

# "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

March 26, 2025

## Meetings

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

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



## Do You Want to Win a Raffle Ticket?

The fun starts Friday, when the first "free" raffle ticket will be awarded to the first person who can answer President Louise's question - it could come from this bulletin or from the slide show that runs at the meeting's start! If it's a bulletin question, it might come from the bottle cap story - just saying, read to the end.

You're a winner even if you don't get the ticket - because you're better informed about all that the Rotary Club of Dunwoody has to offer ... and all that we do to make a difference! Start studying now! First question will be coming your way this Friday, March 28.

## This Week's Speaker

### Adam P. Forrand, Greater Perimeter Chamber of Commerce



Join us this Friday at the Embassy Suites to welcome Adam P. Forrand, President and CEO of the newly unified Greater Perimeter Chamber, which was formed by combining the Perimeter Chamber and the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber.

Adam led the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber since November of 2022. He joined the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber after serving as the Vice President - Education, Talent & Leadership Development for the Gwinnett Chamber and for Partnership Gwinnett (Georgia), the economic and community development initiative of the Gwinnett Chamber. His previous executive responsibilities included leading the efforts to connect and align business' talent needs with the workforce, educational, and leadership ecosystems, while working to retain young professionals in the community.

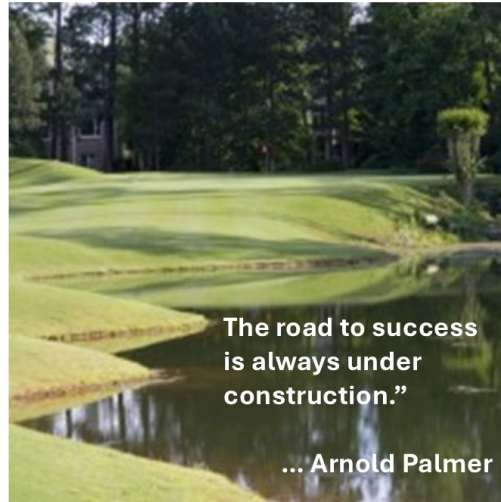
Adam has made significant contributions to the success of a range of companies including his own marketing communications agency, a Seattle-based education technology start-up, and multinational education companies such as Pearson Learning and McGraw-Hill. Adam earned a BBA in Marketing from Stetson University (FL) where he met his wife Lori, a preschool teacher at Holy Innocents Episcopal School. Adam and Lori have three children, Arden (24, a professional actress), Alex (21, a junior at Berry College) and Aidan (19, a freshman at the University of Alabama-Birmingham).

## LEADERSHIP

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

**Golf Tournament: May 19, 2025**

## **Teeing Up Opportunities to Help with FORE the Memories**



When golfers tee off at our 4th Annual FORE! the Memories tournament on May 19, 2025, they will be part of a major fundraiser that provides financial support for Alzheimer's Association - The Longest Day, Anchor Place Respite - Dunwoody and our RCD Charitable Fund that helps support ALL our other activities. You can be part of that fundraiser too - as a Sponsor (for as little as \$25 or as much as you'd like to share), as a Tournament Day volunteer, or by making a donation to the auction that will take place once the golfers come off the course!

Need more information? Certainly click on more at the end of this story to get all sorts of detail. Also know that:

- The most current information can be found on the tournament website at [FORE! the Memories - Rotary Club of Dunwoody Charity Golf Tournament](#).
  - You can also contact Bob O'Brien at [OBrienInsuranceAgencyllc@outlook.com](mailto:OBrienInsuranceAgencyllc@outlook.com) or Event Co-Chair, Charlie Augello at [italian@e48thstreetmarket.com](mailto:italian@e48thstreetmarket.com) with suggestions and questions.
- [\[more\]](#)

### **Dunwoody Diners**

## **Next Stop: Carbonara - This Saturday!**

Come for an evening of fine dining and fellowship on March 29 at 7:00 pm @ Carbonara Trattoria @ Dunwoody Village. If you haven't RSVP'd yet and would like to attend, please contact Sherry Levy by ASAP via email at [sherrylevy13@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrylevy13@hotmail.com) to see if there's room for you to join us. Looking forward to a great evening!

**Have you Signed Up??**

## **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! [\[more\]](#)

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**Calling All Volunteers**

**Dunwoody Arts Festival - May 9-11**



Calling all volunteers to help transform Dunwoody Village into a thriving artist market. The 15th annual Dunwoody Art Festival features artisans from across the country, a creative Kidz Zone, entertainment and tasty festival food. Mark your calendar now. Be part of the team that will make this 2025 signature event a "best-ever" success.

