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"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."
- Dr. Martin Luther King Junior

January 26 Rotary Meeting

Joe Zadik, FBI Cybersecurity Special Agent for the Southeast Region, and Bryant Tow, Leapfrog Chief Security Officer

Invocation: Carl Wilhelm

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Need to join by Zoom, click the link below.

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Rotary Club of Buckhead

Maggianno's Little Italy

3368 Peachtree Road

Atlanta, GA 30326



Meetings

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- 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
- 3/9 No Meeting: Volunteer for Shepherd Center Tuesday Dinner Service

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
- 2/9 Board of Directors Meeting
- 2/11 SHARE Pizza Night

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)

Rotary Online

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