Rotary Club of Thomasville

# Newsletter

APRIL 1, 2025

### Don't forget

## Tonight: Fireside Chat

**Gentian Creek Preserve**
**5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

This event is hosted by past presidents for new members and current board members. Appetizers, drinks, and dinner will be served.

### Recap

## Club Attends District Training

On Saturday, about a dozen Thomasville club members attended District Training in Columbus. After a welcome from Columbus mayor Skip Henderson and updates from the district governor and the district governor elect, the team attended workshops about a variety of topics important for planning the 2025-2026 Rotary year.

Workshop topics included:

- Rotary's Action Plan
- Public Image Essentials
- How to Be An Effective Facilitator
- Serving Youth and Young Adults
- Membership and Smart Growth
- Foundation: Community Grants and Global Grants, International Service and PolioPlus
- Managing Volunteers
- AI and Social Media Mastery
- Strategic Planning and Succession Planning

The half-day programming was concise, but set the team up well for success in 2025-26 and beyond.

## MEETINGS

April is Environment Month

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| 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 |
| 5/1 | Workforce & Childcare in Southwest GA |
| 5/8 | Sam McCoy & Britt Shiver from Thomasville Center for the Arts |
| 5/15 | Meet at Second Harvest to Pack & Sort |
| 5/22 | Marrias in India—Administered Polio Vaccine |

## EVENTS

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| 4/1 | Fireside Chat |
| 4/3 | CANCELED: Wine or Whine |
| 4/3 | Wine & Whine |
| 4/10 | Blood Drive |
| 4/14 | Board Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce |
| 4/16 | Coffee Chat |
| 4/19 | Produce Distribution at Weston Park |
| 4/24 | Rose Show Set up |

## LEADERSHIP

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|---|---|
| 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 |




Andre Marria, pictured at right, and Fran Milberg (not pictured) were among several past district governors in attendance for the training.

### Thursday, April 3

## PCOM South Georgia: Training the Doctors of Tomorrow



On Thursday, April 3, the CEO of PCOM South Georgia, Dr. Marla Golden, will give an overview of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, South Georgia campus, in Moultrie. The college was founded in 2019 to establish a home for medical education in Southwest Georgia with a strong focus on rural health care for this region. According to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce statistics, the Southwest Georgia region has a critical need for physicians, and studies show that physicians educated and trained in a region are likely to remain in the area to practice medicine.

Dr. Golden was named dean of the osteopathic medicine program

### Directors

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| 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

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| 4/1 | Andy Vann (36) |
| 4/1 | William Blackburn (49) |
| 4/8 | Warren Ballard (4)<br>7 years in Rotary |
| 4/13 | Will Brown, III (6) |
| 4/25 | Sally Bowman (1) |
| 4/25 | Clark Lunsford (1) |

at PCOM South Georgia in January of 2024 and is a 1988 graduate of PCOM. Dr. Golden practiced emergency medicine in different settings from rural to urban for many years and also owned and ran an integrative pain medicine practice for more than 20 years.

Come to Rotary to learn more about PCOM South Georgia and its impact on rural medicine and the region.

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### Thursday, April 3

## Wine or Whine

Join us for Wine or Whine on **Thursday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m.** Location and more details to come.

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



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### Upcoming Events

## Mark Your Calendar

It may be April Fool's Day, but our jam-packed calendar for April is no joke, so mark your calendars now!




- **Tuesday, April 1:** Fireside Chat, for all board members, new members and past presidents.
- **Thursday, April 3:** PCOM of South Georgia with CEO Dr. Marla Golden
- **Thursday, April 3:** Wine or Whine (to be announced at Thursday's meeting).
- **Monday, April 7:** Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce at 5:15 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 10:** Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education with CEO Lynn Durham, EdD

- **Wednesday, April 16:** Coffee Chat at Grassroots Coffee from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. No agenda, just stop by for a cup and a chat.
- **Thursday, April 17:** Pack and Sort at Second Harvest from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 19:** Produce distribution at Weston Park. Arrive at 7:30 a.m. for set-up.
- **Thursday, April 24:** Sam McCoy, FSU professor and artist, will speak.
- **Thursday, April 24-Sunday, April 27:** Georgia United District Conference

The calendar is subject to updates. Come back here weekly for updates, or 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.