

"THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

March 12, 2025

Meetings

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

- 3/14 General Meeting - Denise Brodsky, Executive Director, Clubhouse Atlanta
- 3/28 General Meeting - Adam Forrand, President and CEO, Greater Perimeter Chamber - "Advancing Regional Economic Prosperity"

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 3/7 Jackie Cuthbert
3/8 Louise Barden
3/8 Ken Levy
3/9 Pat McMahon
3/12 Pavittar Safir
3/20 Anne Glenn
3/22 John Mills
3/31 Alison Norris

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/13 Laura Kann (27)
3/19 Jennie Springer (17)

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
Atlanta, GA , GA 30338

If You Don't Read to the Bottom ...

You'll miss out on how you can be part of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody story over the next few weeks. In addition to welcoming our own Denise Brodsky as this week's speaker, think about:

- How you can support the FORE the Memories! Golf Tournament - the club's major fundraiser
- Honoring our brave military personnel by supporting our April 10 USO visit
- Signing up for next Friday's DeKalb Rotary Council breakfast
- Enjoying each other's company at our upcoming Wine Fellowship and/or Dunwoody Diner events
- Smiling when you read about fellow Rotarian Tina Philpott, and about the difference we made with our work for Tapestri

It's all just down a bit farther in this email bulletin! Keep on reading!

This Week's Speaker

Denise Brodsky, Executive Director, Clubhouse Atlanta



LEADERSHIP

President	Louise Barden
President Nominee	David Burr
Immediate PP	Jack Sparks, Jr.
Vice President	Matthew Johnson
Treasurer	Carter Stout
Secretary	Alison Norris



Join us this Friday at the Embassy Suites to welcome our own Rotarian Denise Brodksy, Executive Director of Clubhouse Atlanta. This non-profit organization's mission is to provide an inviting place for adults living with a mental illness - an experience that gives them respect, dignity and courage to reach their potential as valued and contributing members of their community. Clubhouse Atlanta's model is based on a set of Clubhouse International's evidence-based standards embraced by over 340 Clubhouses worldwide. [\[more\]](#)

Wine Fellowship

Join Marion and Austin Bunch for WineFest - March 23

Marion and Austin Bunch have invited all who are interested to home on Sunday March 23 from 4 to 6 PM for a BYOB winefest. Participants also are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Their condominium is one of two towers at the corner of Peachtree and Lakeview - specifically at PLAZA TOWERS, 2575 Peachtree Rd. NE, unit 20 ... [\[more\]](#)

Golf Tournament Update

Join Chris Gutschenritter, Ashford Financial, as a Sponsor



We are excited to recognize and properly thank Chris Gutschenritter, Ashford Financial, as our Hole-in-One and our Ditty Bag Sponsor for the 2025 FORE! the Memories golf tournament (pictured with his 2023 foursome).

That said, we really need your help in gaining a sponsorship for the \$5,000 Gold sponsor. We also need an event sponsor for \$2,500 Putting Contest and are looking and another \$3,000 Silver sponsor. We also need help acquiring auction items. Read on for more ideas. And be sure to visit the [FORE! the Memories - Rotary Club of Dunwoody Charity Golf Tournament website!](#) [more]

Getting to Know You

Tina Philpot, Deep Ties to Dunwoody



Tina Philpot's dedication to our Rotary Club and the wider community shines brightly. Since joining in 2002, sponsored by Fred Bounds, Tina has embodied the spirit of "Service Above Self." Her favorite Rotary activity? Simply attending our weekly meetings, a testament to her genuine enjoyment of fellowship and connection.

Tina's professional journey is equally impressive. Starting part-time at Georgia Perimeter College in 1979, she ascended to Department Chair and Dean of the College of Business, culminating in five years of crucial work during the college's merger with Georgia State University. Retiring in 2020, her legacy in education remains profound.

A past club president (2016-2017), Tina's leadership has been invaluable. She's also a committed member of the Chamber of Commerce, representing both the university and our Rotary Club, and advocating for strong community ties. Her vision for our club is to be deeply integrated into the local landscape.

Beyond Rotary and professional life, Tina's roots run deep in Dunwoody where she has lived for the past 49 years. A member of Dunwoody United Methodist Church since 1979, she found more than a spiritual home; it's where she met her husband of 37 years in a singles group. Tina's consistent presence and commitment make her a true asset to our club.

A Look Ahead to Next Week

**DeKalb Rotary Council Breakfast at Georgia
Piedmont Technical College - RSVP Now**



The DeKalb Rotary Council will hold its annual breakfast for members of the eight clubs in DeKalb County. The date is Friday, March 21, at Georgia Piedmont Technical College (495 North Indian Creek Drive, Clarkston, GA 30021). The activities will begin at 7am. Breakfast will be served in a buffet style. The speaker for the event is Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, the newly elected CEO of Dekalb County. We encourage you to attend. The club will pay for your breakfast, so we need to have an accurate head count to ensure we

have enough food. Please respond to this email to sdoowrm@gmail.com with the subject line "DeKalb Breakfast" to indicate your attendance. As we get closer to the event, we can work out any carpooling arrangements. [\[more\]](#)

Service Opportunity

Let's Get Ready for the USO - April 10!



We invite all members, especially those who are new or have not yet volunteered for a Day of USO service, to consider joining us for this special opportunity to give back to our military personnel. I assure you that at the end of the day, you will feel fulfilled and appreciated by those you serve, who will respond with, "Yes Sir" or "Yes Ma'am" in heartfelt gratitude.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025

Location: USO, Hartsfield Airport

Shift: 9 AM to 3 PM

We plan to serve an "All American" lunch featuring hot dogs with all the fixings, chips, fresh fruit, snack bars, and homemade cookies. To add an extra treat, E. 48th Street Market will kindly donate 75 servings of baked ziti and meatballs. You can help as a volunteer at the USO, or by baking cookies we'll take with us to share with our military friends. Read on! [\[more\]](#)

Vote NOW for Best of Perimeter



Be sure to vote for your fellow Rotarians in the Appen Media Best of Perimeter Program between now and March 15. Every vote helps plus we want to rebuild our relationship with the Dunwoody Crier and participation here can help in that process! Just go to [Best of Perimeter 2025 - Vote now! | appenmedia.com](https://www.appenmedia.com) and vote for:

- E.48th Street Market - Charlie Augello (several categories)
- Bastien Law - Ardy Bastien
- Bafas Law - Eleni Bafas
- Mosley, Finnlayson & Loggins - Deb Cameron and Larry
- O'Brien Insurance Agency - Bob O'Brien
- Discover Dunwoody - Mark Galvin
- Big Frog Custom T-Shirts - Traci Carothers
- The Sandwich Project - Mike Kenig

Also look for others that support our club such as Dunwoody Diners locations, Thirsty Thursday venues and gift card providers! For example ... [\[more\]](#)

Dunwoody Diners

Next Stop: Carbonara - March 29

Come for an evening of fine dining and fellowship on March 29 at 7:00 pm @ Carbonara Trattoria @ Dunwoody Village. Please RSVP to Sherry Levy by March 25 via email at sherrylevy13@hotmail.com. Looking forward to a great evening!

Making a Difference

Remember the Backpacks ...



Our friends at Tapestri do. Here's what they had to say, "I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of Tapestri Inc., I would like to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible support you've provided to survivors and their families. Your generosity and dedication have made a significant difference in the lives of many families during

difficult times. Your ongoing commitment to making a positive impact is truly inspiring, and we are deeply thankful for your partnership. Please see attached our annual report for your review where we highlight Rotary Dunwoody's support. Thank you once again for your support and for being a beacon of kindness in our community."