

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 30, 2020

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

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## Meetings

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- 7/2 Plaza Meeting - President John Brown - Introduction of Board and Plans for the Coming Year
- 7/9 Regular Meeting
- 7/16 Regular Meeting
- 7/23 Regular Meeting

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 6/2 Bill Dickey
- 6/3 Susan O'Neal
- 6/5 Sharon Patrick
- 6/12 Pat McLeod
- 6/13 Danny Braddy
- 6/16 Charles Dixon
- 6/16 Alexandria Bighams
- 6/22 Russell Chubb
- 6/24 Jim Carter
- 6/24 Jeff Zoller
- 6/24 Gail Roberts
- 6/25 Ben Wilds
- 6/25 Bradford Jackson
- 6/27 Kurt Stringfellow

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/4 John Glenn, Jr. (59)
- 6/7 Irene Gleason (23)
- 6/7 Powell Jones (34)
- 6/9 Adam Carvin (7)
- 6/10 Michele Arwood (31)
- 6/11 Dicky Demott (124)
- 6/14 Thomas Carlton (7)
- 6/14 Gerry Gilmer (6)
- 6/15 Pat McLeod (45)
- 6/20 Philip Leabo, Jr. (14)
- 6/23 Homer Pankey (58)
- 6/24 Randy Watts (20)
- 6/24 Walter Gilbert (54)
- 6/28 Scott Rich (51)

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## YEARS OF SERVICE

6/1	Harry Tomlinson (39)
6/1	George Stephens, Jr. (50)
6/1	Christy Cooke (2) 6 years in Rotary
6/14	Melissa Thomas (1) 8 years in Rotary
6/27	Rob Milberg (18)
6/27	Bob Ackerman (6) 43 years in Rotary
6/30	Mike Bixler (6) 25 years in Rotary

## Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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## LEADERSHIP

President	Kim Walden
President-Elect	John Brown
Immediate PP	Andre Marria
Vice President	Terry Rouse
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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Bulletin Editor	Susan Backofen

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