



It often feels like life has vanished during winter, leaving

Although spring may still be a few weeks away, we can

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already witness flowers pushing through the warming earth and birds becoming more active, chirping and flitting about. The sun's rays encourage us to swap our winter coats for lighter summer outfits. It's vital to

little room for beauty and hope.

welcome the many Spring showers, as they awaken the growth hidden beneath the surface.

Spring is a time for reevaluation, refreshing our perspectives, and expressing gratitude for all we possess. Allow your ideas to take root in our hearts, awaiting the gentle rains to nurture them while we embrace all of Spring's wonders.

Winter can lead us to believe that everything is lifeless and devoid of beauty.

However, beneath the soil, within the trees, among the plants, and within each of us, new and enchanting flowers, leaves, and ideas are waiting to blossom in Spring.

Embrace the seemingly endless Winter, for Spring is on its way. Nurture those ideas within you, wait for the gentle rain to fall, fertilize as needed, and remain patient. Reach out and embrace all that Spring has to offer.



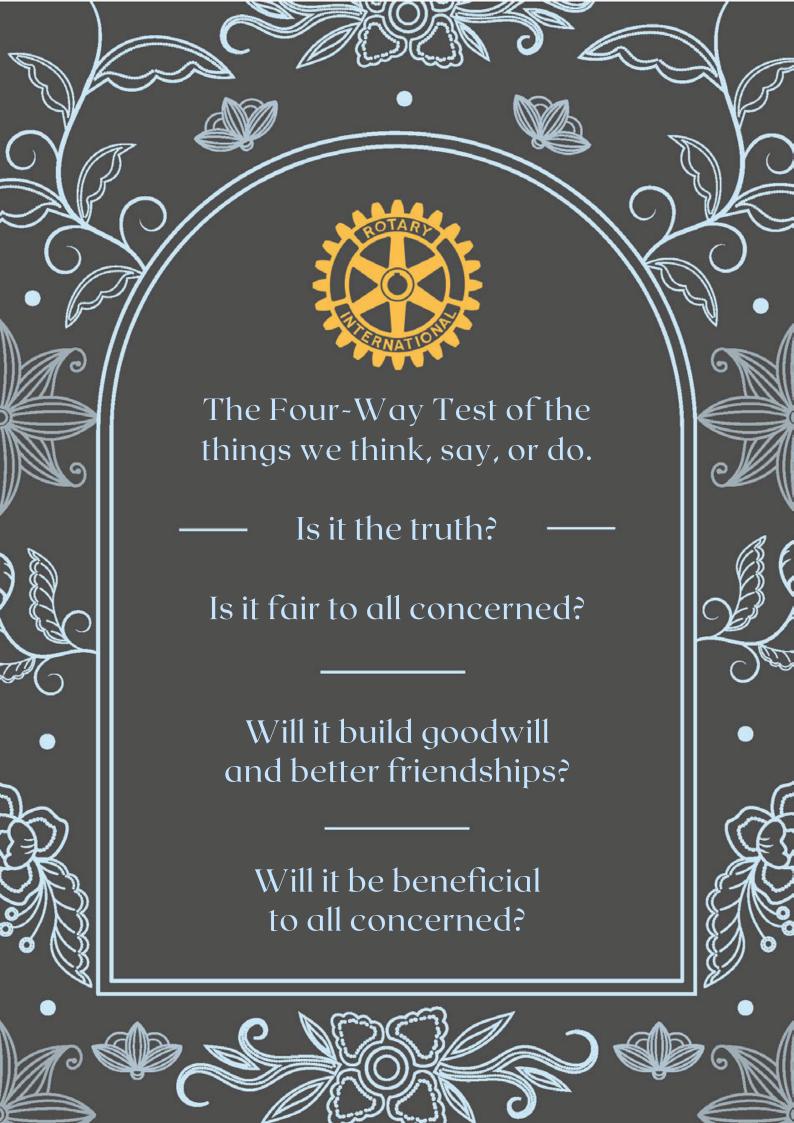




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  - 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING







#### HAPPY FAT TUESDAY

March 4, 2025



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March 5 11:30 a.m. to 1:00

Country Club of Jackson



Recognizing
Exceptional Service,
Leadership, and
Community Impact!



