Message from the President: What an Amazing Event!

Wow, what a great gathering at our annual Foundation Benefit as we honored Gary and Tia Stokan and raised money for all the good we do in the community and beyond. We crushed it as they say. We had a record year of giving due to the amazing and fabulous team that put this event together. My thanks go out to Marilyn Morgan and Rosa McHugh who knocked it out of the park as this year's co-chairs. Shout out to Jeff Clark for all things technical and making sure the software was working correctly. Gratitude to Ryan Neff and his committee for the silent and live auction. We had some great items that attendees got to bid on including several exciting trips. And to Ford Donohue and his sponsorship committee. We had a record number of sponsorships this year. Not only was Chick-fil-A a presenting sponsor, and their former CEO Dan Cathy was also in attendance. It truly was a memorable evening.

And Buckhead Rotarians and guests know how to dress to the nines (idiom meaning: wearing fashionable, elaborate, or formal clothing to look one's absolute best, often for a special occasion or to impress). And everyone sure did dress to impress. Look at the pictures from the evening;

Password: love

Click Here for Photos

Rotary Benefit: Message from the Co-Chairs

We Want to Hear from You!

What an incredible event we had on Saturday night!

Thank you for the energy, generosity, and teamwork that made the 2026 Buckhead Rotary Foundation Benefit such a tremendous

MEETINGS

April is Environment Month

4/16	District Conference - April 16 - 19
4/17	District Conference - April 16 - 19
4/18	District Conference - April 16 - 19
4/19	District Conference - April 16 - 19
4/20	Katharine Kelley. CEO, Buckhead Coalition
4/27	No Lunch Meeting: Attend The Sandwich Project @ the Atlanta International School
5/4	Rotary on the Road at Shepherd Center @ 12:00 pm
5/11	Paul Byrd, Atlanta Braves TV Sports Broadcaster

EVENTS

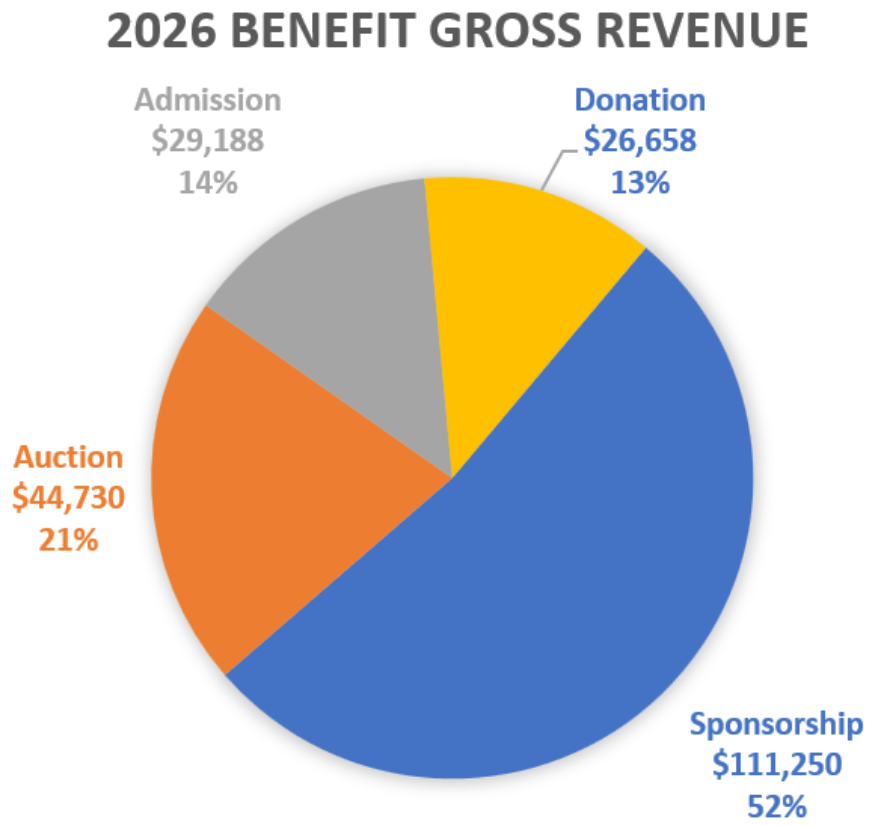
4/18	Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with Open Hand
4/20	Board of Directors Meeting
4/25	Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony
4/27	Sandwich Project at Atlanta International School
5/4	Parking for the location of our meeting Monday (Marcus Center for Advanced Rehabilitation)
5/16	Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with OpenHand
5/18	Board of Directors Meeting
5/21	Thirsty ThirdsDay

BIRTHDAYS

4/20	Jim Breedlove
4/21	Cody McClatchey
4/21	Alec Elchahal
4/24	Susan Smith

success.

