



September

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Mental Health Focus

**Prioritize Tasks**

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Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
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September 17, 2024

## Meetings

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- 9/19 Meeting at Second Harvest - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 9/26 Program Jordon Williams, Chief Academic Officer for Strategic Initiatives, Thomasville City Schools
- 10/3 GRSP Students presented by GRSP Chairman Debbie Goodman TO BE CONFIRMED
- 10/10 Commissioner Kevin Tanner from Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

## Events

- 9/18 Coffee & Conversations
- 9/21 Produce Market at Weston Park
- 10/16 Coffee & Conversations
- 10/19 Free Produce Market at Weston Park

### ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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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

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## Directors

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

## Rotary Online

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

## YEARS OF SERVICE

9/1	Gary Tucker (42)
9/1	Debbie Goodman (30)
9/4	Randy Watts (10)
9/14	Lindsay Clay (1) 3 years in Rotary
9/15	Tom Everett (18)
9/23	Andy Jones (14)
9/25	Wayne Newsome (10) 29 years in Rotary
9/28	Wade Glover (1)
9/28	Jessica Sanders (1)
9/28	Terry Scott (1)
9/28	Kristy Wainright (1)

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Mary Beth Donalson
9/2	Rick Piper
9/3	Dawna Bicknell Tanner
9/6	William Felts
9/7	Vann Middleton
9/9	Ed Titus, Jr.
9/11	Debbie Goodman
9/11	Warren Stafford
9/16	Dominic Ford
9/17	Chandler Giddes
9/17	Ash Mervin
9/20	Jonathan Cleveland
9/24	Joe Brown
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