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January 8, 2025

## Meetings

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- 1/13 Board Meeting at the Chamber
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- 1/23 Regular Meeting at Vashti - Program: Thomasville Cares & Fountain of Life on support for the homeless brought by Nate Tyler

## Events

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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     |

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Public Image David Sofferin

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Foundation Carol Jones  
Service Barbara Williams-  
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Youth Chandler Giddes  
Service  
Admin Devona Thompson

## Rotary Online

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

## YEARS OF SERVICE

1/1 Powell Jones (39)  
44 years in Rotary  
1/1 Richard Vann (29)  
1/1 GRSP Admin (8)  
1/4 Tim Daniel (1)  
1/4 David Sofferin (1)  
1/10 Nathaniel Abrams (12)  
1/14 Scott Smith (17)  
1/15 Vann Middleton (10)  
1/24 Charlene Parrish (23)  
1/31 Dawna Bicknell Tanner (6)  
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