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## Zeal, bedside manner defines surgeon's career

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Dr. Cedric Deang is a character. The Philippines-native who came to America in 1963 is known for his practical jokes and ability to make those around him laugh. For the last 33 years, Deang has been a general surgeon in Thomasville, helping people both with his hands and his outgoing personality. But, all good things eventually come to an end. Deang is retiring from Davidson Surgical Associates on Lexington Avenue

next month to spend more time with his family, leaving behind a legacy of caring, compassion and a true zest for life.

"I have enjoyed working in Thomasville," Deang said. "The people here are nice people and they are so friendly. They never showed anything negative about me being a foreigner. They joke and say that with my accent they can't understand what I say. Sometimes they laugh at me and say, 'What are you talking about?' That made me comfortable and that's one of

the reasons I've stayed here."

Deang came to the United States from the Philippines in 1963, and spent the next four years finishing his education with stints in New Jersey and Michigan, where he would meet his wife, Janette. He returned to his native country but political unrest caused him to leave in 1973. He originally planned to open a practice in West Virginia but a massive flood washed out his office, forcing a reconsideration, leading him towards the

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Longtime surgeon Dr. Cedric Deang will retire after serving the community for more than 30 years.

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From left, Thomasville Police Chief Jeff Insley and Davidson County Sheriff David Grice salute the wreath placed in at the Police Memorial in front of TPD headquarters Thursday night during a peace officer's memorial service.

## Memorial service honors fallen officers

BY ELIOT DUKE  
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Thursday's Peace Officer Memorial Service at Thomasville Police Department took on different meanings to those in attendance.

With each passing candle or white carnation being placed at the base of the bronze memorial statue in front of TPD, officers from across the county, both past and present, reflected on those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

For new Thomasville Police Chief Jeff Insley, the day took on new meaning following Dec. 23, 2001, when his former partner, Shelia Dianne Twyman, died after her

patrol car was struck by a tractor-trailer. The two worked together at High Point Police Department, and Twyman's death dealt Insley a harsh reminder of the dangers a police officer faces on a daily basis.

"[Twyman] was my zone partner when I was in High Point," Insley said. "We lost her a few years ago, and ever since then this has had a little different meaning for me because I lost someone close."

"Sometimes we get caught up in remembering those who have served, but I also want to honor and recognize those currently serving. These

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## Car show to benefit ACH children

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Prom night and graduation gowns don't swirl with ease in and out of the lives of all children, and with the economy tightening purse strings, the kids living at American Children's Home in Lexington rely even more than usual on help from the community.

The home's 12th annual car show features vehicles from as far back as the 1900s and serves not only as a way to raise money for the local non-profit but also as an opportunity for the chil-

### WANT TO GO?

What: ACH Car Show  
Where: 3844 N.C. Hwy 8, Lexington  
When: Saturday, May 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Entry fee: \$15 for vehicle, \$35 for vendor, spectators are free

dren and staff to give back to the community through a day-long competition.

The event, held May 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the children's home, was moved to the spring

after an even larger number of car shows in the fall resulted in dwindled numbers. All proceeds will go to the home.

"People just like and love to look at the old cars," said Charles Riehs, chairman of the Board of Directors. "Anytime I can help a child, that's what I'm out for."

Spectators and parking are free for the show, but car entries cost \$15 and must be registered by noon.

Outside of the cars themselves, the show will include vendors selling various accessories for cars, concession stands

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The American Children's Home car show will offer a variety of entertainment for the entire family.

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