

# "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

October 30, 2024

## Meetings

October is Economic and  
Community Development Month

- 11/1 General Meeting Dr. Kathryn McClymond, President, Oglethorpe University
- 11/8 General Meeting John Butler, Vietnam War Memorial at Brook Run
- 11/22 General Meeting GRSP Student Hoa Quynn
- 12/6 General Meeting

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 10/2 Felicia Voloschin
- 10/7 Mike Parks
- 10/22 Teak Pacetti, Jr.
- 10/24 Bill Woulfin
- 10/24 Charlene Hall
- 10/24 Denise Brodsky
- 10/24 Channing Brand

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/6 Alison Norris (34)
- 10/10 Lorri Christopher (43)
- 10/12 Gary Lane (21)
- 10/17 Jennifer Shumway (3)
- 10/25 Dottie Toney (10)

## Rotary Online

<https://dunwoodyrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

**ROTARY CLUB OF**

### This Week's Speaker

## Dr. Kathryn McClymond, President, Oglethorpe University



Join us this Friday at the Embassy Suites to welcome Dr. Kathryn McClymond, President of Oglethorpe University. Dr. McClymond was appointed as the 18th President at Oglethorpe University in November 2023 and is the university's first female president. She previously served as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Oglethorpe University as well as Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the College of Arts at Georgia State University.

Dr. McClymond is a scholar of comparative religions. Her most recent publication, *Humanistic Perspectives on Moral Injury*, is a co-edited volume exploring how humanities disciplines contribute to research on moral injury (Routledge 2024). She has authored *Beyond Sacred Violence* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008) and *Ritual Gone Wrong: What We Learn from Ritual Disruption* (Oxford University Press, 2016), as well as numerous articles and chapters on religion, sacrifice, and violence. She has served on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Religion and the American Society of the Study of Religion, and she currently sits on the Governance and Leadership Development Committee of the American Academy of Religion.

Oglethorpe University has long been the home of our GRSP students, and over the last five years, we have partnered with the university to select a student directly from university applicants.

### Whiskey Raffle Update

## 2024 Rotary Club of Dunwoody Whiskey Raffle is Live!

## DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am  
Embassy Suites - Atlanta  
Perimeter Center  
1030 Crown Pointe Pkwy  
Atlanta, GA , GA 30338



### LEADERSHIP

President	Louise Barden
President Nominee	David Burr
Vice President	Matthew Johnson
Treasurer	Carter Stout
Secretary	Alison Norris



Help us raise money to support our work in the community! How? By sharing the link and the postcards for our annual Whiskey Raffle with your friends, family, colleagues, neighbors, and everyone else in the community - <https://whiskey-raffle.com/>. Raffle tickets are \$25 each and we will only sell 400 tickets. Raffle night is Thursday, November 14 at Bar[n] booze [n] bites. On raffle night, we will pull six tickets from the raffle bin and award six prizes.

Each week we will highlight one of the prizes to be awarded. This week's highlighted prize is the is the **Speyside and Blend Prize**. Special thanks to Jackie Cuthbert for donating the bottle of Dewar's which she purchased in Scotland. And thanks to Ken Levy for donating the bottle of Glenlivet. Also included is a \$140 gift certificate to [Gate City /Artillery Room](#) (a Roswell-based craft cocktail experience location owned by Rotarians).

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### Getting to Know You

**Bob O'Brien, Fundraiser Extra-Ordinaire and More!**



When Bob O'Brien visited our Rotary club's booth at the Dunwoody Arts Festival in 2014, he was seeking networking opportunities for his new Farmer's Insurance agency. Rick Woods introduced Rotary to Bob as well as promoted the club's opportunities while he took him to lunch three times. Bob's father was a Kiwanis member and Bob later joined that organization and served as president of the Kiwanis Club of Fairfield, CT.

Though initially planning to focus solely on service projects, Bob's natural leadership abilities quickly emerged. He dove headfirst into various initiatives, including Junior Achievement, Special Olympics, and Bounds Garden. He served on several committees and then his first large project was the club's BBQ fundraiser, which he laughingly refers to as a lesson in "how not to do a fundraiser." This experience, however, proved invaluable when Carter Stout tapped him to become fundraising chairman and launch the club's golf tournament — roles he has successfully held for three years.

A 28-year Dunwoody resident, Bob recently sold his Farmer's agency and enjoys more traveling time with his wife Andrea, who is an office manager at Parker, Hudson, Ranier & Dobbs LLP. They are pictured here in the California wine country last April. They have three adult children and three grandchildren.

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**Toys for Tots**

## Keep Our Toys for Tots Tradition of Giving Alive!



An initiative of the Marine Corps Reserve, Toys for Tots strives to deliver joy and send a message of hope to America's disadvantaged children through the gift of a toy or a book. Since its founding in 1947, Toys for Tots has distributed 677 million toys to 301 million deserving children.

The Rotary Club of Dunwoody has supported Toys for Tots every year since 2008 - and this year is no exception! We'll be collecting new, unwrapped toys, dolls, bicycles and craft kits on Friday, December 13, at our annual holiday luncheon. Help the Marines and Jim and Janet Glass make this one of the best drives ever.

And be sure you have marked your calendar for the holiday luncheon! Details coming soon.

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### Fellowship Opportunity

**Join Dunwoody Diners at Carbonara - Nov. 23**



We hope you can join us for the next Dunwoody Diners' Event on Saturday, November 23 at Carbonara in Dunwoody Village. Please let Dottie know if you plan to attend - we have a table for 12 reserved at 6:00 pm. You can reach Dottie at [toneydot@me.com](mailto:toneydot@me.com) or at 404.583.4799.

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#### **Service Opportunity**

### **Brookhaven Seeking Volunteers for VA Women's Health Fair**

Brookhaven Rotary Club is supporting the VA Women's Health Fair on Thursday, December 5 (10 am to 2 pm), and has reached out to all the DeKalb Rotary Council Rotary Clubs asking for help with volunteers. The event is designed to provide invaluable information and resources to approximately 150 women veterans, focusing on mental health and overall well-being. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, kitchen services, and breakdown (2-4 pm). If you would like to learn more or offer assistance, please contact Brookhaven Rotarian (and Navy Veteran) Kim Green at [kim@successfullyacceleratingcoaching.com](mailto:kim@successfullyacceleratingcoaching.com).