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### Jim Durrett, Board of Directors MARTA



James F. Durrett, III Executive Director, The Buckhead Community Improvement District Jim Durrett is executive director of The Buckhead Community Improvement District (CID) – a local governmental entity with taxation power. The mission of the Buckhead CID is to create a more accessible and livable urban environment in the heart of the Buckhead commercial area in north Atlanta. They meet the challenges of growth by investing tax dollars collected from commercial property owners within the district, as well as other funds they leverage from outside the district, to make meaningful improvements in the transportation network and public realm that

connect people and places. He has in-depth expertise in transportation, land use and creating livable communities.

Prior to heading up the Buckhead CID, Durrett was founding executive director of the Livable Communities Coalition, a not-for-profit organization formed in 2005 to promote smart growth development in the Atlanta region. Prior to that, Durrett served for five years with the Urban Land Institute (ULI), an organization dedicated to land use and real estate development issues, as the founding executive director of ULI's Atlanta District Council.

In addition, Durrett was with the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce as the vice president of environmental affairs, and was the senior vice president and chief operating officer of The Georgia Conservancy. Durrett began his professional career as a hydrogeologist in the DeKalb County office of Golder Associates, an international geotechnical and environmental engineering consulting firm. Durrett is actively involved in the community and currently serves on the following boards and councils: Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) board of directors (which he chaired in 2011); Biophilic Institute executive board president; Livable Communities Council of ULI Atlanta; the Responsible Property Investment Council of ULI; and Project Interconnections board of directors.

From 1998 to 2005, Durrett was a member of the Georgia Environmental Advisory Council, appointed by the Governor to advise the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and the Governor on environmental policy matters. He is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta, the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership, and the Regional Leadership Institute. He chaired the advisory committee for Georgia For a Lifetime, an initiative of the Georgia Council on Aging. He also has served on numerous collaborative committees and task forces working on growth management, affordable housing and environmental issues in the state of Georgia.

Previous non-profit board experience includes Georgians for Passenger Rail; the Georgia Conservancy; PEDS; the Hambidge Center; and VSA Arts of Georgia.

Durrett attended the Westminster Schools in Atlanta and earned a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in Geology from the University of Georgia. He completed postgraduate work in hydrogeology at the University of Texas. He is an Atlanta native and lives in DeKalb County with his wife, Pat. They have two grown sons, James and Ryan

# Club Announcements

## Rotary International Convention (Atlanta June 10-14)

Almost 40,000 of your fellow global Rotarians are coming to Atlanta June 10 - 14 to enjoy our International Convention!

For those who have already registered, please consider volunteering for just (1) four hour shift. To volunteer, simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit [www.rotaryconvention2017.org/volunteer](http://www.rotaryconvention2017.org/volunteer).
2. Click on the Volunteer Registration Form link.
3. Fill out the form completely.
4. Click on the Send Volunteer Registration

### Member News

#### GRSP - It's Official!

It's is official! Our Club will partner with the Rotary clubs of East Cobb and Marietta for next Rotary year's Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) student. More to details after the selection process is completed.

#### Race Committee

**\$80,000 was awarded to these wonderful charities:**

- **Phoenix Boys Association**
- **HERO For Children**
- **LEKOTEK of Georgia, Inc.**
- **Vinings United Methodist Church – Community Kitchen**
- **ArtsBridge Foundation**
- **MUST Ministries**
- **Boys Scouts –Atlanta Area Council**
- **N. Fulton Child Development Assoc.**
- **Kate's Club**
- **Center for Children & Young Adults**
- **Children's Restoration Network**
- **Atlanta Mission**
- **Adult Disability Medical Home, Inc.**
- **Calvary Children's Home**
- **Good Samaritan Health Center**

A **BIG THANK YOU** to ALLL our Rotarians for the many hours of planning and working the Downhill race that allowed us to fund these organizations!

Great **THANKS** to our members who ALSO supported the Race financially as SPONSORS, you made it happen!

**Combined Vinings Cumberland and Smyrna Rotary Club Meeting on Wednesday!**

### Service Above Self

**Seeds of Hope International SERVICE project \* Feb 26 1:30 - 4pm**

Together we will pack seeds for over 190,000 gardens for partners in Malawi and Liberia - that's enough for 2+ million pounds of food in the first harvest!

#### **Disaster Relief for South Georgia and Albany**

The generosity of our members never cease to amaze me!

On such short notice, Vinings Cumberland Rotarians donated \$350 and your Board has approved an additional \$500 to be sent. 100% will be going to directly to the Rotary Club of Albany to be distributed to those in there community of have lost SO much.

## Rotarians Around Town

