

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville




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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 1, 2019

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Club Development Month

Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
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## Meetings

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- 8/8 Justin Allen - Broad Street Media
- 8/15 Regular Meeting - Jeremy Emmett to share plans for the new Marriott Hotel
- 8/22 Regular Meeting
- 8/29 Angela Williamson will present Scott Romanowski - Physical Therapist with Vereen Center

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 8/3 Dawna Bicknell Tanner
- 8/6 Janet Liles
- 8/9 Cameron Jahnke
- 8/9 Andre Marria
- 8/13 Andy Vann
- 8/13 Harry Tomlinson
- 8/13 Joe Tarver
- 8/15 Scott Smith
- 8/17 Donald Sims
- 8/18 Christy Cooke
- 8/22 Frank Helms
- 8/23 Rankin Smith, Jr.
- 8/26 George Keeling, III
- 8/29 Mike Stephenson

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/2 Krista Peace (5)
- 8/7 Niki Gatlin (8)
- 8/8 Ben Wilds (48)
- 8/10 Bill Dickey (50)
- 8/13 Coy Irvin (41)
- 8/18 Arlen Yokley (61)
- 8/18 Doris Yokley (61)
- 8/19 Gary Tucker (58)
- 8/19 Carlton Bryant (43)
- 8/20 Russell Chubb (58)
- 8/22 Shelley Zorn (26)
- 8/24 Roy Campbell (67)

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- 8/28 Al Park (47)
- 8/29 Andre Marria (0)
- 8/29 Walter Marria, Jr. (45)
- 8/30 Scott Sterling (38)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 8/1 Walter Gilbert (28)
- 8/1 Wilson Carraway, Jr. (36)  
69 years in Rotary
- 8/1 Fran Milberg (23)  
25 years in Rotary
- 8/2 Adrian Burns (1)
- 8/2 Doris Yokley (1)
- 8/2 Walter Marria, Jr. (1)
- 8/2 Pat Choice (1)
- 8/2 Carlton Bryant (1)
- 8/3 Susan Backofen (2)  
7 years in Rotary
- 8/8 Scott Sterling (11)
- 8/10 Dawn Hunnewell (7)
- 8/10 Debbie Quinton (7)
- 8/10 Heather Lindquist (7)
- 8/13 Mark Lowe (10)
- 8/13 Jonathan Cleveland (4)
- 8/13 Cameron Jahnke (4)
- 8/16 Niki Gatlin (1)
- 8/20 George Keeling, III (2)  
13 years in Rotary
- 8/23 Philip Leabo, Jr. (1)
- 8/24 Krista Peace (2)
- 8/24 David Hufstetler (2)
- 8/25 Andy Sheppard (3)
- 8/27 David Flowers (10)

## Rotary Online

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