

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2024

October is Economic and  
Community Development Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

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**5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

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### **Board Meeting**

The board will meet Monday, Oct. 7 at 5:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. Members are welcome to attend.

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Thursday, Oct. 10

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He'll discuss the role of his department in Georgia and its evolution.

Thursday, Oct. 17

### **Pack & Sort**

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## Meetings

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- 10/3 GRSP Students presented by GRSP Chairman Debbie Goodman
- 10/10 Commissioner Kevin Tanner from Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities
- 10/17 Meeting at Second Harvest to Pack & Sort Produce for Saturday Free Market
- 10/24 World Polio Day presented by Foundation Chair Carol Jones

## Events

- 10/16 Coffee & Conversations
- 10/19 Free Produce Market at Weston Park
- 11/28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 12/5 Blood Drive

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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
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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

10/3	Julie Carter (5)
10/4	Kurt Stringfellow (6) 10 years in Rotary
10/13	Teri White (13)
10/13	Darcy Craven (3) 8 years in Rotary
10/16	Tim Filston (10)
10/16	Francis Lilly (10) 13 years in Rotary
10/27	Jim Carter (13)
10/27	Matt Edwards (2)
10/27	Tina McBride (2)
10/27	J.D. Sears (2)

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