

#### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

#### Wine or Whine

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#### **Board Meeting**

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Thursday, Sept. 12

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Questions? Contact Morgan Bailey.

Thursday, Sept. 19

#### Pack & Sort

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Working together, serving together, having lots of FUN! Saturday, Sept. 21

#### **Produce Market at Weston Park**

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### **Meetings**

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

9/5 Regular Meeting --Kelli Arno of Travel Thomasvile

9/12 Laura Albritton & Zickie Allgrove of Magic Kumquat Productions

9/19 Meeting at Second Harvest - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

9/26 Program Jordon Williams, Chief Academic Officer for Strategic Initiatives, Thomasville City Schools

#### **Events**

9/5 Wine or Whine

9/18 Coffee & Conversations

9/21 Produce Market at Weston

10/16 Coffee & Conversations

#### **ROTARY CLUB OF** THOMASVILLE

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#### **LEADERSHIP**

Marta Jones-President Turner

Nathaniel President-Elect Tyler

Mary Beth Immediate PP Donalson

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#### **Directors**

Membership Angela Williamson

#### **Community Service**

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Service Barbara WilliamsAnderson

Club Director

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Service Admin Devona Thompson

## **Rotary Online**

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# YEARS OF SERVICE

9/1 Gary Tucker (42)
 9/1 Debbie Goodman (30)
 9/4 Randy Watts (10)
 9/14 Lindsay Clay (1)

3 years in Rotary

9/15 Tom Everett (18)

9/23 Andy Jones (14)

9/25 Wayne Newsome (10) 29 years in Rotary

9/28 Wade Glover (1)

9/28 Jessica Sanders (1)

9/28 Terry Scott (1)

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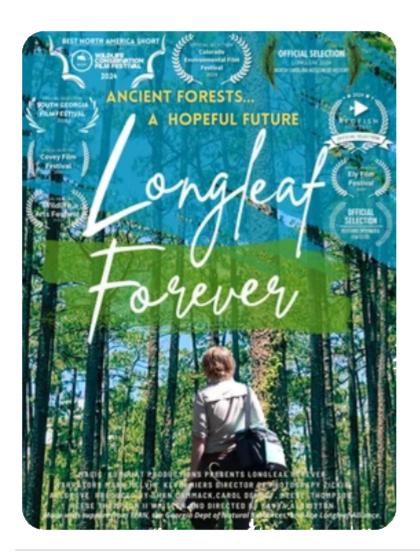
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