


**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



September is Basic Education and  
Literacy Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792 May 1,  
1921  
Active Membership: 140 

Thursday evening, September 13th @ 5:30 pm

## September Board Meeting, at the Plaza in the Back Room

This Week's Program

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### Kim Lord, Brookwood School College Counselor From the Presidents Desk

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- 9/13 Regular Meeting-Wayne Peace, Former University of Florida Quarterback
- 9/20 Regular Meeting-Kim Lord, Brookwood College Counselor
- 9/27 Regular Meeting-Josh Small of Specatcor Management Group
- 10/4 Regular Meeting-Mandy Vickers Zahniser with Lives Without Limits

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Mary Beth Donalson
- 9/2 Rick Piper
- 9/6 William Felts
- 9/7 Vann Middleton
- 9/8 Arlen Yokley
- 9/9 Ed Titus
- 9/11 Warren Stafford
- 9/11 Debbie Goodman
- 9/20 Jonathan Cleveland
- 9/24 Joe Brown
- 9/24 Doris Yokley
- 9/27 Dan Bain
- 9/28 Eddie Smith
- 9/30 Tom Everett

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/4 David Lewis (64)
- 9/4 Teri White (19)
- 9/15 John Brown (59)
- 9/18 Elijah Miranda (14)
- 9/22 Jay Flowers (28)

## SERVICE

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## ANNIVERSARIES

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9/1 Tom Callaway (32)  
9/1 Debbie Goodman (24)  
9/4 Rick Piper (4)  
9/4 Randy Watts (4)  
9/7 Bryant Peace (1)  
9/11 Mike Stephenson (10)  
9/15 Tom Everett (12)  
9/21 Perry Mustian (18)  
9/23 Andy Jones (8)  
9/25 Wayne Newsome (4)  
9/30 Nick Murray (1)

## Rotary Online

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