

## This Week's Program

### John Eunice, Story of James Eunice and Coach Mark Richt

James received early acceptance to the University of Georgia on December 4, 2010. He told his head football coach, Rance Gillespie, that he wanted to try and walk on to the Georgia football team. On December 14, 2010, James was called out of class to go to Coach Gillespie's office. James called me later that afternoon, and said, "Dad, you'll never guess who I just met." I told him I didn't know. He said, "Coach Richt." He paused for a minute, and then he said, "And I was wearing a University of Florida tee shirt." Coach Richt was in town recruiting two of James' teammates and friends, Jay Rome and Malcolm Mitchell. James went missing January 15, 2011. Coach Richt and Coach Bobo followed the story during the 17 day search. We held James' service on February 5. James' coaches were the pallbearers, and his teammates attended. All wore their jerseys. During the service, Pastor David Rogers called Jay and Malcolm onto the stage and handed them a box. He read a letter from Coach Richt, which read, "This is the jersey I'm sure James would have earned. Oh yes, he made the team." When David finished reading, Jay and Malcolm opened the box and presented James' parents with a Georgia jersey with number 23 and Eunice across the back. Coach Richt was true to his word. James was on the opening day roster against Boise State, and Coach Richt kept him on the roster for all four years that James would have attended Georgia. Georgia honored James at the Georgia vs. South Carolina game in 2011 by wearing his number and initials on their helmets. On October 24, 2014, James' parents received a letter from Coach Richt inviting them to attend the Senior Gala in December. Coach Richt and the Georgia team honored James along with the rest of the seniors at the Senior Gala. Coach Richt closed the ceremonies that night introducing James with the words, "And one was missing."

## Up Coming Events

### Upcoming Events for the Rotary Club of

## MEETINGS

April is Environment Month

- 4/26 Regular Meeting-John Eunice
- 5/3 NO Lunch meeting today-Join us the evening for Celebration fellow Rotarians & their Plus One
- 5/10 Regular Meeting-Matt Bishop, UGA's Fanning Institute for Leadership Development
- 5/17 Regular Meeting-John Brown-Be the Voice, Anti Bullying
- 5/24 Regular Meeting-Program- Annika A. Culver and Laws of Life & Scholarship Recipients
- 5/31 Regular Meeting-Ashley Quinn, Collections Mgr at Georgia College speaking on Paleontology & fossils in our region
- 6/7 Regular Meeting-Danny Hendrix, The Three Things that Leaders need to learn to say!
- 6/14 Regular Meeting-Gary Black, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4/26 Irene Gleason
- 4/27 Wayne Newsome
- 4/30 Gretchen Bickel
- 5/2 Lauren Radford
- 5/12 Michael Beaty
- 5/15 Angela Williamson
- 5/17 Charlene Parrish
- 5/21 Joseph Edwards

## WEDDING

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/24 Janet Liles (36)
- 4/24 Esther-Marie Lawrence (19)
- 4/29 Tom Everett (12)
- 5/4 Barbara Williams-Anderson (19)

# Thomasville

April 25th - Rose Show Setup: See George Stephens

April 27-29th - District Conference in San Destin, FL

April 28th - Rose City Run-Live Better Rotarian: See Krista Peace

April 28-29th - Rotary Club of Thomasville's Youth Tournament: See Tom Harrison or Erik von Hellens

April 30th - District Grant Report is DUE

May 3rd - Grand Celebration Night at the Biscuit Company, cocktails at 6:15 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Make your reservations now...

<https://thomasvillerotary.org/event/reserve?id=261...>

Have you made your reservations?  
**Celebrate Rotary together!**



Don't forget  
**No lunch meeting on Thursday, May 3rd**

5/10 Ricky Zambrano (10)  
5/13 Will Brown, III (0)  
5/15 Angela Williamson (8)  
5/17 Charlene Parrish (122)  
5/18 Kurt Stringfellow (16)  
5/20 Paul Overstreet (29)  
5/21 John Blackmon (30)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

5/1 Eugene McNease (40)  
5/4 Bob Drummond (1)

## ROTARY ONLINE

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restuarant  
217 Broad St  
Thomasville, GA 31792

## LEADERSHIP

President	Teri White
President-Elect	André Marria
Immediate PP	Jeff Zoller
Vice President	Carol Jones
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Fellowship Director	Angela Williamson
Program Director	Jay Flowers
Program Director	Lauren Radford
Program Director	Al Nicholson
Public Image	Shanna Derby

## Directors

Club President	Kim Walden
Nominee	
Foundation	Marta Jones-Turner
Membership	Ben Wilds

Foundation	Scott Rich
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Youth Service	Eddie Smith
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Club Webmaster	Joe Brown