

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 12, 2020

May is Youth Service Month

Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
Online currently (The Plaza  
Restaurant typically)  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

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## Meetings

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- 5/21 Dr Chip Bragg
- 5/28 Regular Meeting
- 6/4 Regular Meeting
- 6/11 Regular Meeting -  
Hopefully Awards Day if we  
are able to gather together!

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Nathaniel Abrams
- 5/2 Lauren Radford
- 5/15 Angela Williamson
- 5/17 Charlene Parrish
- 5/20 Thomas Carlton
- 5/25 Bill Blackburn
- 5/27 Noel Ellis

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/4 Frank Helms (14)
- 5/4 Barbara Williams-Anderson  
(21)
- 5/8 Danny Braddy (124)
- 5/13 Will Brown, III (2)
- 5/15 Angela Williamson (10)
- 5/17 Charlene Parrish (124)
- 5/18 Kurt Stringfellow (18)
- 5/21 Susan Backofen (43)
- 5/21 John Blackmon (32)
- 5/22 Eric Ward (16)
- 5/23 Marta Turner (28)
- 5/26 Lorraine Williams Rahming  
(4)
- 5/26 Nic Rahming (14)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 5/1 Eugene McNease (42)
- 5/1 Oscar Mims (65)
- 5/4 Bob Drummond (3)

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20 years in Rotary
- 5/7 Stuart Jackson (6)  
17 years in Rotary
- 5/7 Robert Vice (0)  
1 years in Rotary
- 5/7 Chris Lovelady (0)  
10 years in Rotary
- 5/11 Ray Thompson (3)  
8 years in Rotary
- 5/16 Lauren Radford (1)  
5 years in Rotary
- 5/22 John Bracey, Jr. (5)  
36 years in Rotary

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## Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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President-Elect	John Brown
Immediate PP	Andre Marria
Vice President	Terry Rouse
Treasurer	Rick Piper
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Foundation	John Glenn, Jr.
Membership	Adam Carvin
Program Director	Jay Flowers
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mary Beth Donalson
Public Image	Mike Bixler
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