Dr. Barbara Mauldin Past Rotary District 6840 Governor

#### **2025 HONOREES & AWARD RECIPIENTS**



Dr. Martha Wells
Rotary Club
of Starkville



Jill Beneke Rotary Club of Jackson



**Pat Thomasson**Rotary Club
of Philadelphia



LeAnne Brewer
Rotary Club
of Jackson

Tickets: \$50 Table for 8: \$400 Sponsorship: \$800

Online registration: rotary6820.org

Deadline: February 28, 2025

Questions: 601-572-7319



# MARCH 8 international WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality worldwide.





### Happy St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day, observed on March 17, honors St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. He played an important role in spreading and appreciating Irish culture worldwide. Schools and holidays operate during regular business hours because it is not a national holiday. Born in 4th-century Britain, Saint Patrick was kidnapped at 16 and sent to Ireland.

After seeking asylum in France and receiving Christian indoctrination, St. Patrick returned to Ireland in 432 with the goal of converting the Irish to Christianity.

During his tenure there, he established numerous monasteries, churches, and schools to propagate his ideals.





## ROTARIANS IN THE NEWSON

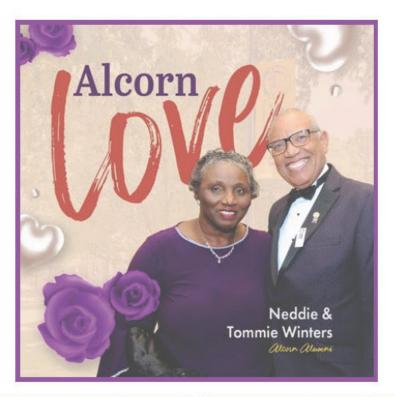


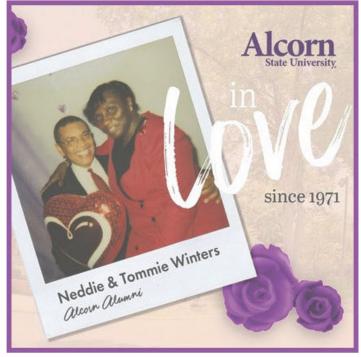
Introducing the Grand Marshal for Central Mississippi—Tina King Clay! By day, Tina has built a successful career as a State Farm agent, but she is just as well known for her heart of service. Whether through her sorority, church, coat drives, or education programs, Tina is always finding ways to uplift those around her. As an Extra Table board member and constant champion for the hungry, she is passionate about feeding families—especially during the holidays and through summer meal programs. Tina is the kind of volunteer who asks the right questions, steps up to every challenge, and never backs down from the work that needs to be done. We're honored to have her leading the way—let's celebrate her with a big Mardi Gras cheer!

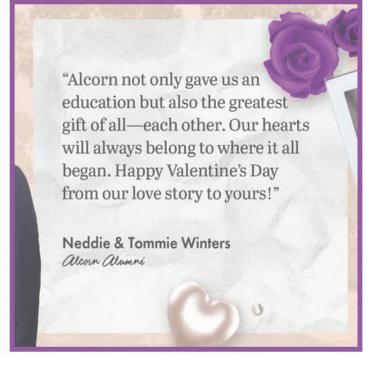


Love blossomed at the academic resort known as Alcorn State University, and today, we're celebrating our Braves who found their perfect match right here on campus. Join us for Alcorn Love — heartwarming stories of couples who met in classrooms, at campus events, and "beneath the shade of giant trees."

"Some love stories are written in the stars—ours was written on the tennis courts of Alcorn State University in the summer of 1968. A chance meeting turned into a lifelong love match, and on October 2, 1971, we vowed to share this journey together. Fifty-three years later, five children, 11 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren later, our love continues to grow stronger. Alcorn not only gave us an education but also the greatest gift of all—each other. Our hearts will always belong to where it all began. Happy Valentine's Day from our love story to yours!" — Neddie & Tommie Winters







#### February 4, 2025 Meeting

The Rotary Club of Jackson welcomed Molly Blythe, FBI Special Agent. Title of her presentation: Combating Human Trafficking in Mississippi.







February 11, 2025 Meeting

The Rotary Club of Jackson welcomed Willie Simmons, Commissioner MDOT.
His Presentation Title: The Mississippi Dept. of Transportation - What's Happening in Central Mississippi.







#### February 27, 2025 Meeting

The Rotary Club of Jackson welcomed the MEC's 2025 WORKFUTURE Tour. MEC recognized their community partners: the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership and the Rotary Club of Jackson, Mississippi. Lunch was provided at no charge, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi.























































