Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

JANUARY 8, 2025

Saturday, Feb. 1

Rotary Leadership Institute

Rotary Leadership Institute is designed to assist in improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of the future leaders of our Rotary clubs and is offered at three levels over one-day workshops.

Parts 1, 2, and 3 are being offered with host Tracy van Norman on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Southern Regional Technical College in Thomasville from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Part 1 training is required for all new club members. The Rotary Club of Thomasville will cover the $100 cost of the program for all Part 1 participants, but if a Part 1 participant signs up and does not attend, they are required to reimburse the club for their tuition.

To sign up, contact either Angela Williamson or Nate Tyler.

DON'T FORGET: New Venue!

Rotary Moves to Vashti Beginning This Week

Our first club meeting of the new year – Thursday, Jan. 9 – will be at our new home: The Vashti Center.

This is an exciting move for our club. Rotary has a special relationship with Vashti, and it has since its founding in 1921. This move improves our meeting space and benefits Vashti, helping provide more visibility of Vashti and its facilities to the community.



MEETINGS

January is Vocational Service Month

1/9	Regular Meeting at Vashti: Club Assembly & 6 Month Update
1/13	Board Meeting at the Chamber
1/16	Regular Meeting at Vashti -- Chris White, Thomasville City Manager, brings update on City Government
1/30	Thomas County Sheriff Tim Watkins to speak, introduced by Thomasville police Chief Wade Glover
2/6	Fellowship & Fun
2/13	Thomasville's Homeless Population
2/20	Pack & Sort at Second Harvest
2/27	Thomasville Antiques Show featured exhibitor Duncan Connelly of 13th Colony Arts

EVENTS

1/13	Board Meeting at the Chamber
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1/15	Coffee Chat
1/18	Manna Drop at Restoration Tabernacle 1002 N. Broad St. -- HOTC & ROTARY CLUB
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2/6	Wine or Whine
2/6	Blood Drive
2/10	Board Meeting

LEADERSHIP

President	Marta Jones-Turner
President-Elect	Nathaniel Tyler
Immediate PP	Mary Beth Donalson
Vice President	Nathaniel Tyler
Treasurer	Warren Ballard
Secretary	Anna Lee

Thursday, Jan 9

Club Assembly at Vashti

As we begin 2025 – and the second half of the year in Rotary – we want to start the year strong.

President Marta Jones Turner and members of the board will revisit progress made on addressing issues identified by members in our May 2024 membership satisfaction study. They will also provide updates on financials, projects, goals, and a look ahead at the last half of this Rotary year. We will be asking for member input on several matters as we work to serve the community through projects, offer interesting and enjoyable programs, encourage connection and good relations among our membership.

Plus, it is our first regular meeting at our new home – Vashti – so please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Monday, Jan. 13

Board Meeting

5:15 p.m., Chamber of Commerce

The board will meet Monday, Jan. 13 at 5:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. Members are welcome to attend and all directors should attend, or have someone from their area of responsibility attend on their behalf.

Remember: All red-ribbon members should attend at least one board meeting during their time as a red-ribbon member.

Thursday, Jan. 16

City Manager Chris White

On Thursday, Jan. 16, Thomasville City Manager Chris White will provide an update about the city of Thomasville.

Plus: Did you miss it? Georgia Trend featured Thomasville-Thomas County in October: Thomasville | Thomas County: Blending Old and New.

Public Image	David Sofferin
Past President	Wayne Newsome

Directors

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

ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
The Plaza Restuarant
217 Broad St
Thomasville, GA 31792

ROTARY ONLINE

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

YEARS OF SERVICE

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)
2/1	Marta Jones-Turner (31)
2/1	Bradford Jackson (31)
2/2	Frances Parker (2) 29 years in Rotary
2/2	Harry Tomlinson (2) 44 years in Rotary



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

As you plan the rest of your calendar for January, keep these additional upcoming Rotary activities in mind.



- **Wednesday, Jan. 15:** Coffee Chat at Grassroots Coffee
  Fellowship over coffee before you start your workday.
  Contact Morgan Bailey for more information.
- **Saturday, Jan. 18:** Manna Drop at Restoration Tabernacle
  This event with Hands on Thomas County, part of weekend-long MLK Day of Service activities, replaces

our typical monthly fresh produce distribution.
Contact Barbara Williams Anderson with questions or to sign up.

- **Thursday, Jan. 24:** Thomasville Cares & Fountain of Life
  Our program at our regular meeting this week will focus on support for the homeless, brought to us by President-elect Nate Tyler.
- **Thursday, Jan. 30:** Fifth Thursday
  This week's meeting will feature club celebrations and club traditions and history.

Did you know, you can find the Rotary calendar anytime? Just visit https://thomasvillerotary.org/calendar/view. You can:

- Add any individual calendar item from the Rotary calendar to your personal calendar.
- Subscribe to the Rotary calendar for automatic updates to your calendar.