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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 20, 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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- 10/22 The Innocence Project of Florida
- 10/29 District Governor KIRK DRISKELL
- 11/5 Will Watt - Major Henry Elrod
- 11/12 Regular Meeting - Liza Donnelly, Cartoonist for The New Yorker & CBS News

## 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)
- 10/3 Julie Carter (1)

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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

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

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### LEADERSHIP

President	John Brown
President-Elect	Wayne Newsome
Immediate PP	Kim Walden
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Foundation	Fran Milberg
Membership	Janet Liles
Public Image	Mike Bixler

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