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Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
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## Meetings

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- 7/9 Regular Meeting
- 7/16 Regular Meeting
- 7/23 Regular Meeting
- 7/30 Regular Meeting

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 7/8 George Stephens, Jr.
- 7/11 Matt Brown
- 7/12 Gerhard Sommer
- 7/19 Coy Irvin
- 7/21 Dale Hodges
- 7/28 Bryant Beadles
- 7/28 Stuart Jackson
- 7/30 Ed Elam, III

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/9 Tom Callaway, III (43)
- 7/12 Paul Hancock (45)
- 7/12 Debbie Quinton (34)
- 7/12 Donald Sims (51)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 7/1 Mary Beth Donalson (6)
- 7/1 Jay Flowers (10)
- 7/1 Scooter Grubbs, III (33)
- 7/1 Donald Sims (31)
- 7/1 Warren Stafford (40)
- 7/1 Jeff Zoller (11)
- 7/1 Sharon Patrick (16)
- 7/1 Lauren Vann (4)
- 7/2 Bill Dickey (5)
- 7/4 Erik von Hellens (8)
- 7/4 Nic Rahming (1)
- 7/4 Alexandria Bighams (1)
- 7/6 Ronnie Godwin (3)  
25 years in Rotary
- 7/6 Kim Walden (3)  
9 years in Rotary
- 7/11 Ben Wilds (7)

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 7/14 Frederick Buechner (4)  
 29 years in Rotary  
 7/17 W. Clay Campbell (8)  
 24 years in Rotary  
 7/18 Andre Marria (15)  
 7/22 David Lewis (10)  
 7/30 Charles Hill (1)  
 47 years in Rotary  
 7/31 John Glenn (23)  
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## Rotary Online

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