



Thomas Center

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THOMAS HAWKINS RECOGNITION CEREMONY



At our September meeting, we honored **Dr. William Thomas Hawkins, Sr.**, joined by many of his friends and family. Dr. Hawkins was key in preserving the building in the 1970s and donated several family items now on display. Like his grandfather,

Major Thomas, he was a vital part of the

Gainesville community.

The Hawkins family also gifted the Thomas Center Associates a beautiful silver-filigree plate (pictured right), originally given to Margaret Thomas and Samuel Hawkins on their 1935 wedding day. It will soon be displayed in the Maloney Conference Room.

Below are those who contributed to the Dr. Hawkins Memorial Fund, which has supported new family photo displays and period furnishings in the Gowan History Room—once the “Morning Room,” where the Thomas children ate breakfast and lunch.



Thank you Dr. Hawkins Memorial Fund Contributors

Will Hawkins	Edward Ellett
Alan & Di Hawkins	Marie H Roberts-Watson
Matthew Hawkins	Mrs. Alvin Alsobrook (Betty)
Thomas, Jr & Sara Hawkins	Martha Ann Reuther
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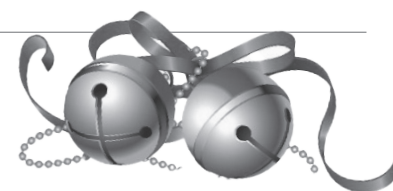
2025 GARDEN PROJECT

*H*ooray, our 2025 Garden Project has been completed. Our thanks to Bryce Burger and his dedicated crew who persevered through numerous challenges to get our project done!!! We planted drift roses and other flowers in the three entry beds off the parking lot and around the Gowan Urn. Liriope was added to the sidewalk connecting the two buildings where mulch was constantly washing away. The biggest effort was in the Camellia Garden on the north side. We transplanted three bushes to clear the view of the Heritage Oak and created more of a walking path through these beautiful old bushes. Azaleas were also transplanted and three Fringe Trees replaced the old Walter's Viburnum. The Fringe Trees will be a lovely addition to the garden in the spring when they have gorgeous white blossoms

JINGLE BELL BALL

*O*ur annual gala is **Friday, December 5!**

Invitations go out November 1, and tickets will be available on Eventbrite. Thomas Center Associates members get discounted ticket pricing, so if you're not already a member you can scan this QR code to join. If you want to be added to the invite list please email us at thomascenterassociates.org.



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