

## July Birthdays:

Bob Burg. July 2  
Bill Sines. July 6  
Mike Valind. July 6  
Jeff Graves. July 14  
Steve Yudell. July 14  
Sandy Hartmann. July 16  
Adam Noble. July 18  
Hayward Hartman. July 20

## July Rotary Anniversaries:

Joe Rosati. 07/01/70. 47 years  
Ed Sullivan. 07/01/93 24 years  
Harris Brown. 07/01/94 23 years  
Patrick Marlowe 07/22/15 2 years

For those who have not heard, Jimmy Johnson passed away Saturday,  
July 15.

Services will be this Friday At 10:00 A.M.  
Indian Rocks Baptist Church

### USMC Best Joke of the Year...

A Marine squad was marching north of Fallujah when they came upon an Iraqi terrorist who was badly injured and unconscious.

On the opposite side of the road was an American Marine in a similar but less serious state. The Marine was conscious and alert and as first aid was given to both men, the Squad Leader asked the injured Marine what had happened.

The Marine reported, "I was heavily armed and moving north along the highway here, and coming south was a heavily armed insurgent. We saw each other and both took cover in the ditches along the road. I yelled to him that Saddam Hussein was a miserable, lowlife scum bag who got what he deserved."

He yelled back, "Barack Obama is a lying, good-for-nothing, left wing Commie who isn't even an American.

So I said, "Osama Bin Laden dresses and acts like a frigid, mean-spirited lesbian!

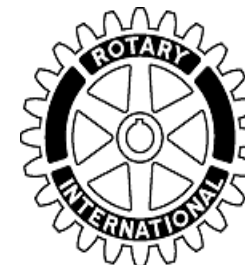
He retaliated by yelling, "Oh yeah? Well, so does Nancy Pelosi!"

And, there we were, in the middle of the road, shaking hands, when a truck hit us.



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# SEMINOLE SMOKE SIGNALS



ROTARY 2017-2018

Club Number 4289

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**PRAYER FOR TODAY:** Lord, teach me how to share Your kindness with everyone I meet. Amen

**PROGRAM THIS WEEK:** To be announced

**PROGRAM LAST WEEK:** Ann Toney Deal,  
Seminole City Manager

**PROGRAM NEXT WEEK:** Michael Bryan, Director,  
City of Seminole Library

### Upcoming Events:

Aug. 2nd: Jeremy Hockenbury, Seminole Public Works

Aug. 12th: Casino Night

### Rotary Club of Seminole Officers 2017-2018:

<b>President</b>	CJ Morris	<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	Frank Tanzella
<b>President Elect</b>	Ginger Hayes	<b>Bulletin Editor</b>	Jeff Graves/Ruth Berry
<b>Secretary</b>	Lorie Whitney	<b>Past President</b>	Bob Matthews
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike McQuilkin		

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## New award celebrates success of women in Rotary



Tory Paxson, right, with Dr. Sylvia Whitlock.

*By Tory Paxson, Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, USA*

On Tuesday, 13 June, we sat down in a cool auditorium in the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, for the first annual Women in Rotary Event. The four of us sitting together were all women, all members of my Rotary club, and all at our very first Rotary International Convention. We were unaware of the impact this event was about to have on us. But then, the lights began to dim.

It has only been a short 30 years since the landmark decision to allow women to join Rotary. Being only 27 years of age myself, this reality seems a bit absurd. All of these incredible, passionate and driven women I have met since joining Rotary have only had the space of my lifetime to catch up in leadership roles, in Rotary pride and projects? Really? And yet as lights shone down on our presenters, we felt that 30 years, while short, has been plenty of time for these women to shine. The event was organized and hosted by district governors Julie Craig and Sieglinde Warren. Among the presenters was Nicholas Krayacich, a distinguished Rotarian from Ontario and spouse of 2016-17 Rotary vice president Jennifer Jones. He spoke from the perspective of what it is like having two Rotarians in the family and how he and Jennifer support each other.

Charlotte Ahlberg, the charter president of the the E-club of 2410se in Sweden, has been perfecting the art of balance in life between family, work, personal time and Rotary. She opened new doors for those of us in the audience with the concept of Rotary online. Director (and 2017-18 RI Vice President) Hendreen Dean Rohrs inspired us with stories of bucking the system and finding her Rotary family. She told us how she founded a new club when she found out the one she initially approached didn't feel like including a woman.

Jennifer Scott of the Blue Mountains west of Sydney had us in fits of laughter with her tale of how she responded to a group of men unsure of what a woman's role could be in Rotary. Her response was hysterically funny and wickedly apropos while still being somehow kind and welcoming.

Last, but certainly not least, was Dr. Sylvia Whitlock. I won't deny that before the convention, I knew little about the leadership of Rotary. I probably could not have told you the Rotary International President's name! However, Sylvia I had heard about, and knew her incredible story. Dr. Whitlock came from the history-making "Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte," and was the first woman in the world to become a Rotary club president. We felt like we were at a moment in history when the award named after her was announced, an award recognizing individuals who have contributed to the success of women in Rotary. The first recipient of the award after Sylvia herself is Carolyn Jones, the first woman Trustee of Rotary, who hails from District 5010. I look forward to seeing this award grow in both distinction and prominence over the years.

After the program itself, I was lucky enough to bump into Dr. Whitlock during the dinner reception. She was warm, genuine and more than a bit of a firecracker, and she posed with me for a photo that I will cherish.

In a giant convention filled with incredible moments, this one moment will always stand out for me: sitting with Sylvia, and hearing her advice to this new Rotarian, one who aims to be just as much of a firecracker.