

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 26, 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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- 1/28 Jacklyn Donovan - RYLA
- 2/4 LTC Mark P.Z. Citarella - Executive Officer 78th Troop Command, GA Army National Guard
- 2/11 Dr Chip Bragg
- 2/18 Jared Benko - Athletic Director at GSU

## 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)<br>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<br>(2)        |

## Rotary Online

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## LEADERSHIP

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| President       | John Brown        |
| President-Elect | Danny Braddy      |
| President-Elect | Wayne Newsome     |
| Immediate PP    | Kim Walden        |
| Treasurer       | Teri White        |
| Secretary       | Angela Williamson |
| Foundation      | Fran Milberg      |
| Membership      | Janet Liles       |
| Public Image    | Mike Bixler       |

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