



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 22, 2025

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Month

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

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- 1/30 Thomas County Sheriff Tim Watkins to speak, introduced by Thomasville police Chief Wade Glover

## Events

- 2/6 Blood Drive
- 2/19 Coffee Chat
- 3/19 Coffee Chat
- 4/10 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
Service Projects	Barbara Williams-Anderson
Foundation	Carol Jones

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Club Director Scott Rich  
Youth Service Chandler Giddes  
Admin Devona Thompson

## Rotary Online

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

## 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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