



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 15, 2021

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Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
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## Meetings

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- 6/17 Regular Meeting
- 6/24 President John Brown Swan Song & Induction of Wayne Newsome
- 5/5 Randy and Andy Show

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 6/2 Bill Dickey
- 6/3 Susan O'Neal
- 6/5 Sharon Patrick
- 6/13 Danny Braddy
- 6/16 Charles Dixon
- 6/20 Warren Ballard
- 6/22 Russell Chubb
- 6/24 Jim Carter
- 6/24 Jeff Zoller
- 6/24 Gail Roberts
- 6/25 Bradford Jackson
- 6/27 Kurt Stringfellow

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/4 John Glenn (60)
- 6/7 Irene Gleason (24)
- 6/7 Powell Jones (35)
- 6/7 Jamie Lawrence (7)
- 6/10 Michele Arwood (32)
- 6/14 Thomas Carlton (8)
- 6/14 Gerry Gilmer (7)
- 6/20 Philip Leabo, Jr. (15)
- 6/23 Homer Pankey (59)
- 6/24 Randy Watts (21)
- 6/24 Walter Gilbert (55)
- 6/28 Scott Rich (52)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 6/1 Harry Tomlinson (40)
- 6/1 George Stephens, Jr. (51)

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6/27 Rob Milberg (19)  
6/27 Bob Ackerman (7)  
44 years in Rotary  
6/30 Mike Bixler (7)  
26 years in Rotary

## Rotary Online

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

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| President            | John Brown           |
| President-Elect      | Wayne<br>Newsome     |
| President<br>Nominee | Danny Braddy         |
| Immediate PP         | Kim Walden           |
| Treasurer            | Teri White           |
| Secretary            | Angela<br>Williamson |
| Foundation           | Fran Milberg         |
| Membership           | Janet Liles          |
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