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- 1/31 Regular Meeting - Roger Hawke
- 2/7 Regular Meeting - Alan Ross
- 2/14 Regular Meeting
- 2/21 Regular Meeting - Special Guest

## 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
- 1/9 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
- 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 (46)
- 1/9 Bob Drummond (37)
- 1/14 Wayne Newsome (40)
- 1/17 Debbie Goodman (38)
- 1/17 Wallace Goodman (38)
- 1/20 Warren Stafford (56)
- 1/22 Howard Stephens (49)
- 1/24 Clay Campbell (38)

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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38 years in Rotary
- 1/9 Roy Campbell (5)
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- 1/10 Nathaniel Abrams (6)
- 1/13 Paul Hjort (2)  
72 years in Rotary
- 1/14 Scott Smith (11)
- 1/15 Vann Middleton (4)
- 1/17 Mary Collins (8)  
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- 1/24 Charlene Parrish (17)
- 1/26 Claire Bowen (2)
- 1/28 Chris Huckans (3)
- 1/29 Adam Carvin (4)

## Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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### ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
 The Plaza Restaurant  
 217 South Broad Street  
 Thomasville, GA 31792 May 1, 1921  
 Active Membership: 142

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