Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Volunteers Needed

Pack & Distribute Produce



Our monthly produce distribution returns this month in a big way, including our **bi-annual grow bag distribution**, and we'd love for you to join us! These events are a great way to connect with your fellow Rotarians, give back to our community, and have some fun while doing it.

However you support this **Big Impact Project**, your time and energy will help make a meaningful difference for those in need in our community.

Thursday, Sept. 18 –
Sort & Pack at Second Harvest Food Bank
11:30 a.m.
Help us sort and pack fresh produce for families in need. We'll pack more than 20 pounds of vegetables for each family that receives a package.

Friday, Sept. 19 –
Load Carrot Grow Bags at TCCHS Ag Greenhouses
After school – Connect with Chandler Giddes if you can help
Help us load planted carrot bags into trailers for distribution.

Saturday, Sept. 20 –
Produce & Grow Bag Distribution at Weston Park
Set-up begins at 7:30 a.m.

MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

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
10/23	GRSP Student Speaks/Kickoff for GRSP
10/30	District Governor Steve Ivory Visit
11/6	ATC/Cobotics

EVENTS

9/17	Coffee Chat
9/20	Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
10/2	Coats & Blankets Drive Ends
10/2	Wine or Whine
10/13	Board Meeting
10/15	Coffee Chat
10/18	Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
10/23	GRSP Reception

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

Distribution starts at 8:30 a.m. (or as soon as set-up is complete)
Join us bright and early to help set up and distribute fresh produce, grow bags, and seed packs to community members. It's a rewarding way to start your weekend and see the direct impact of your efforts.

Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or trying it out for the first time, we'd love to see you there. Bring your energy, your smile, and maybe a friend or two! Let's make a difference—together.

September

Coat and Blanket Drive Ongoing

Don't forget: Rotary is collecting new and gently used coats and blankets to support the **Thomas County Food Bank's Coat Closet**.

Please bring coats, blankets, or cash donations to the meeting, drop your donations off at Brigit Smallridge's office or send money to Brigit via Venmo @Brigit-Smallridge. Cash donations will help the organization buy coats and blankets at discounted prices. Even a $5 or $10 donation can buy a coat or blanket.

Rotary has supported the Coat Closet almost since the launch of the Thomas County Food Bank about 20 years ago. The Coat Closet is open from mid-October through early December during regular food bank hours. Volunteers schedule Food Bank clients to "shop" for coats for their families. Children are offered coats annually and adults can get them every two years. Blankets are distributed as needed. All clients meet income and circumstance qualifications for food assistance.

Typically, the coat closet provides more than 1,000 coats and several hundred blankets every year.

Past President	Wayne Newsome
Past President	André Marria

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
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YEARS OF SERVICE

9/25	Wayne Newsome (11) 30 years in Rotary
9/28	Wade Glover (2)
9/28	Jessica Sanders (2)
9/28	Terry Scott (2)
9/28	Kristy Wainright (2)
10/3	Julie Carter (6)
10/4	Kurt Stringfellow (7) 11 years in Rotary
10/13	Teri White (14)
10/13	Darcy Craven (4) 9 years in Rotary



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar: September

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. 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
- **Thursday, Oct. 2:** Yoga, Health and Fitness with Michael Beardon

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.