



August 21, 2025

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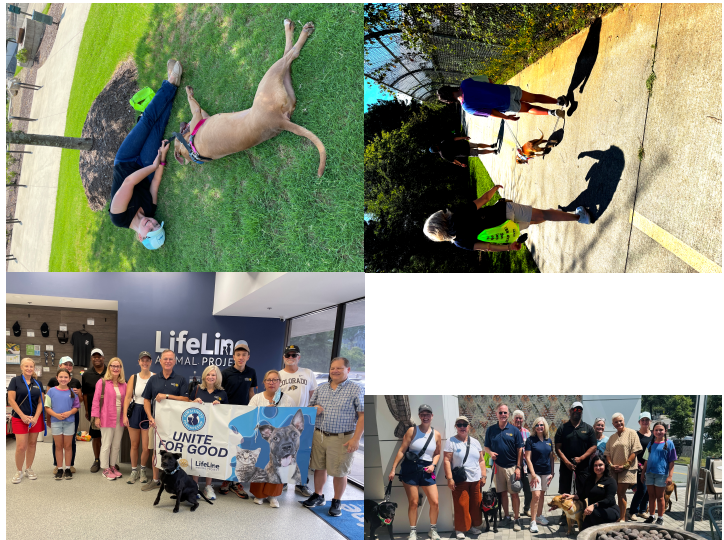


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## Meetings

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- 8/25 Ricky Smith, General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
- 9/1 No Meeting Labor Day
- 9/8 Dr. Bryan Johnson, Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent
- 9/15 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 9/22 Rotary on the Road Lunch at Fulton County Animal Shelter
- 9/29 David E. Altig, Executive Vice President and Chief Economic Adviser, The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- 10/6 District Governor Steve Ivory
- 10/13 No Meeting Columbus Day

## Events

- 8/21 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 9/15 Board of Directors Meeting
- 9/18 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 9/27 Fulton Healthy Pet Event as part of the Pawsitivity Partnership with LifeLine

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Collette Brown
- 8/6 Blake Beyer
- 8/6 Ken Clary
- 8/6 Rick Higgins
- 8/9 Matt Jollay
- 8/15 Dietrich Logan
- 8/21 Michael Stimpert
- 8/23 Jim Floyd
- 8/24 Matthew Frost
- 8/31 Brian Mendelson

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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/3 Kari Kirkley (23)  
8/24 Cort Neimark (34)  
8/24 Phyllis Neimark (34)  
8/25 Blake Beyer (18)  
8/25 Ford Donohue (6)  
8/25 Chris Jones (28)  
8/28 David Bockel, Jr. (21)

## Rotary Online

<https://buckheadrotary.com>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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## LEADERSHIP

President	Shelley Hammell
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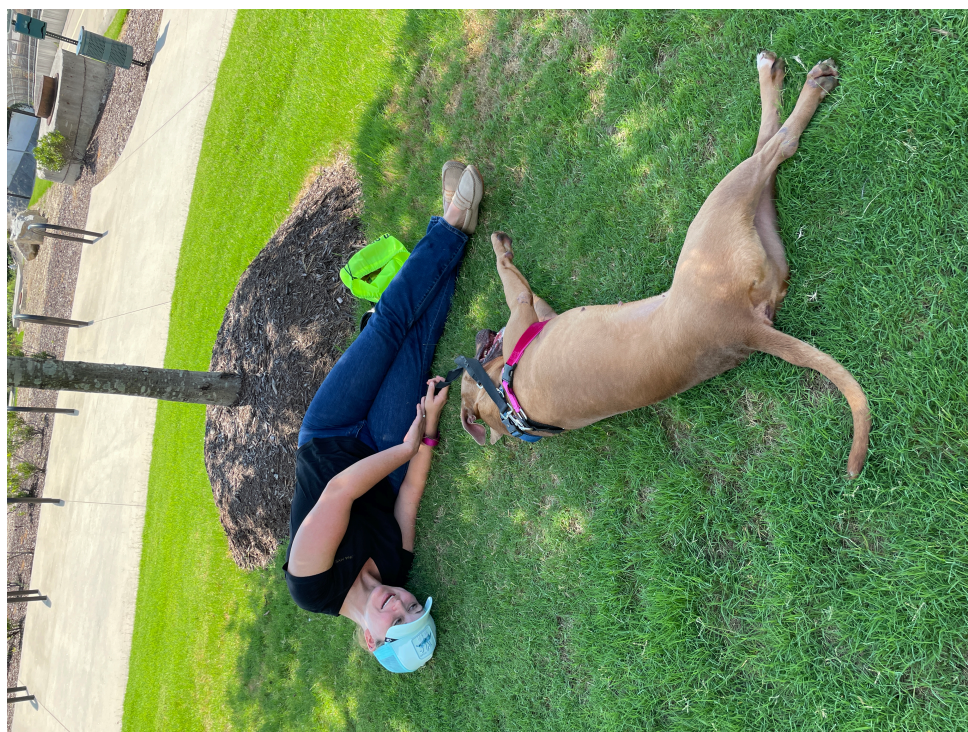


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