Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

APRIL 30, 2025

Thursday, May 1

DECAL: Childcare in Southwest Georgia





Jill Taylor (left) and **Shayna Funk** will present our program on Thursday, May 1.

Jill is director of community partnerships and 2Gen Outreach for the Quality Innovations and Partnerships Division at Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL). Shayna is director of research partnerships and business supports at DECAL. The two have been instrumental to expanding access to child care during nontraditional hours for families across Georgia through the development and rollout of Expanding Parents' Access to Nontraditional Delivery (EXPAND) grants.

These grants, including one received by Thomasville, are providing $6.5 million for expanded day care hours across the state, and Jill and Shayna will discuss the program.

Thursday, May 1

Wine or Whine

Join us for Wine or Whine on **Thursday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m.** at Katie Chastain's home, 330 East Jefferson St., Thomasville.

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

MEETINGS

April is Environment Month

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
5/29	Members' Talk / Foundation Update
6/5	Rotary Cub of Thomasville Annual Award Honorees
6/12	Avoiding Heatstroke by Copper Comita & GRSP Awards by Debbie Goodman
6/19	Meet at Second Harvest to Pack & Sort

EVENTS

5/1	Wine or Whine
5/12	Board Meeting
5/17	Produce Distribution at Weston Park
5/21	Coffee Chat
6/5	Wine or Whine
6/9	Board Meeting @ Gentian Creek—the House
6/12	Blood Drive
6/18	Coffee Chat

LEADERSHIP

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Rotary Youth Exchange

Support Ivan's Study Abroad Year

Ivan Santoyo is still fundraising for 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.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Here is a look at our upcoming events as we begin the month of May and start winding down our Rotary year.



- **Thursday, May 1:** Jill Taylor and Shayna Funk, DECAL: Childcare in Southwest Georgia
- **Thursday, May 1:** Wine or Whine at Katie Chastain's home: 330 East Jefferson St., Thomasville
- **Monday, May 5:** Board Meeting, 5:15 p.m. at the Chamber
  All Red Ribbon members are required to attend a board meeting as part of their Red Ribbon program.

Directors

Foundation	Carol Jones
Membership	Angela Williamson
Service Projects	Barbara Williams-Anderson
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Club Director	Scott Rich
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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

5/1	Eugene McNease (47)
5/4	Bob Drummond (8)
5/16	Lauren Radford (6) 10 years in Rotary
5/23	Melanie Cromartie (1)

- **Thursday, May 8:** Sam McCoy & Britt Shiver, artists from Thomasville Center for the Arts
- **Thursday, May 15:** Sort and Pack at Second Harvest, beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- **Saturday, May 17:** Produce distribution, Weston Park. Set up begins at 7:30 a.m., distribution begins at 8:30 a.m. or as soon as set up is completed.
- **Wednesday, May 21:** Coffee Chat at Grassroots Coffee. No agenda, just drop in to get to know your fellow Rotarians a little better. Anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

The calendar is subject to changes. Find the most updated Rotary calendar anytime:

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