



## Meetings

January is Vocational Service Month

- 1/13 Regular Meeting - Lisa Knapp/Lawson Neel MedBank
- 1/20 Regular Meeting - Tom Fleenor Night Hawks Baseball
- 1/27 Regular Meeting - Rose City String Band
- 2/3 New Black History Makers

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Paul Hancock
- 1/1 Randy Watts
- 1/6 Terry Rouse
- 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 Albert Park
- 1/13 Hinson Arwood
- 1/16 Ray Thompson
- 1/16 John Archer, Sr.
- 1/21 Erik von Hellens
- 1/21 Tim Filston
- 1/23 Nate Tyler, Sr.
- 1/25 John Brown
- 1/25 Shelba Sellers
- 1/26 Darren Ellis

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/6 Michael Bixler (49)
- 1/9 Bob Drummond (40)
- 1/14 Wayne Newsome (43)
- 1/17 Debbie Goodman (41)

### 2022 UGA National Champions

## Congratulations to The University of Georgia Football Program!

In the Voice of Don Sims and the Rotary Club of Thomasville, "Go DAWGS"!!! 

## What You Missed Last Week

We are off to a great start in 2022~ The energy, excitement, and experience of being able to have a greater impact on the world. History is always a defining moment and we had a change to walk through history on last week. Thank you, Author Terry Lewis for sharing your passion and expertise.



### LISA KNAPP/LAWSON NEEL MEDBANK

## This Week Program



Upon the passing of their beloved classmate, members of the Lawson Neel Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church (Thomasville) looked for a way to honor the man for whom the class was named. In these deliberations, one class member proposed "medications" as a fitting way to honor this great man. And, not too long afterward, a chance occurrence in a local pharmacy helped bring this idea into focus. A gentleman was observed by another waiting drug store customer having to choose which of his two prescriptions he could afford to fill. Unfortunately, it is a scenario that is played out every day and with increasing frequency: which prescribed medicines do I forego for reasons of limited funds? I have enough money to buy the medications I need or food to eat, but not both. Which do I buy? Horrible and sad choices that many of our neighbors are forced to make.

This eye-opening, chance observation was the catalyst to investigate the need for a MedBank in Thomas County. In early 2001, community leaders, churches, health care providers, and concerned citizens came together to discuss the plight of members of our community who could not afford to buy the prescription medicines they needed to live. From these grass-roots meetings eventually came Lawson Neel MedBank, Inc. a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting the uninsured and underinsured citizens of the area in getting the medications they need to stabilize chronic illnesses and disease.

Incorporated in 2001, Lawson Neel MedBank serves as a facilitator between the

1/17 Wallace Goodman (41)  
1/18 Howard Stephens (52)  
1/20 Warren Stafford (59)  
1/24 W. Clay Campbell (41)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

1/1 Powell Jones (36)  
41 years in Rotary  
1/1 Richard Vann (26)  
1/1 GRSP Admin (5)  
1/9 Paul Hancock (8)  
1/10 Nathaniel Abrams (9)  
1/14 Scott Smith (14)  
1/15 Vann Middleton (7)  
1/24 Charlene Parrish (20)  
1/26 Claire Bowen (5)  
1/31 Dawna Bicknell Tanner (3)  
1/31 Lorraine Williams Rahming (3)

## Rotary Online

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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

## LEADERSHIP

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| President       | Wayne Newsome     |
| President-Elect | Danny Braddy      |
| Immediate PP    | John Brown        |
| Vice President  | Jeff Zoller       |
| Treasurer       | Teri White        |
| Secretary       | Angela Williamson |
| Membership      | Janet Liles       |
| Foundation      | Fran Milberg      |
| Public Image    | Adrian Burns      |

patients, healthcare providers, and the pharmaceutical companies that furnish free medications. The work of Lawson Neel MedBank is done in cooperation and partnership with other area organizations such as Family Connections. Since opening its doors on February 2, 2002, Lawson Neel MedBank has facilitated over \$25,000,000 worth of medications for the consumers it serves.

**We need You!**

## Honoring Our Local Heroes!!!

Join us in Honoring our Local Heroes tomorrow, January 12th from 11:00am-1:00pm. You do not have to stay for the entire event but your face and your presence for 10 minutes will mean so much to the Club and our Heroes that we will be honoring. We will be honoring the Fire Departments, EMS and 911 Operators at the downtown location on Crawford St.



## RLI - January 15, 2022

We are hosting RLI here in Thomasville, Saturday at Southern Regional Technical College, Building D.

## GRSP 75th Celebration

Make sure you register and signup for this amazing event!

## Rotary Has Heart for Seniors is BACK!

We will be having an in-person Rotary Has Heart for Seniors Cook-out this year on Valentine's Day. We would love for you to join us. We hope to give each senior a gift card, so all **donations** for this event are appreciated.

We will also begin a Pen Pal Program this year with our area seniors. Each quarter, we will send them a hand-written letter and include an envelope for them to respond to us. We would love your help writing the letters THIS Thursday at our Rotary meeting. We will provide a script of what to write. We just need your time and handwriting skills. Remember, please PRINT as some seniors may find cursive writing difficult to read.

