



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 14, 2025

January is Vocational Service
Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
Vashti Center
1815 East Clay Street
Thomasville, GA 31792

Wednesday, Jan. 15

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Thomas County Cares & Fountain of Life

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For instance, did you know that **Thomas County CARES (Community Awareness Reaching & Equipping the Streets)** helps the homeless and less fortunate in Thomas County obtain a better quality of life to become productive members of society. In 2024, Thomas County CARES provided more than 11,000 manna bags, blessing boxes and Street Feed plates to the hungry and food insecure and nearly 100 tents and sleeping bags to the unsheltered.

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Meetings

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- 1/16 Regular Meeting at Vashti -
- Chris White, Thomasville
City Manager, brings
update on City Government
- 1/23 Regular Meeting at Vashti -
Program: Thomasville
Cares & Fountain of Life on
support for the homeless
brought by Nate Tyler
- 1/30 Thomas County Sheriff Tim
Watkins to speak,
introduced by Thomasville
police Chief Wade Glover

Events

- 1/15 Coffee Chat
- 1/18 Manna Drop at Restoration
Tabernacle 1002 N. Broad
St. -- HOTC & ROTARY
CLUB
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Tabernacle
- 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

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Directors

Membership	Angela Williamson
Service Projects	Barbara Williams-Anderson
Foundation	Carol Jones
Club Director	Scott Rich
Youth Service	Chandler Giddes
Admin	Devona Thompson

Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>
<https://rotary6900.org/>
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YEARS OF SERVICE

1/1	Powell Jones (39) 44 years in Rotary
1/1	Richard Vann (29)
1/1	GRSP Admin (8)
1/4	Tim Daniel (1)
1/4	David Sofferin (1)
1/10	Nathaniel Abrams (12)
1/14	Scott Smith (17)
1/15	Vann Middleton (10)
1/24	Charlene Parrish (23)
1/31	Dawna Bicknell Tanner (6)
1/31	Lorraine Williams Rahming (6)

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