Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

AUGUST 27, 2025

Thursday, Aug. 28

Operation Lifesaver: In The Interest Of Safety

Our meeting this week will focus on railroad safety. **Jeremiah Parunak** will discuss railroad safety on behalf of **Operation Lifesaver**, a non-profit organization and nationally recognized leader of rail safety education. Operation Lifesaver has been committed to preventing collisions, injuries and fatalities on and around railroad tracks and highway-rail grade crossings since 1972, with the support of public education programs in states across the U.S.

Jeremiah is an independent consultant with more than 15 years of railway infrastructure management, including inspections, design, construction, cost estimating, project development, scheduling, and budget management of railway infrastructure assets. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and has worked with The Center for Transportation Research and Norfolk Southern.

MEETINGS

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

8/28	Operation Lifesaver: Railroad Safety & Awareness
9/4	We are Thomasville Humane
9/11	Dr Bill Ellis - Health and Fitness
9/18	Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
9/25	Darcy Craven - Archbold
10/2	Yoga Health and Fitness
10/9	World Polio Day
10/16	Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce

EVENTS

8/29	Tentative Rotaract meet & greet
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8/29	Rotaract Interest Meeting (TENTATIVE)
9/4	Coats & Blankets Drive Begins
9/8	Board Meeting
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9/11	Wine or Whine
9/17	Coffee Chat

LEADERSHIP

President	Nathaniel Tyler
President-Elect	Joe Tarver
Immediate PP	Marta Jones-Turner
Vice President	Joe Tarver
Treasurer	Warren Ballard
Secretary	Anne Candelaria Flores
Executive Secretary/Director	Teri White
Past President	Wayne Newsome
Past President	André Marria

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Rail Safety Education



Ivan Goes to France

Our club's first-ever Rotary Youth Exchange student **Ivan Correa Santoyo** began his study-abroad year this week after flying into Charles-de-Gaulle Airport in Paris on Monday.

He and 30 other inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students were greeted by a team from Rotary District 1650 and traveled to Brittany, Mayenne, where they will participate in an integration seminar in Vannes until Saturday.

Ivan will arrive at his host family's home on Saturday and will start school on Wednesday. He will attend his first club meeting in France next Thursday.

Keep up with his progress with monthly updates here: https://www.ryese.org/journal/list?year=2026

Directors

Club President Nominee	Chandler Giddes
Public Image	David Sofferin
Foundation	Jason Goldman
Membership	Arthur Wigfall
Service Projects	Melanie Cromartie
Youth Service	Chandler Giddes
Admin	Sally Bowman

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

9/1	Gary Tucker (43)
9/1	Debbie Goodman (31)
9/4	Randy Watts (11)
9/14	Lindsay Clay (2) 3 years in Rotary
9/15	Tom Everett (19)





Rotary Golf Tournament

Thanks to all who helped make the Rotary United Way Golf Tournament a success - from our volunteers, to our golfers, to our sponsors. See our complete list of sponsors here, find photos on our social media, then add your photos in the comments. We'll have an update on our fundraising total as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

Plan your calendar for September with this calendar at a glance:



- Our annual **coats and blankets drive** begins and continues throughout the month. Please consider bringing blankets. new or gently used coats or a cash donation to support the **Thomas County Food Bank**.
- **Thursday, Sept. 4:** Annual Club Assembly
- **Monday, Sept. 8:** Board meeting at 5:15 p.m., chamber of commerce. All new members are required to attend at least one board meeting.

- **Thursday, Sept. 11:** Bill Ellis, Health and Fitness
- Wednesday, Sept. 17: Coffee Chat at Grassroots Coffee. Stop in anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. for coffee and casual conversation with fellow Rotarians in a small group format.
- **Thursday, Sept. 18:** Pack & Sort at Second Harvest beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 20:** Produce distribution at Weston Park. We need additional volunteers at this month - we will also be distributing grow bags planted with carrots, recipe cards, and additional fall seasonal seeds.
- **Thursday, Sept. 25:** Darcy Craven, Archbold

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.