

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

Wednesdays, 12:15 pm  
Capital City Country Club- Guest/Vis  
53 West Brookhaven Drive, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30319



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Tony Shaffer  
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April 22, 2019

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## Meetings

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- 4/24 4th Wed.: No Meeting Scheduled
- 5/1 GRSP Student Presentation
- 5/8 Honorable Judge Todd Markle of the Superior Court of Fulton County
- 5/15 Karen Andes; Hubert Department of Global Health and Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education

## Our Rotary Family

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## BIRTHDAYS

4/6 Cara O'Grady  
4/17 Karen Kropp  
4/29 Gary Yandura

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/7 Rod Price (46)

## Rotary Online

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