

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville





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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 4, 2019

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: 142  

## From the President Andre's Desk

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8a - 2p

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## Club Calendar

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- 2/7 Regular Meeting - Heather & Kelly Abbot: "Small Business Rock Star" South Life Supply Co.
- 2/14 Regular Meeting-Rotary has Heart Event
- 2/21 Regular Meeting -
- 2/21 Board Meeting @ 10:30 am at the Plaza

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Clay Campbell
- 2/5 Gregory Adams
- 2/5 Claire Bowen
- 2/9 Michele Arwood
- 2/11 Nick Murray
- 2/12 Lorraine Williams Rahming
- 2/15 Tom Callaway, III
- 2/16 Renee Oliveto
- 2/19 Tom Harrison, Jr.
- 2/19 Marta Turner
- 2/25 Shelley Zorn
- 2/27 Ronnie Godwin

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/4 Bob Ackerman (51)
- 2/15 Erik von Hellens (18)
- 2/22 Eugene McNease (52)
- 2/28 John Archer, Sr. (5)

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/1 Bradford Jackson (25)
- 2/1 Marta Turner (25)
- 2/1 Tom Hill (46)
- 2/1 Russell Chubb (42)
- 2/4 Nancy Tillinghast (20)

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- 2/5 Al Nicholson (4)  
9 years in Rotary
- 2/8 Joe Tarver (1)
- 2/22 Andrea Collins (1)
- 2/26 Nate Tyler (21)
- 2/26 Al Bryan (4)
- 2/27 Shelba Sellers (4)

## Rotary Online

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