

Thursday, July 9

**Thomasville Entertainment Foundation**

Our speaker for Thursday, July 9 is **Rick Ivey**, executive/artistic director of the Thomasville Entertainment Foundation (TEF). He'll be sharing highlights from the upcoming 2026-2027 season.



Founded in 1937, TEF is a volunteer-led, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization serving the South Georgia/North Florida region. The organization's work includes:

- An annual concert series featuring internationally celebrated artists in opera, theater, dance, classical music, jazz and other forms of entertainment
- Concerts, classes and workshops for area students
- Scholarships and travel grants for outstanding young musicians

Members and guests are invited to hear from Rick Ivey and learn more about TEF's programs and impact in the region.

**Quiz: Name That Rotarian!**

We will begin our "Name That Rotarian" segment this week. Club members will be able to guess the identities of other members by seeing early photos along with some fun facts about them. **Complete the questionnaire** and submit your photos to **Anna Lee** to play along.



Monday, July 13

**Board Meeting**

The board will meet **Monday, July 13 at 5:15 p.m.** at the Chamber of Commerce. All directors and/or their deputies should attend and send reports to their fellow board members at least a day in advance for review.



Members are welcome to attend. In fact, all red-ribbon members are required to attend at least one board meeting to complete their red ribbon program.

Wednesday, July 15

**Coffee Chat**



Join us Wednesday, July 15, at Grassroots Coffee anytime between **7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.** for a cup of coffee and a casual conversation with fellow Rotarians! Stay long enough to enjoy breakfast and get to know your fellow Rotarians better or grab your coffee to go. No agenda, no program.

**Update Your Directory Profile**

Please take a moment to review your contact information in the **Rotary directory** to ensure it is accurate and current.



• **Review your entry:** Log into **Thomasville Rotary** or **District 6900** and confirm the contact details listed for you are correct.

• **Update if needed:** If any details are not correct, please make the necessary changes to your directory entry.

• **Need assistance?** Contact **Sally Bowman** (or text 229.220.8123) for help with your update. Keeping your information up to date helps the club communicate effectively. If you have questions or need support, please reach out to Sally.

**Year-End Rotary Fundraising Report**

District 6900 has released a four-year analysis of our club's fundraising. The analysis includes Annual Fund, PolioPlus, approved Foundation Grants, Other Giving, and Endowment contributions for each year. We surpassed our 2025-2026 Annual Fund goal of \$26,000 by \$3,150, with per capita giving of \$235. The district per capita giving rate was \$178. Our four-year Annual Fund giving average was \$35,262.



Our Polio Plus contributions totaled \$5,016, bringing our total giving for the year to \$34,166, a decline from the previous year's total of \$57,322. *GRSP giving is reported separately.*

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**Rotary Fact**

In 1896, **Silvester Schiele** had loaned money to a friend from whom he had been unable to collect. There was a young lawyer who frequently passed by the store. One day Silvester asked him for advice on how to collect. Thus, the beginning of a friendship with **Paul Harris**, the attorney, led to the founding of the Rotary Club of Chicago.

Saturday, Aug. 22

**Save the Date: Golf Tournament**

Mark your calendars!

The Rotary Club of Thomasville and United Way Golf Classic is **Saturday, Aug. 22** at Country Oaks Golf Course.

- Volunteers: **Sign up here** or contact **Scotter Grubbs** or **Mary Beth Donalson**.
- Sponsors: **Complete this form** and return it to Mary Beth.



**MEETINGS**

- 7/9 July is Maternal and Child Health Month
- 7/9 Thomasville Entertainment Foundation
- 7/16 Packing Food Goods at Second Harvest
- 7/23 Dr. Maria Golden: Doctors of Osteopathy and pain management therapies
- 7/30 Echoes of the Gavel
- 8/6 Archbold Northside with Wendy Beatty
- 8/13 2025-2026 Awards Program
- 8/20 Packing Food Goods at Second Harvest
- 8/27 Rotary Youth Exchange: Ivan Recounts His Year in France

**EVENTS**

- 7/9 Wine or Whine
- 7/13 Board Meeting
- 7/15 Coffee Chat
- 7/18 CANCELED: Produce Distribution at Weston Park
- 7/30 Blood Drive
- 8/6 Wine or Whine
- 8/10 Board Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce
- 8/14 Bainbridge Rotary Golf Tournament

**LEADERSHIP**

- President: Be Tarver
- President-Elect: Chandler Giddes
- Immediate PP: Nathaniel Tyler
- Treasurer: Teri White
- Secretary: Angela Williamson

**DIRECTORS**

- Public Image: David Sufferin
- Foundation: Jason Goldman
- Membership: Arthur Wigfall
- Service Projects: Melanie Gromarte
- Admin: Sally Bowman
- Youth Service: Stephan Thompson

**ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE**

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Pezza Restaurant  
217 Broad St  
Thomasville, GA 31792

**ROTARY ONLINE**

- <https://thomasville.rotary.org>
- <https://rotary6900.org/>
- <https://rotary.org/>

**YEARS OF SERVICE**

- 7/8 Chandler Giddes (5)
- 7/12 Eric Ward (14)
- 7/18 André Maria (21)
- 7/25 Esther Marie Lawrence (2)
- 7/27 Lutten Numally (3)
- 7/27 Devona Thompson (3)
- 7/27 Stephan Thompson (3)
- 7/27 John Varrin (3)
- 8/1 Fran Milberg (30)
- 32 years in Rotary
- 8/2 Carlton Bryant (8)
- 8/2 Adrian Burns (8)
- 8/2 Walter Maria, Jr. (8)