

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 6, 2020

October is Economic and  
Community Development Month

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

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## Meetings

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- 10/8 Alan Carson - City Manager
- 10/15 An update from Archbold.
- 10/22 The Innocence Project of Florida
- 10/29 Regular Meeting - Ed Laughlin from Ghosts of Georgia Paranormal Investigators via Zoom

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Pat Choice
- 10/2 Howard Stephens
- 10/3 Dicky Demott
- 10/3 Philip Leabo, Jr.
- 10/5 Morgan Bailey
- 10/5 John Comita, Jr.
- 10/11 Nic Rahming
- 10/12 David Flowers
- 10/13 Scott Sterling
- 10/23 Walter Marria, Jr.
- 10/24 Wilson Carraway, Jr.
- 10/25 Wallace Goodman
- 10/29 John Glenn

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/10 Frances Parker (28)
- 10/10 Terry Rouse (28)
- 10/15 Susan O'Neal (26)
- 10/15 Nick Murray (15)
- 10/16 Carol Jones (56)
- 10/22 Dawna Bicknell Tanner (4)
- 10/24 Vann Middleton (22)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 10/2 Terry Rouse (12)

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10/3 Julie Carter (1)  
10/4 Kurt Stringfellow (2)  
6 years in Rotary  
10/9 Arlen Yokley (6)  
10/13 Teri White (9)  
10/16 Tim Filston (6)  
10/16 Francis Lilly (6)  
9 years in Rotary  
10/20 Coy Irvin (4)  
8 years in Rotary  
10/27 Michele Arwood (9)  
10/27 Jim Carter (9)

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## Rotary Online

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<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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Secretary	Angela Williamson
Foundation	Fran Milberg
Membership	Janet Liles
Public Image	Mike Bixler

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