Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Thursday, Feb. 26

Hands & Hearts for Horses Field Trip



This week, Rotary will go on a field trip to visit Hands & Hearts for Horses. Rotarian and program director **Susie Shin** will provide lunch and an activity. The activity will focus on leadership through presence, body awareness, and non-verbal communication. To participate in the activity and engage with the horses, please wear closed-toe shoes.

Additionally, speaker Fran Gilbert gives us an overview of **Sportsability Alliance** and its work to enrich lives through accessible, inclusive recreation and active leisure.

MEETINGS

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

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
3/19	Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
3/26	Dr. Czaky, Son of First Generation GRSP Student
4/2	Chris White: City Manager
4/9	Easter Seals Southern Georgia
4/16	Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce

EVENTS

3/9	Board Meeting
3/17	Honoring our local Heroes-Thomasville Police & Thomas Co Sheriff
3/18	Coffee Chat
3/21	Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
3/21	The Ritz Music Festival
3/26	Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend
3/27	GRSP Lunch at Pebble Hill
4/6	Vashti Student Luncheon at Gentian Creek

LEADERSHIP

President	Nathaniel Tyler
President-Elect	Joe Tarver
Immediate PP	Marta Jones-Turner
Vice President	Joe Tarver
Treasurer	Warren Ballard
Secretary	Anne Candelaria Flores

Hands & Hearts for Horses is celebrating 25 years of changing lives through therapeutic horsemanship. Be sure to join us for this special meeting!

3824 Lower Cairo Road, Thomasville

Thursday, March 5

Regular Meeting Location Update

On Thursday, March 5, regular club meetings will return to the Plaza Restaurant at 12:15 p.m. Jackie Leatherman, president and CEO of Discover Thomasville, will be our guest speaker at our first meeting back at the Plaza.



As part of the transition, service projects chair Melanie Cromartie has announced a **team to strengthen the club's relationship** with the Vashti Center.

Third Thursday meetings at Second Harvest to pack produce will continue at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 9

Board Meeting

5:15 p.m., Chamber of Commerce

The board will meet **Monday, March 9 t 5:15 p.m.** at the Chamber of Commerce. All directors and/or their deputies should attend and send reports to their fellow board members at least a day in advance for review.

Members are welcome to attend. In fact, all red-ribbon members are required to attend at least one board meeting during their time as a red-ribbon member.

Executive Secretary/Director	Teri White
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

2/24	Anna Lee (4)
2/26	Nathaniel Tyler (28)
3/1	Joe Brown (21)
3/7	Bryant Beadles (13)
3/19	Angela Williamson (11)
3/19	Copper Comita (6)
3/19	John Comita, Jr. (6)
3/20	William Felts (12)
3/22	Irene Gleason (14)
3/24	Janet Liles (10)



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.

To become a sponsor or for more information, contact Stephan Thompson (404.488.2761). To volunteer, contact Angela Williamson (229.977.2657).

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MARCH 21, 2026

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