



**January 30th,
2024**

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This Week: PSC Commissioner Tricia Pridemore

This week, we're excited to host a fellow Rotarian from Marietta and one of the commissioners from Georgia's Public Service Commission. Tricia Pridemore was elected to the PSC in 2018.

Pridemore serves on many boards in the energy industry, and works on constructive solutions to our nation's electric transmission, pipeline safety and energy transition issues:

- 1st Vice President, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). She will serve as President of NARUC in 2024.
- Immediate Past Chair, Board of the Financial Research Institute (FRI) at the University of Missouri
- Member, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Advisory Board
- Member, Gas Technology Institute (GTI) Public Interest Advisory Council
- Member, New Mexico State University Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council

Pridemore was recognized by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians in 2022 and 2023. She served on both the 2019 Transition Team of Gov. Brian Kemp and the 2011 Transition Team of Governor Nathan Deal. She co-chaired both of Governor Nathan Deal's Inaugurals.

Pridemore is a member of the Rotary Club of Marietta. She earned a bachelor's degree from Kennesaw State University.

Tricia and her husband Michael reside in Marietta, Georgia and are members of Mount Paran Church in Atlanta, where Tricia serves on the Women's Ministries Board.

Meeting Recap: A Visit From The Secretary of State

Our members had the pleasure of hearing from Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger at the January 23 meeting.

Secretary Raffensperger works to ensure secure, fair and accessible elections for all Georgians. Our state has earned recognition from both ends of the political spectrum. The Heritage Foundation, a conservative organization, ranks Georgia an impressive #2 nationwide for election integrity. Simultaneously, the Bipartisan Policy Institute has named Georgia the #1 state in the nation for its commitment to election integrity.

Recognizing the diverse schedules of hardworking Georgians, the state provides 17 days of early voting, with a notable 65% of citizens choosing this convenient option. Regardless of the method of voting – early, on election day, or via absentee ballots – Georgia mandates the use of photo identification, ensuring the integrity of the voting process. Further demonstrating a commitment to a transparent and accountable electoral system, Secretary Raffensperger's office is actively urging the General Assembly to pass a constitutional amendment to ensure that only American citizens are allowed to vote.

Georgia takes pride in maintaining the cleanest voter rolls in the country, attributable to several measures. Membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center, collaboration with the Department of Driver Services to verify citizenship and voter registration, and a commitment to keeping voter lines shorter than one hour all contribute to this success.

Beyond electoral matters, the Office of Georgia Secretary of State is responsible for overseeing corporations, licensing, business services and securities. The office registers corporations, LLCs and limited partnerships, and is actively working to reduce barriers for workers coming to Georgia and exploring reciprocal agreements with other states to streamline the licensing process.

January 30th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Tharpe, Henry C. (HENRY)	1-Feb
McKenzie, Sandra D (SANDY)	1-Feb

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Barnwell, Delle	Barnwell, William L	2-Feb

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
McClurg, Charles R.(RONNIE)	2/1/1989	35
Kinard, Dixie(DIXIE)	2/1/1996	28
Kinard, Robert W(ROBERT)	2/1/1981	43
Adcock, Don W.(DON)	2/1/1979	45
Cope, Don(DON)	2/1/1996	28
Wright, Thomas L(THOMAS)	2/1/1972	52

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
No anniversaries this period.			

The Four Way Test

