



October 24, 2025

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Invocation: Jim Breedlove

Sunshine: Mitchell Nordstrom

Rotary Club of Buckhead  
Maggianno's Little Italy  
3368 Peachtree Road  
Atlanta, GA 30326



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We launched the initiative recognizing that feeding and caring for a pet can cost over \$30,000 over its lifetime, an expense that can force some owners to skip meals or give up their pets, causing shelter overcrowding. Partnering with Open Hand, which already delivers nutritious meals, made it a natural fit to include pet food to help address food insecurity for both people and their pets.

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- 10/27 Rotary Polio Awareness Day: Robert Hall. Past Rotary International Trustee
- 11/3 Timo Resch, President and CEO of Porsche Cars North America, Inc
- 11/10 Veterans Day Panel Conversation
- 11/17 Monsignor Frank McNamee, Rector, The Cathedral of Christ the King
- 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

## Events

- 11/9 Shepherd Center Movie Night - Secret Life of Pets
- 11/15 Deliver Pet Food with LifeLine and OpenHand
- 11/15 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
- 11/17 Board of Directors Meeting
- 11/20 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 12/8 Board of Directors Meeting
- 12/16 Holiday Party @ Cherokee Country Club
- 12/20 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand

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## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Candace Klein  
10/1 Jim Coleman  
10/1 Ben Shapiro  
10/6 Drew Amerson  
10/10 Jack Hellriegel

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/14 Shelley Hammell (8)  
10/21 Raymond Reynolds, Jr.  
(36)

## Rotary Online

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



## LEADERSHIP

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|------------------|------------------|
| 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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