

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 21, 2020

July is New Rotary Year Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

## VIRTUAL meeting this week

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83087399226> Meeting ID: 830 8739 9226 Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

### This Week's Program

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Even the best wheelchairs are not designed for outdoor use. Founder Ben Huntzinger was determined to fix that. Ben researched the least expensive products that still maintain strong integrity for off-road use. That way, everyone could afford an all-terrain wheelchair. He partnered with Spinerdy Wheels, the "Cadillac" of wheels to identify a strong and reliable wheel with the best price per wheel. We believe everybody worldwide needs access to living. Spartan Wheel Chariots are the answer.

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Learn more at <https://www.spartanwheelchariots.com/>

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### ABC's of Rotary

#### International Responsibilities of a Rotarian

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Here is what it said:

"A world-minded Rotarian:

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## Meetings

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- 7/23 Ben Huntzinger - Spartan Wheel Chariot
- 7/30 Cheif Troy Rich
- 8/6 Mellinda Piller - Covid and the impact on Small Business
- 8/13 Danillo Pistelli - A History of Mom and Dads and the Pistelli Family

## 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 (43)
- 7/12 Paul Hancock (45)
- 7/12 Debbie Quinton (34)
- 7/12 Donald Sims (51)


## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 7/1 Mary Beth Donalson (6)
- 7/1 Jay Flowers (10)
- 7/1 Scooter Grubbs, III (33)
- 7/1 Donald Sims (31)
- 7/1 Warren Stafford (40)
- 7/1 Jeff Zoller (11)
- 7/1 Sharon Patrick (16)
- 7/1 Lauren Vann (4)
- 7/2 Bill Dickey (5)
- 7/4 Erik von Hellens (8)
- 7/4 Nic Rahming (1)

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7/6 Ronnie Godwin (3)  
25 years in Rotary  
7/6 Kim Walden (3)  
9 years in Rotary  
7/11 Ben Wilds (7)  
7/12 Eric Ward (8)  
7/14 Frederick Buechner (4)  
29 years in Rotary  
7/17 W. Clay Campbell (8)  
24 years in Rotary  
7/18 Andre Marria (15)  
7/22 David Lewis (10)  
7/30 Charles Hill (1)  
47 years in Rotary  
7/31 John Glenn (23)  
24 years in Rotary

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## Rotary Online

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