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May 1, 2019

**This Week's Program**

## Meetings

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- 5/2 Regular Meeting - Joe Regina, Band Director at Thomasville High School Concert Band & District Conference Review
- 5/9 Regular Meeting- Foundation & Club Awards
- 5/16 Regular Meeting - Be the Voice
- 5/23 Regular Meeting

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Nathaniel Abrams
- 5/10 Craig Wentworth
- 5/15 Angela Williamson
- 5/17 Charlene Parrish
- 5/20 Thomas Carlton
- 5/25 Bill Blackburn

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/4 Frank Helms (13)
- 5/4 Barbara Williams-Anderson (20)
- 5/8 Danny Braddy (123)
- 5/15 Angela Williamson (9)
- 5/17 Charlene Parrish (123)
- 5/18 Kurt Stringfellow (17)
- 5/21 Susan Backofen (42)
- 5/21 John Blackmon (31)
- 5/22 Eric Ward (15)
- 5/23 Marta Turner (27)
- 5/26 Lorraine Williams Rahming (3)
- 5/29 Dan Bain, III (55)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 5/1 Eugene McNease (41)
- 5/1 Oscar Mims (64)
- 5/1 Bruce Muller (23)
- 5/4 Bob Drummond (2)
- 5/5 Dicky Demott (4)  
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16 years in Rotary  
5/11 Warren Ballard (2)  
5/11 Ray Thompson (2)  
7 years in Rotary  
5/22 John Bracey, Jr. (4)  
35 years in Rotary

## Rotary Online

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