



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER December 31, 2019

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

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## Meetings

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- 1/2 Gail Roberts to introduce new grant benefiting the community
- 1/9 IMPROVING ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN THOMASVILLE AT SCOTT AND HARPER SCHOOLS.
- 1/16 G. Wayne Clough the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution born in the South
- 1/23 Ben Huntzinger Spartan Wheel Cariott

# 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 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)

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# 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
- 12/19 Gerry Gilmer (0) 2 years in Rotary

## **Rotary Online**

https://thomasvillerotary.org https://rotary6900.org/ https://rotary.org/

#### ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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Treasurer	Rick Piper
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Membership	Adam Carvin
Foundation	John Glenn, J
Sergeant-at-Arms	Danny Braddy
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