

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



June is Rotary Fellowships Month

Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
Online currently (The Plaza  
Restaurant typically)  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

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- 6/11 Past Rotary International President Barry Rassin
- 6/17 Current Rotary International President Mark Maloney will be our Speaker!
- 6/25 Plaza Meeting (social distancing) with President Kim Year End & Induction of President-Elect John Brown (RSVP limited seating)
- 7/2 Plaza Meeting - President John Brown - Introduction of Board and Plans for the Coming Year

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 6/2 Bill Dickey
- 6/3 Susan O'Neal
- 6/5 Sharon Patrick
- 6/12 Pat McLeod
- 6/13 Danny Braddy
- 6/16 Charles Dixon
- 6/16 Alexzandria Bighams
- 6/22 Russell Chubb
- 6/24 Jim Carter
- 6/24 Jeff Zoller
- 6/24 Gail Roberts
- 6/25 Ben Wilds
- 6/25 Bradford Jackson
- 6/27 Kurt Stringfellow

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/4 John Glenn, Jr. (59)
- 6/7 Irene Gleason (23)
- 6/7 Powell Jones (34)
- 6/9 Adam Carvin (7)
- 6/10 Michele Arwood (31)
- 6/11 Dicky Demott (124)
- 6/14 Thomas Carlton (7)
- 6/14 Gerry Gilmer (6)

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- 6/20 Philip Leabo, Jr. (14)
- 6/23 Homer Pankey (58)
- 6/24 Randy Watts (20)
- 6/24 Walter Gilbert (54)
- 6/28 Scott Rich (51)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 6/1 Harry Tomlinson (39)
- 6/1 George Stephens, Jr. (50)
- 6/1 Christy Cooke (2)  
6 years in Rotary
- 6/14 Melissa Thomas (1)  
8 years in Rotary
- 6/27 Rob Milberg (18)
- 6/27 Bob Ackerman (6)  
43 years in Rotary
- 6/30 Mike Bixler (6)  
25 years in Rotary

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<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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