

"THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

August 7, 2024

Meetings

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

- 8/9 General Meeting
- 8/23 General Meeting
- 9/6 General Meeting
- 9/13 General Meeting

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 8/2 George Stewart, Jr.
- 8/4 William Thiele
- 8/7 Neal MacDonald
- 8/14 Cathie Brumfield
- 8/16 Meredith Morris
- 8/17 Charlie Augello
- 8/25 Mike Carlson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/3 Deb Cameron (33)
- 8/12 Marion Bunch (46)
- 8/19 Mike Parks (7)
- 8/20 Ron Barden (57)
- 8/29 Buzz Law (16)
- 8/31 Rick Woods (23)

Rotary Online

<https://dunwoodyrotary.org>
<https://rotary6900.org/>
<https://rotary.org/>

ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Embassy Suites - Atlanta
Perimeter Center
1030 Crown Pointe Pkwy

This Week's Speaker

Sally Bethea, Chattahoochee River Keepers



Join us this Friday at the Embassy Suites to welcome Sally Bethea, the retired founding director of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. This environmental advocacy organization was established in 1994 with a mission is to protect and restore the Chattahoochee River, its tributaries and watershed.

Sally has an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in city and regional planning from Georgia Tech—as well as more than forty years of experience in environmental issues and nonprofit management. After retiring in 2014, Sally taught a graduate course in water resources planning at Georgia Tech for six years.

Since 2015, she has written a monthly column for *Atlanta INtown* paper called "Above the Waterline." She is also the author of an environmental memoir called *Keeping the Chattahoochee*, published by the University of Georgia Press, which has been named a 2024 Book All Georgians Should Read (GA Center for the Book).

Sally will have copies of her book, *Keeping the Chattahoochee*, available for purchase at



LEADERSHIP

President Louise Barden

President Nominee David Burr

Vice President Matthew Johnson

Treasurer Carter Stout

Secretary Alison Norris

\$25 each. She accepts cash, checks, or Venmo payments (no credit cards, please).

Getting to Know You

Matthew Johnson: Music, Mountains, Making a Difference



Our president elect, Matthew Johnson, is fresh back from summer vacation where his family spent a week in New England. The photo shows Matthew, his wife, Jill, and their daughters, Loren and Abigail, while hiking in Acadia National Park. He managed to only bill about 2.5 hours to his law firm that week which is the real sign that he was on vacation.

Matthew started his career as a music teacher for 15 years when he decided to start law school. He continued teaching full time and spent the next four years attending Georgia State University College of Law part time. He has practiced law since 2015, focusing on domestic relations and family law. Matthew enjoys being a lawyer but misses the annual rhythm of the school schedule with winter vacations and starting with a new batch of kids each fall.

Shortly after becoming an attorney, Matthew realized he had more flexibility in his schedule and wanted to connect more with his local community. He reached out to his neighborhood's Facebook group and asked if anyone was familiar with a local Rotary club. He joined our club in September 2020 during the middle of COVID.

Matthew's favorite club activity has been preparing the books for Dresden. He wants our club to perform more projects like preparing books for Dresden or backpacks for Tapestri, enjoyable activities where members get together, form connections, and complete the entire project.

Editor's Note: Sometimes we get to working so hard, we don't take time to get to know the people we're spending time with; that's why Dave Burr has decided to share more about our members in the bulletin. If you'd like to write a profile, send it to Jackie Cuthbert at cuthbert@mindspring.com

Fellowship Time

March to the Beat of 76 Trombones! Music Man is Coming ...



Please join us September 14 for a night of merriment, good food and a wonderful entertainment spectacular: Meredith Wilson's The Music Man at the City Springs Theater in Sandy Springs. BIG News for this coming week - Tickets go on sale Monday, July 29 - and we expect this popular show to sell out quickly. You can call the theater at (404) 477-4365 to buy tickets.

We will meet for dinner at Aldo's Italian Restaurant, 6690 Roswell Rd., NE. Sandy Springs, Ga 30328 at 5:45 pm. Please RSVP for dinner to Sherry Levy at sherrylevy13@hotmail.com.

Service Opportunity

Calling All Spruce-tarians!



Bounds Garden is waiting - the weeds are evidently calling us ... and we will respond on Saturday, August 17 at 9:00 am. Mark your calendars now - get your gloves and favorite garden tool ready and join us at the traffic island across from the Dunwoody Library! See you there!

Fundraising

Get Ready to Whiskey!

We are preparing for this year's whiskey raffle. Do you have a bottle of whiskey, bourbon, rye, or scotch in the back of your liquor cabinet? Please consider making an in-kind contribution to the cause! Reach out to Dave Burr (404-556-4065) to coordinate a donation.

The whiskey raffle helps us raise money for all that we do in the community! Help us keep our good work going!