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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 15, 2019

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Community Development Month

Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

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- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

### Character Counts Centers of Influence

- Boys and Girls Club
- Vashti
- Scott School
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Please let Matt Brown know if you would be willing to consider serving in this meaningful opportunity for the youth of our community.

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Thank you all!

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## Meetings

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 10/17 Pretoria Fields Craft Beer  
- Reps Corey Flegel and  
Dona Lyn Goodpasture
- 10/24 Regular Meeting - World  
Polio Awareness Day  
Program
- 10/31 Regular Meeting
- 11/7 Polio Zone Coordinator  
Bob Hagen, Robert Hall  
Foundation Kickoff

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Pat Choice
- 10/2 Howard Stephens
- 10/3 Dicky Demott
- 10/3 Philip Leabo, Jr.
- 10/5 Morgan Bailey
- 10/11 Nic Rahming
- 10/12 David Flowers
- 10/13 Scott Sterling
- 10/17 Heather Lindquist
- 10/23 Walter Marria, Jr.
- 10/24 Wilson Carraway, Jr.
- 10/25 Wallace Goodman
- 10/29 John Glenn, Jr.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/2 Warren Ballard (9)
- 10/10 Frances Parker (27)
- 10/10 Terry Rouse (27)
- 10/15 Susan O'Neal (25)
- 10/15 Nick Murray (14)
- 10/16 Carol Jones (55)
- 10/22 Dawna Bicknell Tanner  
(3)
- 10/24 Vann Middleton (21)

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## YEARS OF SERVICE

10/2	Terry Rouse (11)
10/3	Julie Carter (0)
10/4	Kurt Stringfellow (1) 5 years in Rotary
10/9	Lisa Billups (5)
10/9	Arlen Yokley (5)
10/9	Shelley Zorn (5) 14 years in Rotary
10/13	Teri White (8)
10/16	Tim Filston (5)
10/16	Tom Rinehart (5)
10/16	Francis Lilly (5) 8 years in Rotary
10/20	Coy Irvin (3) 7 years in Rotary
10/27	Michele Arwood (8)
10/27	Jim Carter (8)

## Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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## ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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## LEADERSHIP

President	Kim Walden
President-Elect	John Brown
Immediate PP	Andre Marria
Vice President	Terry Rouse
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Foundation	Warren Ballard
Membership	Adam Carvin
Foundation	John Glenn, Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mary Beth Donalson
Program Director	Jay Flowers
Sergeant-at-Arms	Danny Braddy
Bulletin Editor	Susan Backofen
Public Image	Mike Bixler

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