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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER


October 13, 2020

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Community Development Month


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The Plaza Restaurant  
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read more about GRSP

## Meetings

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|-------|--|
| 10/15 | Fortson Rumble - running a successful small business                                   |
| 10/22 | The Innocence Project of Florida   |
| 10/29 | Regular Meeting - Ed Laughlin from Ghosts of Georgia Paranormal Investigators via Zoom |
| 11/5  | Will Watt - Major Henry Elrod  |

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- |       |                      |
|-------|----------------------|
| 10/1  | Pat Choice           |
| 10/2  | Howard Stephens      |
| 10/3  | Dicky Demott         |
| 10/3  | Philip Leabo, Jr.    |
| 10/5  | Morgan Bailey        |
| 10/5  | John Comita, Jr.     |
| 10/11 | Nic Rahming          |
| 10/12 | David Flowers        |
| 10/13 | Scott Sterling       |
| 10/23 | Walter Marria, Jr.   |
| 10/24 | Wilson Carraway, Jr. |
| 10/25 | Wallace Goodman      |
| 10/29 | John Glenn           |


## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- |       |                           |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 10/10 | Frances Parker (28)       |
| 10/10 | Terry Rouse (28)          |
| 10/15 | Susan O'Neal (26)         |
| 10/15 | Nick Murray (15)          |
| 10/16 | Carol Jones (56)          |
| 10/22 | Dawna Bicknell Tanner (4) |
| 10/24 | Vann Middleton (22)       |

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## SERVICE

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 10/2  | Terry Rouse (12)                           |
| 10/3  | Julie Carter (1)                           |
| 10/4  | Kurt Stringfellow (2)<br>6 years in Rotary |
| 10/9  | Arlen Yokley (6)                           |
| 10/13 | Teri White (9)                             |
| 10/16 | Tim Filston (6)                            |
| 10/16 | Francis Lilly (6)<br>9 years in Rotary     |
| 10/20 | Coy Irvin (4)<br>8 years in Rotary         |
| 10/27 | Michele Arwood (9)                         |
| 10/27 | Jim Carter (9)                             |

## Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| President       | John Brown           |
| President-Elect | Wayne<br>Newsome     |
| Immediate PP    | Kim Walden           |
| Treasurer       | Teri White           |
| Secretary       | Angela<br>Williamson |
| Foundation      | Fran Milberg         |
| Membership      | Janet Liles          |
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