Rotary Club of Thomasville

# Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

## September

## Coat and Blanket Drive Ongoing

**Don't forget:** Rotary is collecting new and gently used coats and blankets to support the **Thomas County Food Bank's Coat Closet**.

Please bring coats, blankets, or cash donations to the meeting, drop your donations off at Brigit Smallridge's office or send money to Brigit via Venmo @Brigit-Smallridge. Cash donations will help the organization buy coats and blankets at discounted prices. Even a $5 or $10 donation can buy a coat or blanket.

Rotary has supported the Coat Closet almost since the launch of the Thomas County Food Bank about 20 years ago. The Coat Closet is open from mid-October through early December during regular food bank hours. Volunteers schedule Food Bank clients to "shop" for coats for their families. Children are offered coats annually and adults can get them every two years. Blankets are distributed as needed. All clients meet income and circumstance qualifications for food assistance.

Typically, the coat closet provides more than 1,000 coats and several hundred blankets every year.



### Have you paid your dues?

## MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

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| 9/25 | Darcy Craven - Archbold |
| 10/2 | Yoga Health and Fitness |
| 10/9 | World Polio Day |
| 10/16 | Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce |
| 10/23 | GRSP Student Speaks/Kickoff for GRSP |
| 10/30 | District Governor Steve Ivory Visit |
| 11/6 | ATC/Cobotics |
| 11/13 | Vashti Traditional Thanksgiving Program |

## EVENTS

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| 10/2 | Coats & Blankets Drive Ends |
| 10/2 | Wine or Whine |
| 10/13 | Board Meeting |
| 10/15 | Coffee Chat |
| 10/18 | Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park |
| 10/23 | GRSP Reception |
| 10/24 | World Polio Day |
| 10/29 | District Governor Reception |

## LEADERSHIP

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

## Consider Online Payment

Invoices for quarterly dues were issued this week. Have you paid your dues yet?

**It is easy to pay online!** Simply log into your thomasvillerotary.org account and click the outstanding invoice frame near your name at the very top of the page. If you have not set up an option for electronic payments yet, follow the steps on the page. To connect your bank account, you'll have to link your account, then verify two small deposits Rotary makes into your account, and that process may take a couple of days. But once you're set up, you do not have to validate your checking information again, and your next quarterly payment can be automated!

For assistance, speak to Warren Ballard or one of the team at the back table at a meeting.

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### Thursday, Sept. 25

## Darcy Craven: Archbold Hospital Update



This week, **Darcy Craven**, Archbold Medical Center president and CEO, will give a presentation about the state of the hospital system in 2025.

Darcy is a Rotarian who has been president and CEO of Archbold Medical Center for five years. Prior to that, he was president of the Millard Filmore Suburban/DeGraff Memorial Hospitals, part of Kaleida Health, the largest healthcare provider in western New York, and CEO of Carolinas Hospital System.

Be sure to be at Rotary tomorrow to hear Darcy's presentation about the hospital network.

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| Past President | André Marria |

### Directors

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

### 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

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| 9/25 | Wayne Newsome (11)<br>30 years in Rotary |
| 9/28 | Wade Glover (2) |
| 9/28 | Jessica Sanders (2) |
| 9/28 | Terry Scott (2) |
| 9/28 | Kristy Wainright (2) |
| 10/3 | Julie Carter (6) |
| 10/4 | Kurt Stringfellow (7)<br>11 years in Rotary |
| 10/13 | Teri White (14) |
| 10/13 | Darcy Craven (4)<br>9 years in Rotary |
| 10/16 | Francis Lilly (11)<br>14 years in Rotary |

