

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville




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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 30, 2019

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Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792 

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## Meetings

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- 8/1 Regular Meeting Kurt Piehler - FSU Institute on World War II and the Human Experience
- 8/8 Justin Allen - Broad Street Media
- 8/15 Regular Meeting - Jeremy Emmett to share plans for the new Marriott Hotel
- 8/22 Regular Meeting

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 7/8 George Stephens, Jr.
- 7/11 Matt Brown
- 7/12 Gerhard Sommer
- 7/19 Coy Irvin
- 7/21 Dale Hodges
- 7/28 Bryant Beadles
- 7/28 Stuart Jackson
- 7/30 Ed Elam, III

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/9 Tom Callaway, III (42)
- 7/12 Paul Hancock (44)
- 7/12 Debbie Quinton (33)
- 7/12 Donald Sims (50)
- 7/23 Rick Piper (15)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 7/1 Jeff Zoller (10)
- 7/1 Warren Stafford (39)
- 7/1 Sharon Patrick (15)
- 7/1 Donald Sims (30)
- 7/1 Scooter Grubbs, III (32)
- 7/1 Jay Flowers (9)
- 7/1 Lauren Vann (3)
- 7/1 Mary Beth Donalson (5)
- 7/2 Bill Dickey (4)

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- 7/4 Alexandria Bighams (0)
- 7/4 Erik von Hellens (7)
- 7/4 Nicholas Rahming (0)
- 7/5 Trent Reynolds (1)
- 7/6 Kim Walden (2)  
8 years in Rotary
- 7/6 Ronnie Godwin (2)  
24 years in Rotary
- 7/6 Eddie Smith (8)
- 7/9 Sally Hernandez (4)
- 7/11 Ben Wilds (6)
- 7/12 Eric Ward (7)
- 7/14 Frederick Buechner (3)  
28 years in Rotary
- 7/17 Clay Campbell (7)  
23 years in Rotary
- 7/18 Andre Marria (14)
- 7/22 David Lewis (9)
- 7/31 John Glenn, Jr. (22)  
23 years in Rotary

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<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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