



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 3, 2020

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Online currently (The Plaza  
Restaurant typically)  
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## Meetings

May is Youth Service Month

- 5/14 Moved to June...It's a Fancy Grand Evening at the Business Exchange
- 5/21 Dr Chip Bragg
- 5/28 Awards Day!!!! Moving to June - Date to be announced.
- 6/4 Regular Meeting

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Nathaniel Abrams
- 5/2 Lauren Radford
- 5/15 Angela Williamson
- 5/17 Charlene Parrish
- 5/20 Thomas Carlton
- 5/25 Bill Blackburn
- 5/27 Noel Ellis

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/4 Frank Helms (14)
- 5/4 Barbara Williams-Anderson (21)
- 5/8 Danny Braddy (124)
- 5/13 Will Brown, III (2)
- 5/15 Angela Williamson (10)
- 5/17 Charlene Parrish (124)
- 5/18 Kurt Stringfellow (18)
- 5/21 Susan Backofen (43)
- 5/21 John Blackmon (32)
- 5/22 Eric Ward (16)
- 5/23 Marta Turner (28)
- 5/26 Lorraine Williams Rahming (4)
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## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 5/1 Eugene McNease (42)
- 5/1 Oscar Mims (65)

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| 5/4  | Bob Drummond (3)                          |
| 5/5  | Dicky Demott (5)<br>20 years in Rotary    |
| 5/7  | Stuart Jackson (6)<br>17 years in Rotary  |
| 5/11 | Ray Thompson (3)<br>8 years in Rotary     |
| 5/16 | Lauren Radford (1)<br>5 years in Rotary   |
| 5/22 | John Brace, Jr. (5)<br>36 years in Rotary |

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<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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| Sergeant-at-Arms | Danny Braddy       |
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| Bulletin Editor  | Susan Backofen     |
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