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Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
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## Meetings

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- 4/15 Southwest Ga Technical College - Rick Perkins Award
- 4/22 Laws of Life
- 4/29 Police Chief John Leteney
- 5/13 GRSP Wrap up

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 4/3 Krista Peace
- 4/13 Charles Hill
- 4/15 Jay Flowers
- 4/18 Copper Comita
- 4/19 Scooter Grubbs, III
- 4/19 Niki Gatlin
- 4/20 Elijah Miranda
- 4/21 Fran Milberg
- 4/22 Robert Vice
- 4/26 Irene Gleason
- 4/27 Wayne Newsome

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/13 Andy Jones (53)
- 4/16 David Flowers (16)
- 4/18 Chris Lovelady (29)
- 4/24 Janet Liles (39)
- 4/29 Tom Everett (15)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 4/1 Andy Vann (32)
- 4/1 Bill Blackburn (45)
- 4/1 Frances Parker (26)
- 4/1 Wallace Goodman (28)
- 4/9 Henry Pepin, IV (1)
- 4/13 Will Brown, III (2)
- 4/15 Charles Dixon (22)

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## Rotary Online

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<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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