

## Room 711

### Room 711 - Rotary's Birthplace

The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711 of the old Unity Building, formerly located at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., was the birthplace of Rotary International. That historic room, which was the office of engineer Gus Loehr, was the location of that first meeting when Paul Harris met with several friends to discuss his new idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

It took extensive research and dedication by a few Chicago Rotarians to preserve the room and restore it to its 1905 authenticity. For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by Rotarians around the world who voluntarily belonged to and contributed annually to the "Paul Harris 711 Club," which provided funds for leasing, maintenance and preservation.

In 1989, the Unity Building was about to be torn down. Members of the 711 Club carefully dismantled the landmark room and placed its contents in storage. There it stayed until 1994, when the recreated Room 711 found a permanent home, and this piece of the Rotary heritage is preserved at the RI World Headquarters in Evanston.



## MEETINGS

January is Vocational Service Month

- 1/25 Regular Meeting | Scott Carswell-music promoter at The Moon in Tallahassee
- 2/1 Regular Meeting-Nic Stoltzfus, author of "The Great Florida Cattle Drive: Unbroken Circles"
- 2/8 Regular Meeting-Michelle Ausley, Work Based Learning & Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator
- 2/15 Regular Meeting | Dale Jackson, Co-Founder Hope United
- 2/22 Regular Meeting | Lindy Savelle, President of Georgia Citrus Association
- 3/1 Regular Meeting-Program Mike Grundman from Georgia Department of Economic Development
- 3/8 Regular Meeting-Thomasville High School Basketball Coach Ben Tillman & All-American Reggie Perry
- 3/15 Regular Meeting-Thomas County High School New Head Football Coach, Ashley Henderson

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1/23 Nathaniel Tyler
- 1/25 Shelba Sellers
- 1/28 Marcy Sizemore
- 2/5 Gregory Adams
- 2/8 Devona Thompson
- 2/9 Lutten Nunnally
- 2/10 Laura Pike
- 2/12 Lorraine Williams Rahming
- 2/12 Landis Thomas
- 2/16 Renee Oliveto
- 2/18 Sandra Wright
- 2/19 Tom Harrison

2/19 Marta Jones-Turner

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

2/4 Robert Ackerman (50)

2/6 Julie Carter (25)

2/14 Erik von Hellens (17)

2/14 Andy Vann (5)

2/17 John Kepler (41)

## **YEARS OF SERVICE**

1/24 Charlene Parrish (16)

2/1 Marta Jones-Turner (24)

2/1 Bradford Jackson (24)

## **ROTARY ONLINE**

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>

<https://rotary6900.org/>

<https://rotary.org/>

## **ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE**

Thursdays, 12:15 pm

The Plaza Restuarant

217 Broad St

Thomasville, GA 31792

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