



January 1, 2026

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## Meetings

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- 1/5 Georgia State Legislators. House of Representatives: Betsy Holland (D) and Deborah Silcox (R)
- 1/12 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 1/19 Rotary on the Road @ Scouting America
- 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)

## Events

- 1/15 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 1/17 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
- 1/19 Board of Directors Meeting
- 1/22 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 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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## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

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

## Rotary Online

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



### LEADERSHIP

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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