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Meetings

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- 4/25 Regular Meeting - April Norton and Kenny Thompson
- 5/2 Regular Meeting - Laws of Life Program
- 5/9 Regular Meeting-Foundation & Club Awards
- 5/16 Regular Meeting - Be the Voice

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 4/3 Krista Peace
- 4/8 Troy Rich
- 4/9 Melissa Thomas
- 4/13 Tom Hill
- 4/15 Jay Flowers
- 4/19 Scooter Grubbs, III
- 4/19 Niki Gatlin
- 4/20 Elijah Miranda
- 4/21 Fran Milberg
- 4/26 Irene Gleason
- 4/27 Wayne Newsome

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/13 Andy Jones (51)
- 4/13 Craig Wentworth (9)
- 4/16 David Flowers (14)
- 4/24 Janet Liles (37)
- 4/29 Tom Everett (13)

YEARS OF SERVICE

- 4/1 Andy Vann (30)
- 4/1 Bill Blackburn (43)
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