

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 18, 2021

May is Youth Service Month

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

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## Meetings

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- 5/20 Russell Deese - Russels' Military Vehicles AT THE BISCUIT COMPANY
- 5/27 Regular Meeting
- 6/3 Representatives Darlene Taylor and John LaHood
- 6/10 Kevin Mis Solval, Ph.D. - UGA Associate Professor in food science

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Nathaniel Abrams
- 5/2 Lauren Radford
- 5/15 Angela Williamson
- 5/17 Charlene Parrish
- 5/20 Thomas Carlton
- 5/25 Bill Blackburn

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/4 Frank Helms (15)
- 5/4 Barbara Williams-Anderson (22)
- 5/8 Danny Braddy (125)
- 5/13 Will Brown, III (3)
- 5/15 Angela Williamson (11)
- 5/17 Charlene Parrish (125)
- 5/18 Kurt Stringfellow (19)
- 5/21 Susan Backofen (44)
- 5/21 John Blackmon (33)
- 5/22 Eric Ward (17)
- 5/23 Marta Turner (29)
- 5/26 Lorraine Williams Rahming (5)
- 5/26 Nic Rahming (15)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 5/1 Eugene McNease (43)
- 5/1 Oscar Mims (66)

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- 5/4 Bob Drummond (4)
- 5/5 Dicky Demott (6)  
21 years in Rotary
- 5/7 Stuart Jackson (7)  
18 years in Rotary
- 5/7 Robert Vice (1)  
2 years in Rotary
- 5/7 Chris Lovelady (1)  
11 years in Rotary
- 5/11 Ray Thompson (4)  
9 years in Rotary
- 5/16 Lauren Radford (2)  
6 years in Rotary
- 5/22 John Bracey, Jr. (6)  
37 years in Rotary

## Rotary Online

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<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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President-Elect	Wayne Newsome
President Nominee	Danny Braddy
Immediate PP	Kim Walden
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Foundation	Fran Milberg
Membership	Janet Liles
Public Image	Mike Bixler

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