Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

APRIL 21, 2026

TODAY

Interact Club To Be Honored by HOTC

You are invited to the 13th annual **Cheers for Volunteers** today, Tuesday, April 21, from 5:30-8 p.m. at The Ritz Amphitheater downtown.

Each year, Hands on Thomas County recognizes **Hands On Heroes** – people in the community who donate their time, energy, and skills to support local non-profits, community agencies, and our community as a whole.

TCMS Interact Club will be recognized as one of the organizations supporting the community. Chandler Giddes said that Interact Club has been a huge success for Thomas County Middle School and would love to see as many Rotarians at the event as possible. Please come out for a great time and to help us celebrate!



Outstanding Membership Dues

The Rotary Board's review of the Thomasville Club's financial report indicates several outstanding quarterly balances. Please review your latest invoice and ensure that payment is submitted by the end of the quarter.

Please be advised that delinquent dues will result in a termination notification. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Warren Ballard (229-977-1856) or Teri White (229-221-3935).

Survey

MEETINGS

April is Environment Month

4/23	GRSP Student Farewell
4/30	Orvis, by Truel Myers
5/7	Narcotics Panel with City of Thomasville, Thomas County, and GBI
5/14	A Glimpse into Georgia's Climate Future | John Lanier
5/21	Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
5/28	Addition Financial President Kevin S. Miller
6/4	Ronald McDonald House
6/11	Update on Literacy in Thomas County

EVENTS

5/7	Wine or Whine @ Hubs & Hops
5/11	Board Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce
5/20	Coffee Chat
5/21	Graduation Celebration for Vashti Student Amanda
5/23	Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
5/26	Heroes Cookout for Fire/EMS Teams
5/28	Blood Drive
6/4	Wine or Whine at Kin Wine

LEADERSHIP

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

Your input needed!

As we look toward the next Rotary year, we want to ensure our club's energy and resources are focused *where they matter most – both for our community and for you.*

Our club supports more than 20 different service projects. To make sure we aren't spread too thin and that we're still tackling the most relevant needs, we are conducting a brief **Spring 2026 Member Survey**.



Your feedback will help the board decide:

- Which projects should be expanded because of their high impact?
- Which projects should we evolve to fit our current membership better?
- Which projects (if any) should be retired to make room for fresh, new initiatives?

We are also asking for your input in our operations, membership, and engagement, as well as your personal experiences. And finally, we are looking for your great ideas to enhance the public perception of our 105-year-old club.

Your responses to this survey will remain anonymous. Please respond by Thursday, May 7.

Thanks,

Joseph A. Tarver
President Elect 26/27
Rotary Club of Thomasville

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Fun Facts

In anticipation for next year's programs under President Joe Tarver, the incoming Program Committee would like to add what we hope will be an entertaining element called ***"Name That Rotarian."***

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

4/25	Sally Bowman (2)
4/25	Clark Lunsford (2)
5/1	Eugene McNease (48)
5/1	Laura Pike (1)
5/4	Bob Drummond (9)
5/16	Lauren Radford (7) 11 years in Rotary

During this part of the programs, our Club Members can attempt to guess the identities of other Members by seeing early photos along with some fun facts about them.



We are asking everyone to participate by providing any of the following: baby photos, elementary or high school photos, military photos, etc., as well as the **completed questionnaire**.

Please know we are preparing for next year and attempting to respond to some of the things we are hearing you would like to see in programming.

Please forward all photos to Anna Lee either in person or via email at ansav123@msn.com.

Thank you,
Anna Lee

Thursday, April 23

GRSP Student Farewell

Helena, our GRSP student who was hosted by Mary Beth and Billy Donalson, will give her farewell speech reflecting on her year in Georgia on April 23. We will present new GRSP awards at this meeting.

Questions: Contact Debbie Goodman at dgoodman@116dawson.com or (229) 227-8249.

Thursday, April 30

Truel Myers Shares The Joy of Fly Fishing

Our guest on Thursday, April 30 will be **Truel Myers**, a legend in the world of fly fishing. He will share **The Joy of Fly Fishing**.

Truel is a master casting instructor and one of the most recognized and respected educators at the **Orvis Fly Fishing School**. Throughout his career, Truel has taught countless anglers the art and technique of fly casting, with an emphasis on patience, precision, and a genuine love for the outdoors.

Known for his passion, expertise, and ability to make the sport accessible to anyone, Truel has inspired generations of fly fishers across the country.