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February 11, 2026

## RSVP Today! Governor Kemp, February 23 Meeting

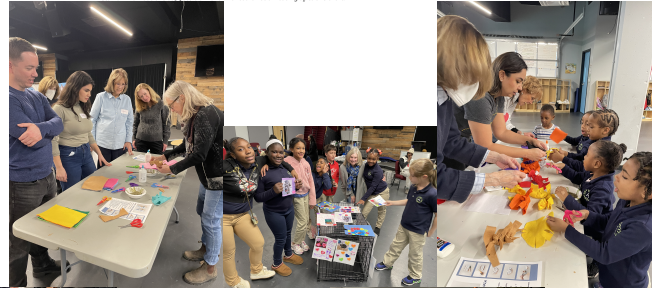
Exciting news! The speaker for our meeting on February 23rd will be Governor Bruce Kemp, accompanied by his wife, Georgia's First Lady, Kelly Kemp. (Our originally scheduled event at Shepherd Center will be rescheduled.) As you might imagine, there will be tight security for this meeting. We are required to give the Governor's office a list by February 18th of all the people who will attend the meeting, so it is imperative that all members register themselves and any guests before the close of business on February 18th. There are only approximately 120 seats for this event, so please register immediately to secure your spot. Note we will not be able to add any last-minute Rotarians or guests, and registration will be closed to both once we reach the meeting limit. Attendance is limited to Buckhead Rotarians and their families who reside in the Atlanta area.

To register, [click here](#) and select "Will Attend" button for the event. [Click the "Guest" button](#) to add your guest.



### Message from the President: Love is in the Air

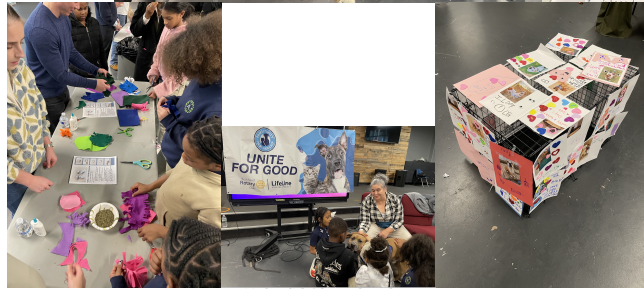
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February is Peace and Conflict  
Prevention Month

**Rotary**  
District 6900  
Supporting education: Boyce Ansel School Students  
Interaction with Rescued Dogs and Cats  
Rotary Club of Buckhead

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Lead a paw (or a hand) through our Paweavers Partnership bringing together Buckhead Rotarians supporting Lifeline's mission to keep pets with their people. We are delivering pet food to those in need. We will meet at Openland for an orientation and then each carpool will hit the road to help our furry friends.

Paweavers Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with Openland  
Rotary Club of Buckhead  
February 21, 2026 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
[Click Here to Sign Up](#)



### Thirsty Thirddays: Hosted by Kevin & Stephanie Glass

Check! February Thirsty Thirdday  
February 13, 2026 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Kevin and Stephanie Glass will host us at their home this month, 260 Rumson Road, just off of Peachtree Rd in Buckhead. This is a great time to bring a prospective member. We will enjoy wine, beer, and light snacks. There is no charge for members, guests are \$10. Please sign up so we have enough food and drinks.  
**RSVP TODAY!** [Click Here](#)

Pick up a Dog for a Day from Lifeline and enjoy a nice stroll through Chastain Park. Each dog walker will be given a bag of snacks which includes dog treats and everything you will need for your excursion. Come stroll with your fellow Buckhead Rotarians for a healthy walk and stress relief, yours and the dog's.

### Rotary Club of Buckhead - Dog for a Day!

**RSVP Here: March 7, 2026 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
If you don't want to get a dog but would like to stroll with us, please meet at 10:45 am outdoors, look for the Buckhead Rotary tent. We will have short and longer walks for everyone who is interested.  
Prior to just mingle with your fellow Rotarians over lunch, please join us afterwards at Pucker Chicken 1084 Chastain Tucker Rd., Atlanta, 30341 around 1:00 pm. Please note meals are available for purchase and are the responsibility of the individual.  
**All Rotarians are welcome!**



One of our newest Rotarians, [Edna LaRocca](#) and his wife Edie, welcomed their son, Luke Edward LaRocca, to the world in January! Let's celebrate!



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## Meetings

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## Prevention Month

- 2/16 No Meeting President's Day
- 2/23 Governor Kemp and Georgia First Lady, Marty Kemp
- 3/2 Hands-On Volunteer Activity Benefiting Girl Scouts and Inspiration from their Community Projects
- 3/9 No Meeting: Volunteer for Shepherd Center Tuesday Dinner Service
- 3/16 No Meeting: Register for Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 3/23 Speaker to be Announced
- 3/30 Kyle Waide, CEO, Atlanta Community Food Bank
- 4/6 Griff Lynch, President and CEO, Georgia Ports Authority

## Events

- 2/11 SHARE Pizza Night
- 2/16 Board of Directors Meeting
- 2/19 Thirsty ThirdsDay
- 2/21 Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
- 3/7 Dog for a Day (or a Few Hours) at the lush and scenic Chastain Park
- 3/10 Shepherd Center Family Dinner Volunteer Event
- 3/16 Board of Directors Meeting
- 3/19 Thirsty ThirdsDay

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## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 2/3 James Cotton
- 2/3 Daniela Bergamo
- 2/6 David Bockel, Jr.
- 2/6 Reeves Smith
- 2/11 Bill Barney, III
- 2/14 Kevin Glass
- 2/14 Eddie LaRocco
- 2/15 Sean Mikula
- 2/15 Patty Webb

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2/16 Michelle Middlebrooks  
2/19 Mark Meltzer  
2/22 Emily Carter

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### Rotary Online

<https://buckheadrotary.com>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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### 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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## Pawsitively Delightful: Saturday, February 21

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OpenHand, 1380 West Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30318



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