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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 29, 2020

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Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

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## Meetings

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- 1/30 DGND Kirk Driskell Visit
- 2/6 Regular Meeting
- 2/13 ALLEN Cheney and Ryan Smith, making movies in Thomasville.
- 2/20 NO LUNCH Meeting TODAY! Join us for Cocktails & Commerce this evening at 5:30 pm

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Paul Hancock
- 1/1 Ellis Jackson
- 1/1 Randy Watts
- 1/3 Adam Carvin
- 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 Al 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 (47)
- 1/9 Bob Drummond (38)
- 1/14 Wayne Newsome (41)
- 1/17 Debbie Goodman (39)
- 1/17 Wallace Goodman (39)
- 1/18 Howard Stephens (50)

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1/20 Warren Stafford (57)  
1/24 Clay Campbell (39)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

1/1 Powell Jones (34)  
39 years in Rotary  
1/1 Ed Elam, III (39)  
1/1 Richard Vann (24)  
1/1 GRSP Admin (3)  
1/9 Paul Hancock (6)  
1/10 Nathaniel Abrams (7)  
1/14 Scott Smith (12)  
1/15 Vann Middleton (5)  
1/17 Mary Collins (9)  
12 years in Rotary  
1/24 Charlene Parrish (18)  
1/26 Claire Bowen (3)  
1/28 Chris Huckans (4)  
1/29 Adam Carvin (5)  
1/31 Dawna Bicknell Tanner (1)  
1/31 Lorraine Williams Rahming (1)

## Rotary Online

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