



Dec. 9-Dec. 13

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Thursday, Dec. 12

### Caily O'Connor, Recreational Therapist

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### Blood Drive

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Thursday, Dec. 19

### Pack & Sort

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



Saturday, Dec. 21

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Thursday, Dec. 26

### No Meeting

There will be no meeting on Thursday, Dec. 26 in honor of the Christmas holiday.



Thursday, Jan. 2

### No Meeting

There will be no meeting on Thursday, Jan. 2 in honor of the New Year's holiday. Club meetings begin again on Thursday, Jan. 9 - we hope to see everyone start the new year strong!



December 10, 2024

## Meetings

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

- 12/12 VA's HUD-VASH Program
- 12/19 Meet at Second Harvest - Pack & Sort Veggies for Free Produce Market
- 12/26 No Meeting: Happy Holidays
- 1/2 No Meeting: Happy New Year

## Events

- 12/12 Blood Drive
- 12/21 Produce Market
- 1/15 Coffee Chat
- 2/6 Blood Drive

### ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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#### LEADERSHIP

- President: Marta Jones-Turner
- President-Elect: Nathaniel Tyler
- Immediate PP: Mary Beth Donalson
- Vice President: Nathaniel Tyler
- Treasurer: Warren Ballard
- Secretary: Anna Lee
- Public Image: David Sofferin

#### Directors

- Membership: Angela Williamson
- Foundation: Carol Jones
- Service Projects: Barbara Williams-Anderson
- Club Director: Scott Rich

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Admin Devona Thompson

## Rotary Online

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

## YEARS OF SERVICE

12/1 Scott Rich (47)  
12/1 Rebecca Strickland (21)  
12/1 Tom Shaw (2)  
12/1 Brigit Smallridge (2)  
12/2 John Brown (14)  
12/4 Austin Finch (1)  
12/10 Richard Christenson (4)  
12/13 John Blackmon (6)  
9 years in Rotary  
12/13 Susie Shin (6)  
12/13 Barbara Williams-Anderson (6)



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