Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

JANUARY 28, 2025

Saturday, Feb. 1

LAST CALL: Rotary Leadership Institute

Thursday is your last chance to sign up for Saturday's Rotary Leadership Institute. RLI is designed to assist in improving Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of future leaders of our Rotary clubs and is offered at three levels over one-day workshops.

Parts 1 and 2 *(part 3 has been canceled)* 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. if enough club members have signed up for each session.

The club will cover the $100 cost of the program for all participants who sign up *and attend* training. No shows will be charged for their registration. Angela Williamson has emailed all Rotarians with their specific class information.

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

Thursday, Jan. 30

There's A New Sheriff In Town

This Thursday, meet Thomas County's first new sheriff in almost 50 years: **Tim Watkins**.

Learn a little about his 31-year career in law enforcement along with his future plans for the sheriff's department.

MEETINGS

January is Vocational Service Month

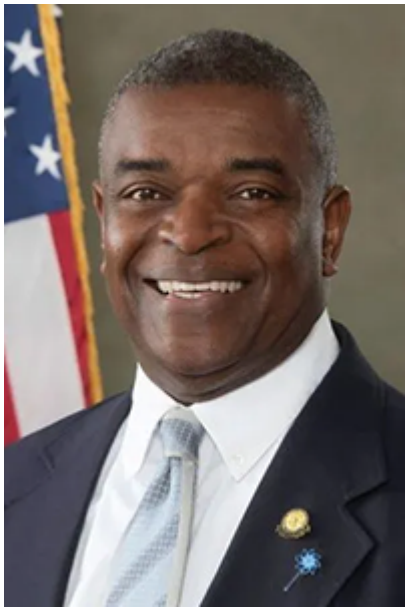
1/30	Thomas County Sheriff Tim Watkins to speak, introduced by Thomasville police Chief Wade Glover
2/6	Fellowship & Fun
2/13	Thomasville's Homeless Population
2/20	Pack & Sort at Second Harvest
2/27	Thomasville Antiques Show featured exhibitor Duncan Connelly of 13th Colony Arts
3/6	TCCHS Robot Wars: CyberStinger Robotics Team
3/13	Challenger Catastrophe & Climate Change by Philip Browne
3/20	Pack & Sort at Second Harvest

EVENTS

2/6	Wine or Whine
2/6	Blood Drive
2/10	Board Meeting
2/13	District Governor Social
2/14	Rotarians Have Heart for Seniors
2/19	Coffee Chat
2/22	Produce Distribution at Weston Park
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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



Thursday, Feb. 6

Fellowship and Fun

Angela Williamson will lead an interactive program to help build friendships and fellowship. You'll discover many of our members have surprising experiences, lineage, hobbies, talents and abilities.

Rescheduled, Thursday, Feb. 13

Thomas County's Homeless Population

President-elect Nate Tyler and special guests will give us an update on the homeless population in Thomas County and the organizations that work together to support that population.

- **Thomas County CARES** (Community Awareness Reaching & Equipping the Streets) helps the homeless and less fortunate in Thomas County obtain a better quality of life to become productive members of society. In 2024, Thomas County CARES provided more than 11,000 manna bags, blessing boxes and Street Feed plates to the hungry and food insecure and nearly 100 tents and sleeping bags to the unsheltered.
- **Fountain of Life Rescue Shelter** operates as an emergency shelter and saw a 62% increase in beds filled in 2024 over 2023. In addition to its regular schedule, Fountain of Life opens every night that the temperature falls below freezing.

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

1/31	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
2/8	Joe Tarver (7)
2/9	Arthur Wigfall (2)
2/22	Jason Goldman (1)
2/24	Anna Lee (3)

Learn more about both of these organizations and how you can support their missions to improve the quality of life for those less fortunate in our community. They have been busier than normal during these unusually cold (and snowy/icy!) days.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

As you plan your calendar for the next several weeks, keep these additional upcoming Rotary activities in mind.



- **Thursday, Feb. 6: Blood Drive**
  If you typically give blood at Rotary, please contact OneBlood as you usually do to schedule your appointment. The blood mobile will be at Vashti.
- **Thursday, Feb. 6: Wine or Whine**
  Drop in at the Plaza between 5:30 and 7 p.m. for casual conversation with fellow Rotarians, spouses and potential new members.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 19: Coffee Chat**
  No agenda, no timeline. Grab coffee to go or sit and chat with fellow Rotarians at Grassroots Coffee anytime between 7:30 and 8:15 a.m.
- **Thursday, Feb. 20: Pack & Sort at Second Harvest**
- **Saturday, Feb. 22: Free Produce Market at Weston Park**
- **Thursday, Feb. 27: Thomasville Antiques Show**

Find the Rotary calendar anytime. 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.