Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

APRIL 22, 2025

Global Grant Update

Thomasville Club Partners for Kenyan Sanitation and Hygiene Project

The Rotary Club of Thomasville has partnered with a Rotary club in Ireland and three clubs in Kenya for a water sanitation and hygiene project at **Olmapinu Comprehensive School** in Rombo, Kenya.

Thomasville Rotarian and past club president Joe Brown is leading the Thomasville ... [more]

Volunteers Needed

Rose Show Set Up

Rose Show setup will be Wednesday, April 23 from 8:45-ish to about 11:30 a.m. at the Rose Show tent on Remington Avenue next to Subway. Bring sharp scissors, a heavy-duty staple gun and staples if you have them.

This group of volunteers will assemble tables and cover the top with white paper. New members are encouraged to volunteer.

Please RSVP to Bill Dickey at (229) 224-0189 (via call or text).



Thursday, April 24

GRSP Students Farewell

Dawn Mabaso and Manuela Velez, our club's GRSP students, will speak about their experiences this year.

MEETINGS

April is Environment Month

4/24	GRSP Students' Fairwell Address
5/1	Workforce & Childcare in Southwest GA
5/8	Sam McCoy & Britt Shiver from Thomasville Center for the Arts
5/15	Meet at Second Harvest to Pack & Sort
5/22	Marrias in India—Administered Polio Vaccine
5/29	Members' Talk / Foundation Update
6/5	Rotary Cub of Thomasville Annual Award Honorees
6/12	Avoiding Heatstroke by Copper Comita & GRSP Awards by Debbie Goodman

EVENTS

4/24	Rose Show Set up
5/1	Wine or Whine
5/12	Board Meeting
5/17	Produce Distribution at Weston Park
5/21	Coffee Chat
6/5	Wine or Whine
6/9	Board Meeting @ Gentian Creek—the House
6/12	Blood Drive

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
Past President	Wayne Newsome

Manuela, who is from Colombia, was hosted by Devona and Stephan Thompson this year, and Dawn, from South Africa, was hosted by André and Walter Marria. The two will talk about the highlights of their time as GRSP students for the academic year.

Volunteers Needed

City Schools to Host First Multicultural Fair



The Thomasville High School Spanish Club is hosting Thomasville's first ever **Multicultural Celebration** on Saturday, April 25 at the Deep South Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Celebrate the cultural diversity of Thomasville and the surrounding areas, enjoy dance and musical performances, food vendors, craft vendors, and informational booths, along with face painting and crafts for children. There will also be raffles and door prizes.

But this student-led initiative needs adult volunteers to help make the event a success! Several of our Rotarians will be out of town for this year's District Conference, so our volunteer effort will be small. If you are in town and available, please contact the THS Spanish teacher, Jackie King, at (229) 403-9581, to volunteer.

Thursday, May 1

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

4/25	Sally Bowman (1)
4/25	Clark Lunsford (1)
5/1	Eugene McNease (47)
5/4	Bob Drummond (8)
5/16	Lauren Radford (6) 10 years in Rotary

DECAL: Childcare in Southwest Georgia



Jill Taylor (left) and **Shayna Funk** will present our program on Thursday, May 1.

Jill is director of community partnerships and 2Gen Outreach for the Quality Innovations and Partnerships Division at Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL). Shayna is director of research partnerships and business supports at DECAL. The two have been instrumental to expanding access to child care during nontraditional hours for families across Georgia through the development and rollout of Expanding Parents' Access to Nontraditional Delivery (EXPAND) grants.

These grants, including one received by Thomasville, are providing $6.5 million for expanded day care hours across the state, and Jill and Shayna will discuss the program.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Support Ivan's Study Abroad Year

Ivan Santoyo is still fundraising for his upcoming study abroad program through Rotary Youth Exchange.

To help with his fundraising campaign, please donate through his **GoFundMe page**.

Learn more about his journey so far.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Is your calendar up-to-date for all things Rotary?

- **Thursday, April 24:** GRSP Student Farewell
- **Thursday, April 24-Sunday, April 27:** Georgia United District Conference
- **Thursday, May 1:** Jill Taylor and Shayna Funk, DECAL: Childcare in Southwest Georgia
- **Thursday, May 1:** Wine or Whine at Katie Chastain's house

The calendar is subject to changes. Find the most updated Rotary calendar anytime:

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