





October is Economic and

Community Development

#### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 15, 2025

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## **Meetings**

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10/23 GRSP Student Speaks/Kickoff for GRSP

10/30 District Governor Steve Ivory Visit \_\_\_\_\_

11/6 ATC/Cobotics

11/13 Rotary Foundation

11/20 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce

11/27 No Meeting This week! Happy Thanksgiving!

12/4 Second Annual Rotary Auction

#### **Events**

10/15 Coffee Chat

10/18 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park

10/23 GRSP Reception

10/24 World Polio Day

#### ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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#### **LEADERSHIP**

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Immediate PP Marta Jones-Turner

Vice President Joe Tarver

Treasurer Warren Ballard

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Past President André Marria

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Membership Arthur Wigfall

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Cromartie

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Club Advisor Eugene McNease

### **Rotary Online**

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

# YEARS OF SERVICE

10/3 Julie Carter (5) 10/4 Kurt Stringfellow (6) 10 years in Rotary 10/13 Teri White (13) 10/13 Darcy Craven (3) 8 years in Rotary 10/16 Tim Filston (10) 10/16 Francis Lilly (10) 13 years in Rotary 10/27 Jim Carter (13) 10/27 J.D. Sears (2) 10/27 Matt Edwards (2)

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