



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Meetings

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5/5 Randy and Andy Show

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

6/2 Bill Dickey  
6/3 Susan O'Neal  
6/5 Sharon Patrick  
6/13 Danny Braddy  
6/16 Charles Dixon  
6/20 Warren Ballard  
6/22 Russell Chubb  
6/24 Jim Carter  
6/24 Jeff Zoller  
6/24 Gail Roberts  
6/25 Bradford Jackson  
6/27 Kurt Stringfellow

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6/4 John Glenn (60)  
6/7 Irene Gleason (24)  
6/7 Powell Jones (35)  
6/7 Jamie Lawrence (7)  
6/10 Michele Arwood (32)  
6/14 Thomas Carlton (8)  
6/14 Gerry Gilmer (7)  
6/20 Philip Leabo, Jr. (15)  
6/23 Homer Pankey (59)  
6/24 Randy Watts (21)  
6/24 Walter Gilbert (55)  
6/28 Scott Rich (52)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

6/1 Harry Tomlinson (40)  
6/1 George Stephens, Jr. (51)  
6/27 Rob Milberg (19)  
6/27 Bob Ackerman (7)  
44 years in Rotary  
6/30 Mike Bixler (7)  
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President	John Brown
President-Elect	Wayne Newsome
President Nominee	Danny Braddy
Immediate PP	Kim Walden
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Foundation	Fran Milberg
Membership	Janet Liles
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