The Rotary Club of Dunwoody has been part of the Festival since its inaugural year in 2010. In exchange for the amazing volunteer support by Dunwoody Rotarians and

Atlanta Rotaract, the Rotary Club of Dunwoody receives a complimentary (\$2,000+ value), well-located exhibit space (\$2,000+ Value) at the festival. We utilize this exhibit as the center for the Rotary Club's community outreach - a place where we have recruited new members and enlisted potential Rotary Youth Exchange host families and outbound students.

There are two ways to help:

- **Be a Festival volunteer:** Welcome artists and help them set up on Friday (6-9 pm) and/or Saturday (6-9 am)
- **Be a Rotary Club of Dunwoody ambassador:** Help share our story with the community. We will staff the booth from 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday; let us know when you might be able to help that happen.

You can register by completing a form on Friday, or contacting Jay Brackman (404-483-5886 or by email at [atlcubsfan@gmail.com](mailto:atlcubsfan@gmail.com)) or Kathy Brandt (404-797-0705 or email at [kbrandt1@comcast.net](mailto:kbrandt1@comcast.net)). Please include name, cell phone #, requested shifts, and t-shirt size.

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**Service Opportunity**

**Special Olympics Comes to Emory U in May**



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**2025 SUMMER STATE GAMES @ EMORY UNIVERSITY  
MAY 16-18, 2025**

Dunwoody Rotary, Special Olympics Georgia needs you at 2025 Summer State Games! Look below to contact Leksi Whatley for more information or scan/ click below.

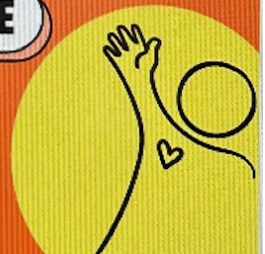


**CLICK HERE**



Contact us to learn more!

- (770) 414-9390 Ext. 1111
- [Leksi.Whatley@SpecialOlympicsGA.org](mailto:Leksi.Whatley@SpecialOlympicsGA.org)
- <https://www.specialolympicsga.org>



Special Olympics Georgia will host the Summer State Games at Emory University this May! We have donated money AND want to be there in force to support this wonderful initiative. We have been asked to help out with the swimming competition.

You can find out more about the volunteers needed by clicking on [this link](#). Then you can sign up to volunteer using the camera on your phone and the QR code in the picture. As the poster suggests, more information also is available by calling 770-414-9390, ext. 1111; by emailing [Leksi.Whatley@SpecialOlympicsGA.org](mailto:Leksi.Whatley@SpecialOlympicsGA.org), or by visiting the website - <https://www.specialolympicsga.org>.

**Congratulations!**

**DeKalb Rotary Council Honors Two Dunwoody Rotarians**



Congratulations to Meredith Morris and Jackie Cuthbert for special honors at last Friday's DeKalb Rotary Council.

Meredith Morris received the Show Rotary Cares award - established years ago in honor of our own PDG Bill Mulkey. The award is named for the Rotary International theme of Bill's year as governor - and each club in the Council selects someone to receive the award. Meredith has certainly displayed that in all she does for the club - particularly with respect to GRSP and the Laws of Life program.

Jackie Cuthbert was nominated by RCD and selected by the Council to receive the You are the Key award - established in honor of PDG Bob Grant, who was also an honorary Dunwoody Rotarian, installing our presidents and their core of officers/directors at many Dunwoody end of year celebrations - including Jackie's year as president. Jackie was recognized for her work on the club and district newsletters, her commitment to GRSP, and her support of the Rotary Foundation. She is the 11th Dunwoody Rotarian to be selected as the You are the Key recipient.

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## Bring Your Plastic Bottle Caps!

We're planning an art project at Anchor Place that will require LOTS of plastic bottle caps - save all sizes and colors (ask your friends to help) and bring them with you to Rotary! We will need a lot of BLUE caps to make an Anchor - milk offers a good source of blue!

We hope to do the project in early summer.

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## Board Update

### Summary of March Board Meeting

The RCD Board met on March 18, 2025 at 7:30 am via Zoom; 15 Members were present. President Louise Barden presided over the meeting.

The meeting focused on the topics related to the recent Club Survey as presented by Peter Sherman at our February 28th meeting. Committee Chairs presented their reports on initial progress and planning strategies. The five committees are as following:

- Business to Business - Chair Hoshi Daruwalla
- Communications and Transparency - Chair Mark Galvin/Bob O'Brien
- Club Finance - Carter Stout
- Membership - Fred Brandt
- Project Selection and Funding - Chair Ron Barden

Each committee has had their 1st meeting to establish their goals and SWOT . In depth discussion and planning is ongoing. Stay tuned for more information coming your way!!! Full minutes from the Board Meeting will be posted once approved at the next Board Meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Zoom on April 15th at 7:30 am. All RCD members in good standing are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us, contact President Louise or Secretary Alison Norris for the Zoom link.