Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

MARCH 4, 2026

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.

Rotary Youth Exchange Student Ivan Update

Ivan Santoyo – Thomasville's first-ever Rotary Youth Exchange student – has been having a great year in France, and the Landerneau Rotary Club sent us a copy of his latest speech to the host club. **Watch it here.**

MEETINGS

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

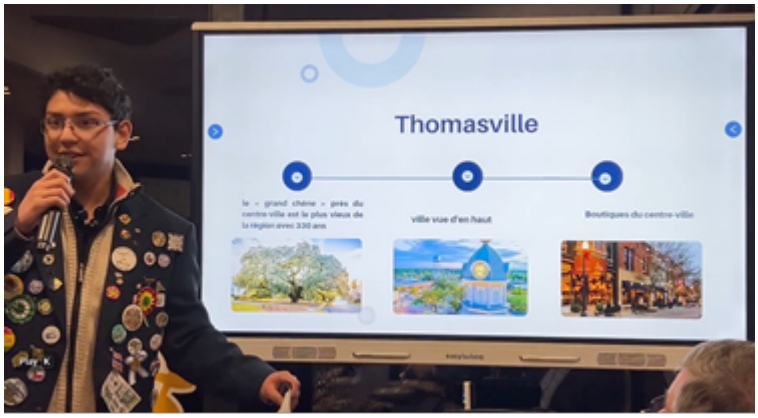
3/5	Ashley Palmer & Lorrie Millings-Thomasville School/Credit
3/12	Kurt Stringfellow: TU President
3/19	Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
3/26	Dr. Czaky, Son of First Generation GRSP Student
4/2	Chris White: City Manager
4/9	Easter Seals Southern Georgia
4/16	Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce
4/23	GRSP Student Farewell

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



I may not speak French, but it sure sounds like Ivan does (well)! We can't wait to hear about his French experiences once he returns home at the end of the current academic year – in English, I hope.

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Wine or Whine at The Plaza



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5:30 to 7 p.m.

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

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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

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)
3/27	Rankin Smith, Jr. (12) 26 years in Rotary
3/31	Gregory Adams (10) 54 years in Rotary
4/1	Andy Vann (37)
4/1	William Blackburn (50)

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) or **sign up here**.

