats for the concert, at a discounted price of \$75 per person. The evening at the ASO is on Friday January 30 at 6:30 pm for a reception in the new Loft Space, in the Woodruff Arts Center immediately followed at 8:00 pm by the chamber concert on the new Goizueta Stage.

PURCHASE TICKETS for special pricing. Early sign-ups get the best seats! The deadline for purchasing tickets is January 23rd. We expect this event to sell out. Please email Jimmy Paulk at James.Paulk@atlantasymphony.org with any questions or help signing up.

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Meetings

January is Vocational Service Month

- 1/12 Rotary on the Road @ Scouting America
- 1/19 No Meeting: MLK Holiday
- 1/26 Joe Zadik. FBI Cybersecurity Special Agent for the Southeast Region, and Bryant Tow, Leapfrog Chief Security Officer
- 2/2 Adam Chamberlain. President & CEO, Mercedes-Benz USA
- 2/9 Robert Ross Johnson Humanitarian Award Luncheon
- 2/16 No Meeting President's Day
- 2/23 Shepherd Center Service Dog Program (on site at Shepherd)
- 3/2 Speaker to be Announced

Events

- 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
- 2/7 Polar Bear Plunge
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- 2/19 Thirsty ThirdsDay

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/8 Bernie Santa Maria
- 1/9 Nell Benn

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- 1/14 Sara Beth Prendeville
- 1/14 Bernard Van Der Lande
- 1/20 LeeHester Rhodes
- 1/31 Mitchell Nordstrom

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/6 Reeves Smith (1)

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