The gross revenue graph tells an exciting story, and while final expenses are still being gathered, this is already shaping up to be the most successful fundraising event in the history of the Buckhead Rotary Foundation.



2026 BRF Benefit	Gross Revenue
Sponsorship	**$111,250**
Sponsorships	$96,250
Patron Sponsor	$15,000
Auction	**$44,730**
Silent Auction	$24,180
Live Auction	$16,500
Raffle Ticket	$4,050
Admission	**$29,188**
2025 Assessment	$17,188
Admission	$12,000
Donation	**$26,658**
Fund-A-Need	$25,200
Donations	$1,458
Grand Total	**$211,826**

That achievement belongs to every Rotarian who sponsored,

4/25	Catherine Land-Waters
5/2	Dirk Ledford
5/5	Craig MacKenzie
5/5	Solomon Kassa
5/6	Ty Tippett
5/8	Aadu Allpere
5/9	Curtis Douglass
5/12	Miriam Falaki
5/14	Doug Eidson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/20	Curtis Douglass (0)
4/20	Jim Saine (0)
4/23	Liz Loreti (10)
4/27	Judge Gardner, III (13)
5/4	Radu Zernoveanu (7)
5/4	Jordan Jones (13)

ROTARY ONLINE

https://buckheadrotary.org
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

donated, volunteered, invited guests, procured auction items, and helped make the evening so special. Your leadership and commitment made a remarkable impact and set a new standard for what we can accomplish together.

Please take a few minutes to complete the Benefit survey by clicking here: **Complete the Survey Here**. Your feedback will help us build on this momentum and make next year even stronger.

Thank you again for making this year's Benefit such an extraordinary success.

With gratitude,

Marilyn Morgan & Rosa McHugh

2026 Buckhead Rotary Foundation Benefit Co-Directors

Monday's Meeting: Speaker Katharine Kelley, CEO, Buckhead Coalition

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Need to join by Zoom, click the link below.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87941219913?pwd=S15RIBjTE1TRk1NaDRNa3hTcmphUT09#success Password: 485257

Invocation: Molly Guenther

Sunshine: Matthew Frost

Rotary Club of Buckhead

Maggiano's Little Italy

3368 Peachtree Road

Atlanta, GA 30326

Volunteer Opportunities!

So many great ways to give back!

April 18: SIGN UP HERE Pawsitivity Partnership with Buckhead Rotarians Delivering Pet Food with Open Hand

Lend a paw (or a hand) through our Pawsitivity 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 OpenHand for an orientation and then each carload will hit the road to help our furry friends and their people.

Open Hand, 1380 West Marietta St NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

April 25, 2026 10:30 am— 12:00 pm SIGN UP HERE Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony

The Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony is a distinguished occasion dedicated to honoring the exceptional achievements, leadership, and service of individuals who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. This celebratory event brings together community members and supporters to recognize the discipline, perseverance, and character demonstrated by these young leaders, while also acknowledging the organizations and individuals whose support has contributed to their success.

The Rotary's continued support has played a meaningful role in their success, and we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to recognize your contribution.

Ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude by 12:00 p.m. at the Rialto at GSU

District Conference: Where Fellowship Meets Leadership

Lake Lanier is soooo close!!

Join us for an unforgettable 2026 District Conference on April 17th – 19th as we celebrate the incredible accomplishments for the Rotary Year. This year’s conference is at the beautiful Lake Lanier Islands Resort which offers a fresh, fun setting for fellowship, inspiration, and celebration.

For members that may not be able to allocate the full weekend, this is the first time District Conference is located 50 miles (or less) from Atlanta, which offers the opportunity to attend for a portion of the conference (come Friday or Saturday) and you do not have to stay overnight. You must sign up to attend the conference here.

Questions, contact, Doug Eidson, 404-520-5807.