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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 14, 2020

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Thursdays, 12:00 pm
The Plaza Restaurant
217 South Broad Street
Thomasville, GA 31792

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Meetings

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- 1/16 G. Wayne Clough - the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution born in the South
- 1/23 Ben Huntzinger - Spartan Wheel Carriott
- 1/30 DGND Kirk Dricoll Visit
- 2/6 Regular Meeting

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Paul Hancock
- 1/1 Ellis Jackson
- 1/1 Randy Watts
- 1/1 Terry Rouse
- 1/3 Adam Carvin
- 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 Al 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 (47)
- 1/9 Bob Drummond (38)
- 1/14 Wayne Newsome (41)
- 1/17 Debbie Goodman (39)
- 1/17 Wallace Goodman (39)
- 1/20 Warren Stafford (57)
- 1/22 Howard Stephens (50)

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1/24 Clay Campbell (39)

YEARS OF SERVICE

1/1 Powell Jones (34)
39 years in Rotary
1/1 Ed Elam, III (39)
1/1 Richard Vann (24)
1/1 GRSP Admin (3)
1/9 Paul Hancock (6)
1/10 Nathaniel Abrams (7)
1/14 Scott Smith (12)
1/15 Vann Middleton (5)
1/17 Mary Collins (9)
12 years in Rotary
1/24 Charlene Parrish (18)
1/26 Claire Bowen (3)
1/28 Chris Huckans (4)
1/29 Adam Carvin (5)
1/31 Dawna Bicknell Tanner (1)
1/31 Lorraine Williams Rahming (1)

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