



## Chef Tom Kent Leads Brookhaven Rotary at the Atlanta Chili Cook-Off!



Brookhaven Rotary was well-represented at the 7th Annual Atlanta Chili Cook-Off, with Tom Kent leading the charge! Special thanks to Karen Kropp, Elisabeth Dillard, and Lee Kent for helping to serve Chef Tom's chili and Brunswick Stew to hundreds of guests!!

## October 17 - Dr. Ray Kotwicki

### MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 10/17 Mr. Ray Kotwicki, Chief Medical Officer with Skyland Trail (Mtg host: Steve Smoak)
- 10/24 4th Wed.: No Meeting Scheduled
- 10/31 5th Wed.: No Meeting Scheduled
- 11/7 Brad Bryant, Georgia Student Finance Commission (Mtg host: Eleni Nega)
- 11/14 Cat McAfee, Executive Director of LaAmistad, Inc. (Mtg host: Bill Smith)
- 11/21 Thanksgiving Holiday Week - No Meeting
- 11/28 4th Wednesday: No Meeting Scheduled
- 12/5 Leslie Kuban with FranNet and is a Franchise Consultant (Mtg host: Karen Kropp)

### BIRTHDAYS

### WEDDING

### ANNIVERSARIES

### ROTARY ONLINE

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

### ROTARY CLUB OF BROOKHAVEN

Wednesdays, 12:15 pm  
Brookhaven City Centre - Lavista  
Conference Room  
4001 Peachtree Road NE  
Brookhaven, GA 30319



## SOCIAL MEDIA



## LEADERSHIP

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| President       | Jon Roxland     |
| President-Elect | TONY Shaffer    |
| Treasurer       | Michael E O'Nan |
| Secretary       | Karen Kropp     |

Dr. Ray Kotwicki is the Charles B. West Chief Medical Officer at Skyland Trail, a nationally acclaimed private, non-profit residential and day treatment facility for adults with mental illnesses in Atlanta, Georgia. In this role, Kotwicki oversees all the clinical, educational, quality, and research activities within the organization.

Kotwicki trained as a Department of Energy Fellow, and was a Medical Scholar at the University of Wisconsin Medical School. He had post-graduate training at Harvard Medical School, the Boston University School of Medicine, and Emory University, where he earned a Master in Public Health degree in Health Policy and Management. He remains on the adjunctive faculty at both the Emory University School of Medicine as well as the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Over his career, Kotwicki has presented over 200 invited lectures, symposia, and seminars to thousands of attendees. He regularly appears on television, radio and in newspaper articles discussing issues related to mental health and integrated medical care.

Kotwicki is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and is President of the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians' Association. Kotwicki was a member of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2011 and served as President of the Board of Directors of Positive Impact, the Southeast's premiere HIV mental health

program for three years, and is a Board member of the Lovett School. He is a member of Class XI of the Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy.

Throughout his career, Kotwicki has received numerous distinctions, including Emory University's most prestigious Dean's "Golden Apple" Teaching Award, Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, Mental Health America and Eli Lilly's "Heroes in the Fight" Clinical Team Award, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness' Exemplary Psychiatrist Award. Kotwicki received the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University's "Distinguished Achievement Alumnus Award" in 2017.

## **November 7 - Brad Bryant**



Brad Bryant serves as Vice President, REACH Georgia, a needs-based mentorship and scholarship program administered by the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA). Prior to coming to GSFA, Bryant served as General Counsel and Executive Director of the Georgia Foundation for Public Education.

Bryant's experience in school board governance spans over 25 years. Governor Sonny Perdue appointed Bryant to the Georgia Board of Education in 2003 and he served in that role until Governor Perdue appointed him to fill the unexpired term of State School Superintendent Kathy Cox. He served on the DeKalb County School System Board of Education for 12 years, including seven years as chair. Bryant has been an active member of the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) and the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) and served as president of both organizations. He continues to serve as a NASBE mentor for new state board members. In 2017, Bryant was recognized nationally

by NASBE its Distinguished Service Award.

Bryant is a graduate of Presbyterian College, University of Georgia and Mercer Law School. He clerked for Judge Wilbur D. Owens, U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. He currently is a member of the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian College, the Georgia Supreme Court's Justice for Children Committee, Voices for Georgia's Children and the State Bar of Georgia. He has served as a member of Georgia's Education Reform Commission and Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice.

Bryant is married to Kay, a RTI specialist for DeKalb County Schools. They live in Atlanta and have two grown children and two grandchildren.

## **November 14 - Cat McAfee**



Cat DaCosta McAfee is the Executive Director of LaAmistad, a nonprofit organization serving Latino students and families throughout metro Atlanta. Founded in 2001 at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, LaAmistad began as a way to help Latino children in the neighborhood with their homework.

Initially involved as Athletic Director, McAfee rose through the ranks to her current position in 2012. Her passion for the students, the families, and service to the community fuel her daily work. She is deeply involved in the community, serving on Atlanta Public School's Advisory Committee, Georgia Coalition for English Language Learners, and the Georgia Department of Public Health Brain Trust 4 Babies Committee. McAfee is also a founding board member for Atlanta Classical Academy, a tuition-free, open enrollment, K-12 public charter school opened in 2014.