



Play Ball! Monday's Speaker: Paul Byrd, Braves Broadcaster

Paul Byrd is a former MLB starting pitcher and current TV broadcaster for the Atlanta Braves. During his baseball career with several MLB teams, he was known as "the nicest guy in baseball."

[Click here for event details and to RSVP: RSVP and Meeting Details](#)

Message from the President: May 7, 2026

Our Rotary on the Road visit to the Shepherd Center was nothing short of inspiring. We had an incredible turnout and an opportunity to see firsthand the life-changing work happening right here in our community. We heard from Julie Shepherd, granddaughter, who shared insights into the therapy dog program, including the special role that Labs and Golden Retrievers play in helping patients on their recovery journey. We were also honored by the presence of Alana Shepherd, founder, whose vision continues to impact so many lives. During our visit, we presented a check in support of the Shepherd Center's ongoing work.

The tour of the Marcus Center for Advanced Rehabilitation gave us a deeper appreciation for how cutting-edge technology is transforming rehabilitation. We learned how something as foundational as proper wheelchair seating can make a profound difference, preventing additional complications and helping patients regain independence and return to their daily routines.

Everyone left moved by the care and commitment we witnessed and inspired by the resilience of the patients whose lives are being rebuilt every day. Thank you to Liz Martin for arranging this impactful luncheon and to Denise Starling, immediate past president, who chose the Shepherd Center as her signature project.

Best regards,

MEETINGS

May is Youth Service Month

- 5/11 Paul Byrd, Braves Broadcaster
- 5/18 Russell R. McMurry, P.E.,
Commissioner, Georgia
Department of Transportation
- 5/25 No Meeting: Memorial Day Holiday
- 6/1 Tomer Zvulun, International Stage
Director and CEO, The Atlanta
Opera
- 6/8 Rotary on the Road: Lunch and
Short Volunteer at Fulton County
Animal Shelter
- 6/15 No Meeting: Register for End of
Year Party
- 6/22 Jonathan J. Hunt, Esq., Interim
General Manager, MARTA
- 6/29 Year-end awards and Installation
of new officers and directors.

EVENTS

- 5/16 Pawsitivity Partnership with
Buckhead Rotarians Delivering
Pet Food with OpenHand
- 5/18 Board of Directors Meeting
- 5/21 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 6/8 Board of Directors Meeting
- 6/14 Year End Pizza Party
- 6/20 Pawsitivity Partnership with
Buckhead Rotarians Delivering
Pet Food with OpenHand
- 9/14 Lee
- 10/20 Donate a Plushee Pals® Toy to
the Boyce L. Ansley School
Students

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/8 Aadu Allpere
- 5/9 Curtis Douglass
- 5/12 Miriam Falaki
- 5/14 Doug Eidson

Shelley Hammell



- 5/15 Greg Cole
- 5/16 Karla Arriola
- 5/17 Lew Brown
- 5/21 Kathleen Finn
- 5/25 Chris Jones
- 5/27 John Saunders
- 5/29 Cort Neimark
- 5/30 Sam Alston
- 6/2 Bea Garner
- 6/2 Peter Guentermann
- 6/2 David Bockel

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/21 Lew Brown (44)
- 6/3 Travis Bowden (2)

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May You Never go Thirsty!

Join us for casual conversations, drinks, and snacks in a relaxed and friendly environment. Fellow Rotarian Jim Floyd and his wife Nancy are hosting. Weather permitting, we will enjoy some sips and snacks on their lovely deck. We would love you to join us for this special evening of fellowship.

545 Pinetree Drive, NE, Atlanta 30305

Help Jim and Nancy plan for this thirsty crew! [RSVP Here for Thirsty ThirdsDay](#)

Volunteer Opportunity you Pawsitively Don't Want to Miss!

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.

Sign up here and feel free to bring friends and family! [Claim Your Volunteer Spot Here](#)

