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Sunshine: Leo Klein-Kraneberg  
Rotary Club of Buckhead  
Maggiano's Little Italy  
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May is Youth Service Month



**MEETINGS**

- May is Youth Service Month
- 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.
- 7/6 No Meeting: July 4th Holiday

**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  
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- 10/20 Donate a Plushee Pals®  
Toy to the Boyce L. Ansley  
School Students

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 5/14 Doug Eidson
- 5/15 Greg Cole

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- 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
- 6/9 Rich Kruse
- 6/10 Gail Wofford

**WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5/21 Lew Brown (44)
- 6/3 Travis Bowden (2)
- 6/11 Alec Smythe (43)

**ROTARY ONLINE**

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



**LEADERSHIP**

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Immediate PP	Denise Starling
Vice President	Jeff Clark, Jr.
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Secretary	Michael Stimpert
Public Image	Mark Meltzer
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