

Rotary
Club of Thomasville



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 19, 2021

January is Vocational Service
Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
The Plaza Restaurant
217 South Broad Street
Thomasville, GA 31792

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Meetings

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- 1/21 William Lokey - Lessons from Hurricane Katrina -- That Was Then, This is Now
- 1/28 Regular Meeting
- 2/4
- 2/11 Regular Meeting

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Paul Hancock
- 1/1 Ellis Jackson
- 1/1 Randy Watts
- 1/6 Terry Rouse
- 1/7 Kim Walden
- 1/8 Julie Carter
- 1/9 Teri White
- 1/9 Carol Jones
- 1/9 Frances Parker
- 1/10 Debbie Quinton
- 1/13 Albert Park
- 1/13 Hinson Arwood
- 1/16 Ray Thompson
- 1/16 John Archer, Sr.
- 1/21 Erik von Hellens
- 1/21 Tim Filston
- 1/22 Susan Backofen
- 1/23 Nate Tyler
- 1/25 John Brown
- 1/25 Shelba Sellers

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/6 Mike Bixler (48)
- 1/9 Bob Drummond (39)
- 1/14 Wayne Newsome (42)
- 1/17 Debbie Goodman (40)
- 1/17 Wallace Goodman (40)
- 1/18 Howard Stephens (51)
- 1/20 Warren Stafford (58)
- 1/24 W. Clay Campbell (40)

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YEARS OF SERVICE

1/1	Powell Jones (35) 40 years in Rotary
1/1	Richard Vann (25)
1/1	GRSP Admin (4)
1/9	Paul Hancock (7)
1/10	Nathaniel Abrams (8)
1/14	Scott Smith (13)
1/15	Vann Middleton (6)
1/24	Charlene Parrish (19)
1/26	Claire Bowen (4)
1/31	Dawna Bicknell Tanner (2)
1/31	Lorraine Williams Rahming (2)

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President-Elect	Danny Braddy
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Immediate PP	Kim Walden
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Foundation	Fran Milberg
Membership	Janet Liles
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