

July is Maternal and Child
Health Month

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

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July 30, 2025

Meetings

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- 7/31 Shelley Zorn: President and CEO, Thomasville Payroll Development Authority
- 8/7 Ga. Rep. Darlene Taylor
- 8/14 Halcyon Home
- 8/21 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
- 8/28 Operation Lifesaver: Railroad Safety & Awareness
- 9/4 Annual Club Assembly Meeting
- 9/11 Dr Bill Ellis - Health and Fitness
- 9/18 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce

Events

- 8/7 Wine or Whine
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- 8/14 Blood Drive
- 8/20 Coffee Chat

ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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LEADERSHIP

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- Immediate PP Marta Jones-Turner
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- Treasurer Warren Ballard
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Club Advisor	Joe Brown
Club Advisor	Eugene McNease

Rotary Online

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

7/1	Donald Sims (36)
7/1	Jonathan Cleveland (4) 9 years in Rotary
7/1	Rick Piper (1) 8 years in Rotary
7/1	Jeff Zoller (16)
7/1	Mary Beth Donalson (11)
7/1	Sharon Patrick (21)
7/1	Scooter Grubbs, III (38)
7/2	William Dickey (10)
7/4	Erik von Hellens (13)
7/4	Nicholas Rahming (6)
7/6	Kim Walden (8) 14 years in Rotary
7/8	Chandler Giddes (4)
7/12	Eric Ward (13)
7/14	Frederick Buechner (9) 34 years in Rotary
7/15	Dominic Ford (4)
7/18	André Marria (20)
7/25	Esther-Marie Lawrence (1)
7/27	John Vann (2)
7/27	Stephan Thompson (2)
7/27	Devona Thompson (2)
7/27	Luten Nunnally (2)

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