Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

JANUARY 20, 2026

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Coffee Chat

Join us **Wednesday, Jan. 21** at Grassroots Coffee 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 enjoy breakfast and get to know your fellow Rotarians better or grab your coffee to go. No agenda, no program.



Thursday, Jan. 22

All the Buzz Apiaries

Representatives from All the Buzz Apiaries will present our program this week. The organization offers a variety of services, including consultation and mentoring for new or aspiring beekeepers as well as management services if you would like bees on your property but do not want to handle them yourself. They also offering beekeeping classes for beginning or experienced beekeepers.

Bee sure to join us for this week's meeting to learn more about the all-important honey bees, their habitat, and the delicious honey they produce. This is sure to be an interesting meeting!

MEETINGS

January is Vocational Service Month

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
3/5	Ashley Palmer & Lorrie Millings-Thomasville School/Credit
3/12	Kurt Stringfellow: TU President

EVENTS

1/21	Coffee Chat
2/12	Blood Drive
2/13	Valentine Party at Scott Senior Center
2/18	Coffee Chat
2/21	Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
3/9	Board Meeting
3/17	Honoring our local Heroes-Thomasville Police & Thomas Co Sheriff
3/18	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



Saturday, Jan. 31

Volunteer: Multicultural Celebration

The Thomasville City Spanish Club, along with language clubs from Brookwood School and Thomas County Central High School, will host their annual Thomasville Multicultural Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

As a vital part of Thomasville's multicultural community, the Rotary Club of Thomasville has been invited to host an informational booth highlighting the history of Rotary and our current service projects, including the Community Market and GRSP. This booth presents an excellent opportunity to promote the Rotary brand, share our mission, and engage with the broader community.

To staff the booth throughout the day, we are seeking 10 Rotarians to volunteer their time. Shifts can be arranged to accommodate schedules.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Jason Goldman at (310) 625-7795. Your involvement will help showcase the impact Rotary continues to have in our community.

Jan. 31

District Conference Price Increase

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

1/24	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) 45 years in Rotary
2/6	Craig Miller (1) 19 years in Rotary
2/8	Joe Tarver (8)
2/9	Arthur Wigfall (3)

Coming

This year's district conference is **Thursday, April 16 – Sunday, April 19** at **Lake Lanier Island Resort**. Join the Thomasville delegation for an activity-filled, fun learning opportunity.

Registration will be $350 through the rest of January, but on Feb. 1, the registration fee increases to $375 and activity spots are filling FAST!

Find more information about the agenda.



From DG Steve Ivory:

Don’t forget to book your hotel room in the conference block so you’re right in the middle of the action. We’ve planned nonstop experiences for Rotarians and guests from Thursday through Sunday!

Conference Highlights:

- Thursday, April 16: Presidents Awards Dinner for Presidents and their spouse/significant other
- Friday, April 17: All kinds of activities (need to sign up!) and competitions, fun dinner, hospitality suites
- Saturday, April 18: Major Awards Dinner featuring live music , hospitality suite
  Connections, celebrations, and unforgettable moments all weekend long!

Thursday, Jan. 29

Thomasville Antiques Show

Next week's program will be about the Thomasville Antiques Show. Kristyn Pittman will talk about what to expect at this year's show: upcoming speakers, exhibitors, and opportunities to get involved!

The 2026 Thomasville Antiques Show – Feb. 26 through March 1 – will bring together a curated collection of premier antiques, fine art, and contemporary design from renowned exhibitors across the United States — with all proceeds supporting local nonprofit organizations dedicated to enhancing the lives of children in our area.

Plan ahead: Thursday, Feb. 12

Blood Drive

The **OneBlood Blood Mobile** will be onsite at Vashti on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donors will receive a prize along with a wellness checkup, including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 17630.

Don't forget to bring your ID when you arrive for your appointment.



Plan ahead: Saturday, March 21

Thomasville Ritz Music Festival

The **Thomasville R.E.A.D. Foundation** and the Rotary Club of Thomasville are planning the inaugural **Thomasville Ritz Music Festival** on Saturday, March 21, featuring an incredible variety of music performances – country, R&B, country rock, pop, southern soul funk, and music from some of the best DJs in the Southeast.

Proceeds from the festival will benefit R.E.A.D. and power its literacy initiative and support other life-changing programs and partnerships for children in K-12 schools in our community.

For more information, contact Stephan Thompson (404.488.2761). To volunteer, contact Angela Williamson (229.977.2657).

