



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 20, 2026

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## Meetings

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- 1/22 All the Buzz Apiaries
- 1/29 Thomasville Antiques Show
- 2/5 Regular Meeting
- 2/12 Regular Meeting
- 2/19 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
- 2/26 Hands and Hearts Field Trip
- 3/5 Regular Meeting
- 3/12 Easter Seals Southern Georgia

## Events

- 1/21 Coffee Chat
- 2/12 Blood Drive
- 2/13 Valentine Party at Scott Senior Center
- 2/18 Coffee Chat
- 2/21 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
- 3/21 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
- 3/26 Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend
- 4/18 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park

## ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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## LEADERSHIP

President Nathaniel Tyler  
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Immediate PP	Marta Jones-Turner
Vice President	Joe Tarver
Treasurer	Warren Ballard
Secretary	Anne Candelaria Flores
Executive Secretary/Director	Teri White
Past President	André Marria

### Directors

Public Image	David Sofferin
Membership	Arthur Wigfall
Service Projects	Melanie Cromartie
Foundation	Jason Goldman
Youth Service	Chandler Giddes
Admin	Sally Bowman

## Rotary Online

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

## YEARS OF SERVICE

1/1	Powell Jones (40) 45 years in Rotary
1/1	Richard Vann (30)
1/1	GRSP Admin (9)
1/4	Tim Daniel (2)
1/4	David Sofferin (2)
1/14	Scott Smith (18)
1/15	Vann Middleton (11)
1/16	Chris Kerr (1) 10 years in Rotary
1/24	Charlene Parrish (24)
1/31	Dawna Bicknell Tanner (7)
1/31	Lorraine Williams Rahming (7)



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ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE & THE R.E.A.D. FOUNDATION PROUDLY PRESENT

# THOMASVILLE RITZ MUSIC FESTIVAL



Inaugural Celebration of Music, Community, & Purpose



BENEFITING THE THOMASVILLE R.E.A.D. INITIATIVE

## MARCH 21, 2026

GATES OPEN AT 3 PM | THE RITZ AMPHITHEATER



**COUNTRY • R&B • ROCK • POP • AND MORE**



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