

## Club Calendar

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

- 4/26 Regular Meeting-John Eunice
- 5/3 NO Lunch meeting today- Join us the evening for Celebration fellow Rotarians & their Plus One
- 5/10 Regular Meeting-Matt Bishop, UGA's Fanning Institute for Leadership Development
- 5/17 Regular Meeting-John Brown-Be the Voice, Anti Bullying

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 4/3 Krista Peace
- 4/8 Troy Rich
- 4/9 Melissa Thomas
- 4/13 Charles Hill
- 4/15 Jay Flowers
- 4/19 C. Grubbs
- 4/20 Elijah Miranda
- 4/21 Fran Milberg
- 4/26 Irene Gleason
- 4/27 Wayne Newsome

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/15 Paul Hjort
- 4/13 Andy Jones
- 4/24 Janet Liles
- 4/19 Amanda Gates
- 4/16 David Flowers
- 4/29 Tom Everett
- 4/13 Craig Wentworth

### This Week's Program

## John Eunice, Story of James Eunice and Coach Mark Richt

James received early acceptance to the University of Georgia on December 4, 2010. He told his head football coach, Rance Gillespie, that he wanted to try and walk on to the Georgia football team. On December 14, 2010, James was called out of class to go to Coach Gillespie's office. James called me later that afternoon, and said, "Dad, you'll never guess who I just met." I told him I didn't know. He said, "Coach Richt." He paused for a minute, and then he said, "And I was wearing a University of Florida tee shirt." Coach Richt was in town recruiting two of James' teammates and friends, Jay Rome and Malcolm Mitchell. James went missing January 15, 2011. Coach Richt and Coach Bobo followed the story during the 17 day search. We held James' service on February 5. James' coaches were the pallbearers, and his teammates attended. All wore their jerseys. During the service, Pastor David Rogers called Jay and Malcolm onto the stage and handed them a box. He read a letter from Coach Richt, which read, "This is the jersey I'm sure James would have earned. Oh yes, he made the team." When David finished reading, Jay and Malcolm opened the box and presented James' parents with a Georgia jersey with number 23 and Eunice across the back. Coach Richt was true to his word. James was on the opening day roster against Boise State, and Coach Richt kept him on the roster for all four years that James would have attended Georgia. Georgia honored James at the Georgia vs. South Carolina game in 2011 by wearing his number and initials on their helmets. On October 24, 2014, James' parents received a letter from Coach Richt inviting them to attend the Senior Gala in December. Coach Richt and the Georgia team honored James along with the rest of the seniors at the Senior Gala. Coach Richt closed the ceremonies that night introducing James with the words, "And one was missing."

### Up Coming Events

## Upcoming Events for the Rotary Club of Thomasville

**April 25th - Rose Show Setup: See George Stephens**

**April 27-29th - District Conference in San Destin, FL**

**April 28th - Rose City Run-Live Better Rotarian: See Krista Peace**

**April 28-29th - Rotary Club of Thomasville's Youth Tournament: See Tom Harrison or Erik von Hellens**

**April 30th - District Grant Report is DUE**

**May 3rd - Grand Celebration Night at the Biscuit Company, cocktails at 6:15 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Make your reservations now...**

<https://thomasvillerotary.org/event/reserve?id=261...>

**Have you made your reservations?**

**Celebrate Rotary together!**

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

4/1 Bill Blackburn (42)  
4/1 Andy Vann (29)  
4/1 Wallace Goodman (25)  
4/1 Frances Parker (23)  
4/15 Charles Dixon (19)  
4/8 Sabrina Boykins Everett  
(14)

## Rotary Online

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792 May 1,  
1921

Active Membership: 132 

**ROTARY CLUB OF  
THOMASVILLE  
PO Box 1277  
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**Don't forget  
No lunch meeting on Thursday, May 3rd**