Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

MAY 20, 2025

Wednesday, May 21

Coffee Chat

Join us Wednesday, May 21 at Grassroots 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 eat breakfast or grab your coffee to-go. No agenda, no requirements.



Thursday, May 22

Marrias' Trip to India

This week at our regular meeting, **André and Walter Marria** will share details of their trip to India earlier this year to administer polio vaccines. The trip to India fulfilled a life-long dream for the couple and gave them an opportunity to support Rotary's mission to eradicate polio.

MEETINGS

May is Youth Service Month

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
6/26	Highlights from this Year & Induction of President Elect Nate Tyler
7/3	Stann McLeod – Thomas County Veterans Museum
7/10	County Manager Mike Stephenson

EVENTS

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
6/21	Produce Market-Weston Park
7/10	Wine or Whine
7/14	Board Meeting

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



Thursday, May 22

Celebration for Vashti Graduates

Six of Vashti's residential students are graduating from high school this week. According to Rotarian David Sofferin, executive director of Vashti, having six graduates from a program for 20 students is outstanding and comparable to larger residential homes in the state.

Vashti will host a graduation celebration for these students on Thursday, May 22 at 4 p.m. in the dining hall. Rotary will present each student with a gift and a card. The cards will be available for you to sign at Thursday's meeting. Please attend if you can. We may be the only "family" some of the students have at the event.



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

5/23	Melanie Cromartie (1)
6/8	John Kepler (2)
6/16	George Stephens, Jr. (2) 55 years in Rotary

LAST CHANCE

Peanut Butter & Jelly Donation Drive

Thomas County Cares – a local organization that supports the homeless community and those in food-insecure households – is hosting a peanut butter and jelly drive. **Thursday is your last chance to bring *plastic jars* of PB&J to Rotary.**

Peanut butter and jelly have long been a staple for food pantries as PB& ... [more]

Rotary Youth Exchange

Support Ivan's Study Abroad Year

Ivan Santoyo is still fundraising for his upcoming study abroad program through Rotary Youth Exchange. We are very excited for Ivan, our first-ever Rotary Youth Exchange participant, and our club has committed to help Ivan pay his out-of-pocket expenses ... [more]

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Here is a look at the calendar for the remainder of this month.

- **TOMORROW – 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.
- **Thursday, May 22:** André and Walter Marria will share details of their trip to India earlier this year to administer polio vaccines.
- **Thursday, May 29:** Several new members will give their introductory talks; we'll have a foundation update, and a fifth Thursday tradition and history brief update.

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.