Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

JANUARY 6, 2026

Welcome Back



Welcome back in the new calendar year – I hope everyone is well rested and refreshed after the holiday break!

Let's all hit the ground running for a strong and successful year. This month, we'll have:

- **Mid-Year Club Assembly** – Thursday, Jan. 8
- **Rotary Leadership Institute** – Saturday, Jan. 10
- **Board Meeting** – Monday, Jan. 12, 5:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce
- **Second Harvest Sort & Pack** – Thursday, Jan. 15, 11:30 a.m.
- **Coffee Chat –** Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at Grassroots Coffee
- **Fresh Produce Market** – Saturday, Jan. 17 at 7 a.m. at Weston Park
- **All the Buzz Apiaries** – Thursday, Jan. 22
- **Thomasville Antiques Show** – Thursday, Jan. 29

Bring a friend who may be interested in Rotary and help us grow our club. New members build enthusiasm among our membership, encourage more volunteerism, and positively impact our community in many ways.

MEETINGS

January is Vocational Service Month

1/8	Mid-year Club Assembly
1/15	Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce
1/22	All the Buzz Apiaries
1/29	Thomasville Antiques Show
2/5	Rotary Foundation Update | Jason Goldman
2/12	Thomasville Bicentennial
2/19	Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
2/26	A Visit at Hands and Hearts | Susie Shin

EVENTS

1/10	Rotary Leadership Institute
1/12	Board Meeting
1/12	Board Meeting
1/17	NEW! Fresh Produce Market at Restoration Tabernacle Ministries
1/21	Coffee Chat
2/12	Blood Drive
2/13	Valentine Party at Scott Senior Center
2/18	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

Thursday, Jan. 15 & Saturday, Jan. 17

Sort, Pack & Distribute Fresh Produce

The club will meet on **Thursday, Jan. 15** at **11:30 a.m.** at Second Harvest Food Bank to pack food boxes for this month's fresh produce distribution. After we finish packing, enjoy a box lunch with the team or grab one to go. Please join us!



We'll distribute our fresh produce boxes on **Saturday, Jan. 17** at Weston Park. Set-up begins at **7:30 a.m.**, and distribution begins at 8:30 a.m. or as soon as we are ready.

Each month, we distribute more than 25 pounds of fresh produce and a protein to more than 200 community members in need as part of our **Big Impact Project**. Those who benefit from the project complete USDA paperwork validating their household income before they receive assistance, and often are in line to receive produce several hours before set up begins at 7:30 a.m.

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!

Saturday, Jan. 10

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is Saturday, Jan. 10 in **Building D** at **Southern Regional Technical College** in Thomasville. Please arrive between 7:15 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. to sign in, network, and enjoy a light breakfast. Lunch will be provided and sessions will wrap up by about 3 p.m.

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
https://rotary6900.org/
https://rotary.org/

YEARS OF SERVICE

1/14	Scott Smith (18)
1/15	Vann Middleton (11)
1/16	Chris Kerr (1) 10 years in Rotary
1/24	Charlene Parrish (24)
1/31	Dawna Bicknell Tanner (7)
1/31	Lorraine Williams Rahming (7)
2/1	Marta Jones-Turner (32)
2/1	Bradford Jackson (32)
2/2	Frances Parker (3) 30 years in Rotary
2/2	Harry Tomlinson (3) 44 years in Rotary

Part 1 is required for all Thomasville Rotarians. Subsequent parts are strongly encouraged. If you are interested in attending but did not RSVP, please contact **Arthur Wigfall** ASAP.

What is RLI?

Rotary Leadership Institute is a multi-district leadership and Rotary development program designed to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education. RLI courses are led by experienced, trained facilitators and are structured in interactive sessions that focus on developing leadership skills, deepening understanding of Rotary's mission, and providing practical tools for service, membership, and club effectiveness. RLI is not an official Rotary International program but is highly recommended for members who want to grow, contribute at a higher level, or prepare for future leadership roles.