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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 23, 2021

March is Water and Sanitation  
Month

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

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## Meetings

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- 3/25 Chuck Ray, GEMA Field Operations Manager
- 4/1 LTC Mark P.Z. Citarella - Executive Officer 78th Troop Command, GA Army National Guard
- 4/1
- 4/8 TFR - Thomasville Fire Rescue

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 3/4 Will Watt , III
- 3/9 Frederick Buechner
- 3/16 Scott Rich
- 3/16 Bonnie Hayes
- 3/21 Powell Jones
- 3/24 Adrian Burns
- 3/24 Julie Cannady
- 3/27 David Lewis
- 3/31 Will Brown, III
- 3/31 Henry Pepin, IV

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/5 Mark Lowe (16)
- 3/6 Ronnie Godwin (17)
- 3/24 Mary Beth Donalson (20)
- 3/24 Will Watt , III (31)
- 3/28 Tom Harrison, Jr. (23)
- 3/30 Charles Dixon (25)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 3/1 Elijah Miranda (4)
- 3/1 Joe Brown (16)
- 3/6 Ellis Jackson (13)
- 3/7 Bryant Beadles (8)
- 3/7 John Archer, Sr. (3) 20 years in Rotary
- 3/8 Hinson Arwood (3)
- 3/19 Gail Roberts (1)

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3/19 Angela Williamson (6)  
3/20 William Felts (7)  
3/21 Susan O'Neal (13)  
3/22 Irene Gleason (9)  
3/24 Janet Liles (5)  
3/27 Rankin Smith, Jr. (7)  
21 years in Rotary  
3/28 Danny Braddy (19)  
3/31 Robert Jackson (5)  
46 years in Rotary  
3/31 Gregory Adams (5)  
49 years in Rotary

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## Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

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## LEADERSHIP

President	John Brown
President-Elect	Danny Braddy
President-Elect	Wayne Newsome
Immediate PP	Kim Walden
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Foundation	Fran Milberg
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