

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



December is Disease Prevention and  
Treatment Month

Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
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  - Performances in the Thomasville Municipal Auditorium
    - Live nativity presented by First Baptist Church
    - Visits with St. Nick at The Ritz Amphitheater
      - Marshmallow toasting
      - Chestnut roasting
      - Plain Air Artists
      - Street performers
  - Delicious food vendors of all types
    - ...and more!

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#### **Six Pillars of Character:**

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

#### **Character Counts Centers of Influence**

- Boys and Girls Club
- Vashli
- Scott School
- Community Resource Center

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## Meetings

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- 12/5 April Norton and Madison Eaton to present Thomasville Main Street, Victorian Christmas and First Friday Sip and Stroll.
- 12/12 Regular Meeting
- 12/19 Regular Meeting - District Governor Jim Squires Official Visit
- 12/26 NO Meeting today - Merry Christmas

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 12/6 Andy Sheppard
- 12/10 Andy Jones
- 12/11 Eric Ward
- 12/13 Bob Drummond
- 12/14 Walter Gilbert
- 12/16 John Bracey, Jr.
- 12/16 Mike Bixler
- 12/23 Eugene McNease
- 12/24 Carlton Bryant
- 12/25 Oscar Mims
- 12/29 Susie Shin
- 12/31 Rob Milberg
- 12/31 Lisa Billups
- 12/31 Robert Jackson
- 12/31 Sally Hernandez
- 12/31 Tara Hagan
- 12/31 Dawn Hunnewell

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/1 Harry Tomlinson (40)
- 12/11 Rankin Smith, Jr. (28)
- 12/19 George Stephens, Jr. (67)
- 12/21 Fran Milberg (50)
- 12/22 Shelba Sellers (28)
- 12/27 Frederick Buechner (44)
- 12/27 Matt Brown (29)
- 12/29 Joe Brown (61)

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12/30 Tim Filston (24)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

12/1 Scott Rich (42)  
12/1 Rebecca Strickland (16)  
12/1 Pat McLeod (32)  
12/2 John Brown (9)  
12/3 Thomas Carlton (4)  
12/3 Howard Stephens (4)  
12/13 Gerhard Sommer (18)  
12/13 John Blackmon (1)  
4 years in Rotary  
12/13 Matt Brown (1)  
5 years in Rotary  
12/13 Julie Cannady (1)  
12/13 Susie Shin (1)  
12/13 Barbara Williams-Anderson (1)  
12/18 Shanna Derby (5)  
12/18 Frank Helms (5)  
6 years in Rotary

## Rotary Online

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