



Thursday, Feb. 26

**Hands & Hearts for Horses Field Trip**



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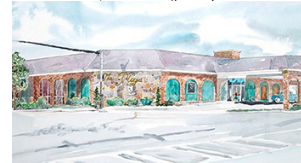
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3824 Lower Cairo Road, Thomasville  
Thursday, March 5

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February 24, 2026

## Meetings

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- 2/26 A Visit at Hands and Hearts | Susie Shin
- 3/5 Jackie Letherman: Discover Thomasville
- 3/12 Easter Seals Southern Georgia
- 3/19 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
- 3/26 Dr. Czaky, Son of First Generation GRSP Student
- 4/2 Chris White: City Manager
- 4/9 Tentative: Rotary Global Project
- 4/16 Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce

## Events

- 3/9 Board Meeting
- 3/21 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
- 3/21 The Ritz Music Festival
- 3/26 Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend
- 4/18 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
- 5/23 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park

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Immediate PP	Marta Jones-Turner
Treasurer	Warren Ballard
Secretary	Anne Candelaria Flores
Executive Secretary/Director	Teri White
Past President	André Marria

### Directors

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

## Rotary Online

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

## YEARS OF SERVICE

2/1	Marta Jones-Turner (32)
2/1	Bradford Jackson (32)
2/2	Frances Parker (3) 30 years in Rotary
2/2	Harry Tomlinson (3) 45 years in Rotary
2/2	Warren Stafford (3) 45 years in Rotary
2/6	Dwayne Anderson (1)
2/6	Craig Miller (1) 19 years in Rotary
2/8	Joe Tarver (8)
2/9	Arthur Wigfall (3)
2/22	Jason Goldman (2)
2/24	Anna Lee (4)
2/26	Nathaniel Tyler (28)
2/27	Shelba Sellers (11)
2/27	James Deen (1)

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