Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

MARCH 3, 2025

Congratulations!

Rotarians Win Chamber Community Impact Awards

Four members of our club were honored with the prestigious 2025 Community Impact Awards by the Thomasville/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce in February. This recognition showcases their hard work, passion, and commitment to making a positive difference in our community.

Award winners were **Powell Jones** (Secure Records Solutions – Small Business of the Year), **Chandler Giddes** (Thomasville Humane – Non-Profit of the Year), **Darcy Craven** (Archbold – "Hutch" Legacy Award), and **Barbara Anderson** (First Commerce Credit Union – Woman of the Year).

Congratulations to these Rotarians for their well-deserved recognition!



Thursday, March 6

Robot Wars

At Thursday's meeting, Mann Patel and Thomas County Central's championship *CyberStingers Blue* team will share a glimpse into the future of robotics in action.

MEETINGS

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

3/6	TCCHS Robot Wars: CyberStinger Robotics Team
3/13	Challenger Catastrophe & Climate Change by Philip Browne
3/20	Pack & Sort at Second Harvest
3/27	Casey Kerr, Chair of the National Peanut Board
4/3	Fellowship Lunch following services for Nathaniel Abrams
4/10	GA Center for the Oncology Research & Education w/ CEO Lynn Durham, EdD
4/17	Meet at Second Harvest to Pack & Sort
4/24	GRSP Students' Fairwell Address

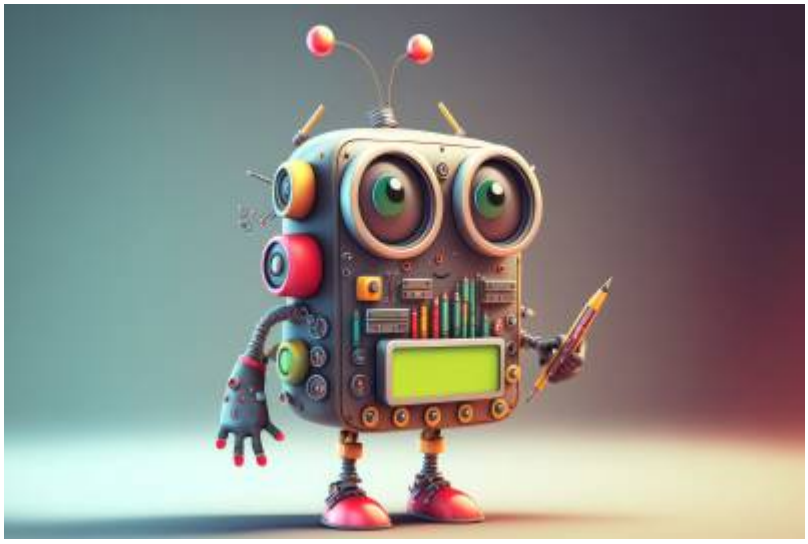
EVENTS

3/6	Wine or Whine
3/10	Monthly Board Meeting
3/12	EMS/Firefighters Cookout
3/19	Coffee Chat
3/21	Lunch at Pebble Hill with GA GRSP Students
3/22	Produce Distribution at Weston Park
3/29	District Assembly
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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
Past President	Wayne Newsome

They will bring their award winning bot and their epic STEM skills to Rotary. Watch their robot take on real competitive challenges and maybe get a chance to test your own skills. This presentation will highlight innovation, competition, and a whole lot of fun.



Thursday, March 6

Wine or Whine

Join us for Wine or Whine on **Thursday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Katie Chastain's home** at 330 East Jefferson St.

If you have questions or plan to bring a potential new member, please contact **Angela Williamson**.



Friday, March 7

Volunteer: Garrison-Pilcher Read-A-Thon

Have you signed up as a volunteer for Read-A-Thon at Garrison-Pilcher on Friday, March 7?

Each reader will select a book from a pre-selected cart and spend

Directors

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

ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
The Plaza Restuarant
217 Broad St
Thomasville, GA 31792

ROTARY ONLINE

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

YEARS OF SERVICE

3/7	Bryant Beadles (12)
3/19	Angela Williamson (10)
3/19	Copper Comita (5)
3/19	John Comita, Jr. (5)
3/20	William Felts (11)
3/22	Irene Gleason (13)
3/24	Janet Liles (9)
3/27	Rankin Smith, Jr. (11) 25 years in Rotary
3/31	Gregory Adams (9) 53 years in Rotary

15 minutes reading to their assigned first- or second-grade classroom as part of Read Across America Week.

To sign up, contact Chandler Giddes at (229) 201-0472.



Monday, March 10

Board Meeting

5:15 p.m., Chamber of Commerce

The board will meet Monday, March 10 at 5:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. All directors 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 during their time as a red-ribbon member.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Here's a look at the upcoming calendar for March:

- **Thursday, March 6:** TCCHS Robot Wars
- Thursday, March 6: Wine or Whine at Katie Chastain's house
- **Monday, March 10:** Rotary board meeting at 5:15 at the Chamber of Commerce
- **Wednesday, March 12:** Cookout for EMS/firefighters at the fire station on Remington Avenue. Please sign up for a shift between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. with Barbara Anderson.
- **Thursday, March 13:** Challenger Catastrophe and Climate Change
  Philip Browne to share his personal connection to the Challenger crew in a program entitled Challenger Catastrophe & Climate Change. It's about data, science, information and survival.
- **Wednesday, March 19:** Coffee Chat
- **Thursday, March 20:** Pack & Sort at Second Harvest
- **Saturday, March 22:** Produce Distribution at Weston Park
- **Thursday, March 27:** Regenerative Farming

Putt Wetherbee of Schermer Pecans will discuss regenerative farming, a land management practice that aims to improve soil health and crop yields while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Find the Rotary calendar anytime:

- Add any individual calendar item from the Rotary calendar to your personal calendar.
- Subscribe to the Rotary calendar for automatic updates to your calendar.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Support Ivan's Fundraiser

Ivan Santoyo visited the club on Thursday, Feb. 27 to give an update about his upcoming study abroad program through Rotary Youth Exchange.

To help with his fundraising campaign, please donate through his **GoFundMe page**.

Learn more about his journey so far.