Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Last Week in Pictures

Last week was a busy week for the Rotary Club of Thomasville, anchored by a **reception for District Governor Gordon Owens** on Thursday, and **Rotarians Have Heart for Seniors** at the Scott Senior Center on Friday.

Photo highlights of both events - and more! - are available on Facebook (linked above) and **Instagram**. Follow us on your favorite platform and engage with our posts to help grow our social channels in our community. Growing our social channels helps inform the community about Rotary's activities and may help encourage club growth.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Pack & Sort

The club meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20 will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Second Harvest Food Bank. We will pack produce boxes for distribution at Weston Park on Saturday, Feb. 22.



Saturday, Feb. 22

MEETINGS

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

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
3/27	Casey Kerr, Chair of the National Peanut Board
4/3	Fellowship Lunch following services for Nathaniel Abrams
4/10	GA Center for the Oncology Research & Education w/ CEO Lynn Durham, EdD

EVENTS

2/19	Coffee Chat
2/22	Produce Distribution at Weston Park
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2/25	Honoring Our Heroes and First Responders
3/6	Wine or Whine
3/10	Monthly Board Meeting
3/12	EMS/Firefighters Cookout
3/19	Coffee Chat

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

Produce Market at Weston Park

Rotary will host its monthly produce distribution at Weston Park on Saturday, Feb. 22. Set up begins at 7:30 a.m. Food distribution begins at or before 8:30 a.m. and is finished when all the produce is distributed, usually around 10 a.m.

This is one of our local Rotary Club's Big Impact Projects to help make fresh vegetables and fruits available to all. We partner with the Marguerite Neel Williams Boys & Girls Club, Envision Credit Union and Thomasville National Bank to sponsor these monthly events, but we need Rotarians to volunteer their time to help with the distributions. Please come.



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Plan your next few weeks with Rotary, at a glance!

- **Thursday, Feb. 20:** Pack & Sort Produce
  Meet at 11:30 a.m. at Second Harvest Food Bank
- Saturday, Feb. 22: Free Produce Market at Weston Park
- **Tuesday, Feb. 25:** Honoring our Heroes and First Responders
  At Camp Pineywoods – Contact Barbara Williams-Anderson to sign up.
- **Thursday, Feb. 27:** Thomasville Antiques Show
- **Thursday, March 6:** TCCHS Robot Wars – CyberStinger Robotics Team
  Mann Patel and the TCCHS Robotics Team will share a glimpse into the future of robotics in action. Thomas County Central's championship team CyberStingers Blue will bring

Past President	Wayne Newsome

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Foundation	Carol Jones
Membership	Angela Williamson
Service Projects	Barbara Williams-Anderson
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Club Director	Scott Rich
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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

2/22	Jason Goldman (1)
2/24	Anna Lee (3)
2/26	Nathaniel Tyler (27)
3/1	Joe Brown (20)
3/7	Bryant Beadles (12)

their award winning bot and epic STEM skills to Rotary. Watch their robot take on real competitive challenges and maybe get a chance to test your own skills. It'll highlight innovation, competition, and a whole lot of fun.

Find the Rotary calendar anytime:

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

New Member Spotlight

Welcome Chris Kerr

Chris Kerr, his wife Casey and their 2-year-old daughter, Rooney, moved to the area to manage Longleaf Ridge Farm, a Mitchell County farm that has been in Casey's family for six generations, growing peanuts, corn, soybeans and timber. When time allows, they love to walk the fields and along the banks of the Flint River, looking for colonial and native American artifacts.

Chris and Casey met through Leadership Georgia where their spirits for service led them to volunteer together as program chairs. They have recently purchased a home in Thomasville so they can be close to where Rooney will attend preschool. Prior to coming to our area, the family were residents of Rome, Ga., where Chris was vice president of Hardy Realty and Development. A third-generation Rotarian, Chris was a member of the Rome chapter for nine years and is a past president as well as a Paul Harris and Will Watt Fellow.

A graduate of University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1996, he then spent a year in Norway through a scholarship from the Norwegian Rotary Advisory Board and GRSP. He later earned his master's degree from the Annenberg School at University of Southern California.

Chris has previously worked in New York and Los Angeles with responsibilities in strategy, operations and business development. Some of the companies he was an integral part of were Paramount Pictures, MTV Networks, HULU and onefinestay.

I think we can all agree how fortunate we are to have Chris, Casey and Rooney! Please join me in welcoming them to Thomasville and our Rotary family.

