

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville




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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 25, 2018

July is New Rotary Year Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792 May 1,  
1921  
Active Membership: 133 

At Rotary

## **This Week's Program**

Wing Mission Briefing from Moody Air Force Base. Visiting us will be Ceara Tinsley, SSgt, USAF and two airmen.

Join Us

## **Back to School Blitz**



### **Program Next Week - Commissioner Mark Butler**

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### **From the Presidents Desk**

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## Club Calendar

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- 7/26 Regular Meeting - Ceaira Tinsley, SSgt, USAF
- 8/2 Regular Meeting-Mark Butler, State of Georgia Labor Commissioner
- 8/9 Regular Meeting-Dr. Brian Ring
- 8/16 Regular Meeting

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2 William Dickey
- 7/4 Bryant Peace
- 7/8 George Stephens
- 7/9 Art Allen
- 7/12 Gerhard Sommer
- 7/15 John Everett
- 7/19 Coy Irvin
- 7/19 Andrea Collins
- 7/21 Dale Hodges
- 7/22 Al Bryan
- 7/28 Bryant Beadles
- 7/28 Stuart Jackson
- 7/30 Ed Elam

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/1 Richard Vann
- 7/9 Tom Callaway
- 7/12 Paul Hancock
- 7/12 Debbie Quinton
- 7/12 Donald Sims
- 7/23 Rick Piper

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/1 Mary Beth Donalson (4)
- 7/1 Jeff Zoller (9)
- 7/1 Sharon Patrick (14)
- 7/1 Lauren Vann (2)
- 7/1 Warren Stafford (38)

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7/1 Melissa Thomas (2)  
7/1 Donald Sims (29)  
7/1 C. Grubbs (31)  
7/1 Jay Flowers (8)  
7/1 Chris Lovelady (9)  
7/2 Art Allen (3)  
7/2 William Dickey (3)  
7/4 Erik von Hellens (6)  
7/5 Trent Reynolds (0)  
7/6 Kim Walden (1)  
7/6 Ronnie Godwin (1)  
7/6 Laine Reichert (1)  
7/6 Eddie Smith (7)  
7/9 Sally Hernandez (3)  
7/11 Mark Anderson (5)  
7/11 Ben Wilds (5)  
7/12 Eric Ward (6)  
7/14 Frederick Buechner (2)  
7/17 Clay Campbell (6)  
7/18 Andre Marria (13)  
7/22 David Lewis (8)  
7/31 John Glenn (21)

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