Rotary Club of Thomasville

# Newsletter

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

### Nov. 21 to Dec. 4

## Rotary Online Auction

Just in time for the holidays, our second annual **online auction** will kick-off **Nov. 21 and end Dec. 4** during our Rotary holiday party. Proceeds from the auction will help fund our club's community service, youth projects and other programs throughout the year.

Items that will be available during the auction include:

- Vacations and excursions at the beach and in the mountains,
- limited edition bottling whiskey,
- spa visits,
- a shopping spree with Santa at Imagination Emporium,
- a skeet and trap day for four shooters,
- jewelry,
- a custom fire pit,
- and more!

### How can you help?

**Mary Beth Donalson** (229.221.0715) continues to gather high-end items to add to the auction. If you have an item that might be of interest, or you have friends who may donate, please contact Mary Beth. Additionally, once the auction goes live, please **share the auction** and/or specific items among your friends and family and your social media network. The more people engage with the auction, the better the proceeds will be and the more good work we will be able to do throughout the year.

### Thursday, Nov. 6

## ATC/Cobotics with Jud Savelle

### MEETINGS

November is Rotary Foundation Month

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| 11/6 | ATC/Cobotics |
| 11/13 | Vashti Traditional Thanksgiving Program |
| 11/20 | Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce |
| 11/27 | No Meeting ! Happy Thanksgiving! |
| 12/4 | Holiday Party/Auction Finale at Center for the Arts |
| 12/11 | TCCHS Holiday Concert |
| 12/18 | Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce |
| 12/25 | Merry Christmas! No Meeting This Week! |

### EVENTS

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| 11/6 | Wine or Whine |
| 11/19 | Coffee Chat |
| 11/22 | Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park |
| 12/8 | Board Meeting |
| 12/17 | Coffee Chat |
| 12/20 | Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park |
| 1/10 | Rotary Leadership Institute |
| 1/12 | Board Meeting |

### LEADERSHIP

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| 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 |



Our speaker this week is **Jud Savelle**, a Georgia-Tech alumnus (B.S. & M.S. in Industrial Engineering) who has built a career bridging engineering, entrepreneurship, and community leadership.

He began his career in industrial engineering and operations, including roles with Delta Air Lines, where he applied process improvement and lean-engineering principles. In 2009-10, he returned to Albany, Ga., and assumed leadership of his family's business, Bishop Clean Care (a third-generation commercial cleaning and disaster restoration company). Under his stewardship, the business emphasized operational excellence, technology adoption and community impact.  He currently serves as Startup Catalyst for the Albany region for ATDC (the startup incubator affiliated with Georgia Tech Enterprise Innovation Institute), helping entrepreneurs and startups access coaching, resources and networks. He also co-leads initiatives in robotics and automation (via "Cobotics"), aimed at integrating collaborative robotics into workforce and business growth.

Jud is deeply committed to his hometown region in Southwest Georgia. He emphasizes service, integrity, and employee-focused operations in his business philosophy. He lives in Albany with his wife Jenny and their children, and remains engaged in regional economic development, workforce initiatives and startup ecosystem building.By combining his engineering background, hands-on business leadership, and startup-ecosystem work, Jud serves as a bridge between traditional industry, entrepreneurship and community development. He is especially relevant in efforts to

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| Past President | Wayne Newsome |
| Past President | André Marria |

### Directors

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| 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

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| 11/6 | Ronald Salter (17) |
| 11/8 | Renee Oliveto (18) |
| 11/10 | Morgan Bailey (9) |
| 11/14 | Katie Chastain (1) |
| 11/29 | Tom Harrison, Jr. (24) |
| 12/1 | Scott Rich (48) |
| 12/1 | Tom Shaw (3) |
| 12/1 | Brigit Smallridge (3) |

build innovation capacity in non-urban regions and to bring advanced manufacturing/automation tools into small businesses.

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### Save the Date

## Rotary Leadership Institute

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is scheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 10** at Southern Regional Technical College. All Rotarians are required to complete Part 1, but members are encouraged to attend their appropriate session.

RLI is designed to assist in improving Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of future leaders of our Rotary clubs and is offered at three levels over one-day workshops.

More information to come.