

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 4, 2021

January is Vocational Service  
Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

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## Meetings

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- 1/7 William Lokey - Reflections on 9/11 at the World Trade Center
- 1/14 Archbold Advanced Therapy and Sports Medicine clinic
- 1/21 William Lokey - Lessons from Hurricane Katrina -- That Was Then, This is Now
- 1/28 Regular Meeting

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Paul Hancock
- 1/1 Ellis Jackson
- 1/1 Randy Watts
- 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 Albert 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 (48)
- 1/9 Bob Drummond (39)
- 1/9 Richard Christenson (14)
- 1/14 Wayne Newsome (42)
- 1/17 Debbie Goodman (40)
- 1/17 Wallace Goodman (40)

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- 1/18 Howard Stephens (51)
- 1/20 Warren Stafford (58)
- 1/24 W. Clay Campbell (40)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 1/1 Powell Jones (35)  
40 years in Rotary
- 1/1 Ed Elam, III (40)
- 1/1 Richard Vann (25)
- 1/1 GRSP Admin (4)
- 1/9 Paul Hancock (7)
- 1/10 Nathaniel Abrams (8)
- 1/14 Scott Smith (13)
- 1/15 Vann Middleton (6)
- 1/24 Charlene Parrish (19)
- 1/26 Claire Bowen (4)
- 1/31 Dawna Bicknell Tanner (2)
- 1/31 Lorraine Williams Rahming (2)

## Rotary Online

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