



February is Peace and Conflict
Prevention/Resolution Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
The Plaza Restaurant
217 South Broad Street
Thomasville, GA 31792 May 1,
1921
Active Membership: 128  

Have You Registered?

Fireside Chat

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People in Action in Thomasville

Upcoming Events & Projects

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Prior to her retirement, Lindy and her husband, Perry, decided they would ultimately return to their roots in Mitchell and Thomas counties, where they own two small farms. Part of their plan was to bring their farms back to life, so to speak, and give back to their communities through the development of alternative niche, yet sustainable agricultural commodities. After researching everything from pomegranates to persimmons and lychee to crawfish, they decided citrus was the best fit for them and a commodity that would stimulate growth in Georgia's agricultural economy.

Lindy and her husband have a commercial citrus grove in Thomas County and a test plot in Mitchell County of Satsuma oranges, seedless tangerines, lemons, grapefruit, navels, mandarins, blood oranges, thornless limes and kumquats. In addition, Lindy is a managing partner in Georgia's first citrus-only greenhouse/indoor nursery, where they are propagating citrus trees for sale to commercial growers and homeowners. Their nursery is under contract with the University of Georgia to grow the university's first patented seedless, cold hardy citrus varieties released publicly in November of 2016, as well as UGA's "Cowboy" perennial peanut ground cover. This spring, Lindy and her family will be opening "Georgia Grown Citrus, LLC", a Thomas County citrus hub located on Jonina Farm in Ochlocknee.

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Mike Grundman, Georgia Department of Economic Development

Guest Speaker - Mike Grundman

Club Calendar

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- 2/22 Regular Meeting | Lindy Savelle, President of Georgia Citrus Association
- 3/1 Regular Meeting-Program Mike Grundman from Georgia Department of Economic Development
- 3/8 Regular Meeting-Thomasville High School Basketball Coach Ben Tillman & All-American Reggie Perry
- 3/15 Regular Meeting-Thomas County High School New Head Football Coach, Ashley Henderson

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 W. Clay Campbell
- 2/5 Gregory Adams
- 2/5 Claire Bowen
- 2/9 Michele Arwood
- 2/11 Nick Murray
- 2/15 TOM Callaway
- 2/16 Renee Oliveto
- 2/19 Marta Turner
- 2/25 Shelley Zorn
- 2/27 Ronnie Godwin

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/14 John Hinrichs
- 2/22 Eugene McNease
- 2/4 Robert Ackerman
- 2/15 Erik von Hellens
- 2/28 John Archer

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/1 Charles Hill (45)
- 2/1 Russell Chubb (41)

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 2/1 Bradford Jackson (24)
 2/26 Nate Tyler (19)
 2/4 Nancy Tillinghast (19)
 2/5 Al Nicholson (3)
 2/26 Grady Enlow (2)
 2/26 Alfred Bryan (2)
 2/27 Shelba Sellers (2)
 2/8 Joseph Tarver (0)

Rotary Online

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<https://rotary6900.org/>
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