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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 11, 2020

August is Membership and New  
Club Development Month

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

### **This Week's program**

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Melinda Pillar head of the business department at Thomas University was our guest speaker. One aspect of her message was the new jobs created in the age of Coronavirus. These were jobs that did not exist prior to the virus. Contact Tracing, Employee Temperatures, Covid-19 Testers, Modify Interior, Installers, Mask Sewers and Virtual Events. These jobs allow people to provide for their families and contribute to making Thomasville a better place. Melinda also shared with the club several new programs and majors T. U. has added to their existing programs. To help with the added programs and majors, T. U. has new faculty members joining the Business Department.

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### **News Briefs**

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## Meetings

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- 8/13 Danillo Pistelli - A History of Mom and Dads and the Pistelli Family
- 8/20 Regular Meeting
- 8/27 Steve Depaola - Psychology of Negative Elections
- 9/3 Regular Meeting -

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 8/6 Janet Liles
- 8/9 Cameron Jahnke
- 8/9 Andre Marria
- 8/13 Andy Vann
- 8/13 Harry Tomlinson
- 8/13 Joe Tarver
- 8/15 Scott Smith
- 8/17 Donald Sims
- 8/18 Christy Cooke
- 8/18 Chris Lovelady
- 8/22 Frank Helms
- 8/23 Rankin Smith, Jr.
- 8/29 Mike Stephenson

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/2 Krista Peace (7)
- 8/7 Niki Gatlin (10)
- 8/8 Ben Wilds (50)
- 8/10 Bill Dickey (52)
- 8/13 Coy Irvin (43)
- 8/18 Arlen Yokley (63)
- 8/18 Doris Yokley (63)
- 8/19 Gary Tucker (60)
- 8/19 Carlton Bryant (45)
- 8/20 Russell Chubb (60)
- 8/26 Copper Comita (31)
- 8/26 John Comita, Jr. (31)
- 8/28 Albert Park (49)
- 8/29 Andre Marria (2)
- 8/29 Walter Marria, Jr. (47)
- 8/30 Scott Sterling (40)

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## YEARS OF SERVICE

8/1	Fran Milberg (24) 26 years in Rotary
8/1	Wilson Carraway, Jr. (37) 70 years in Rotary
8/1	Walter Gilbert (29)
8/2	Doris Yokley (2)
8/2	Walter Marria, Jr. (2)
8/2	Pat Choice (2)
8/2	Adrian Burns (2)
8/2	Carlton Bryant (2)
8/3	Susan Backofen (3) 8 years in Rotary
8/8	Scott Sterling (12)
8/10	Debbie Quinton (8)
8/13	Mark Lowe (11)
8/13	Cameron Jahnke (5)
8/16	Niki Gatlin (2)
8/23	Philip Leabo, Jr. (2)
8/24	Krista Peace (3)
8/24	David Hufstetler (3)
8/25	Andy Sheppard (4)
8/27	David Flowers (11)

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<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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President	John Brown
President-Elect	Wayne Newsome
Immediate PP	Kim Walden
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson
Foundation	Fran Milberg
Membership	Janet Liles
Public Image	Mike Bixler

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