Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

MAY 13, 2026

Thursday, May 14

A Glimpse into Georgia's Climate Future

Our speaker tomorrow is John Lanier.

As executive director of the **Ray C Anderson Foundation,** John carries forward the legacy of Ray C. Anderson, founder of Interface, Inc., who pioneered the idea that businesses can be both profitable and environmentally restorative. Guided by his vision of the “double bottom line,” the Foundation invests in initiatives that create measurable economic opportunity while advancing sustainability, equity, and long-term community impact. He'll discuss practical climate mitigations strategies happening in Thomasville and around the state.



Training Courses Available

Log into your **My Rotary** account to take advantage of Rotary training courses in a variety of areas, including professional development and timely topics like change management and uncovering unconscious bias.

All officers and directors who will take office in July for the 2026-2027 Rotary year are required to take the courses available for their role. Anyone who would like to volunteer as committee members and potential officers are also encouraged to take the courses.

MEETINGS

May is Youth Service Month

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	Club Awards
6/11	Update on Literacy in Thomas County
6/18	Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
6/25	Nate's Swan Song & Changing of the Guard
7/2	Club Survey Results, Year Overview

EVENTS

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
6/17	Coffee Chat
6/20	Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park

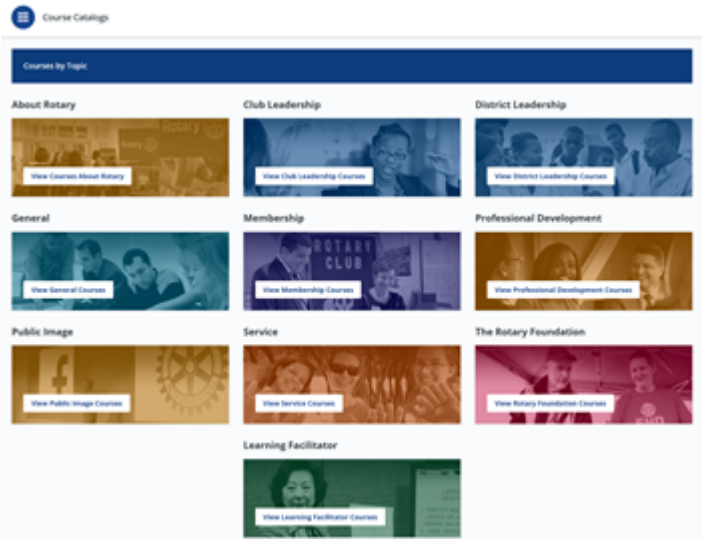
ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
The Plaza Restuarant
217 Broad St
Thomasville, GA 31792

LEADERSHIP

President	Nathaniel Tyler

Questions? Contact André Marria, learning facilitator for our club.



Your Calendar for May



Here's a look at the rest of the calendar for this month:

- **Thursday, May 14:** A Glimpse into Georgia's Climate Future with John Lanier
- **Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.:** Coffee Chat at Grassroots Coffee
  Join us 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, May 21:** Sort & Pack at Second Harvest
  Beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- **NEW Thursday, May 21:** Vashti Graduation Celebration for Amanda
  Beginning at 7 .m. at Vashti. Connect with Marcy Sizemore to

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
Past President	André Marria

Directors

Club President Nominee	Chandler Giddes
Public Image	David Sofferin
Membership	Arthur Wigfall
Service Projects	Melanie Cromartie
Foundation	Jason Goldman
Youth Service	Chandler Giddes
Admin	Sally Bowman

ROTARY ONLINE

https://thomasvillerotary.org
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YEARS OF SERVICE

5/16	Lauren Radford (7) 11 years in Rotary
5/23	Melanie Cromartie (2)
6/8	Anne Candelaria Flores (3)
6/8	John Kepler (3)

SOCIAL MEDIA

support this event.

- **Saturday, May 23:** Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
  Set up begins at 7:30. Distribution begins as soon as set up is complete; ends when all food is distributed, usually by 10:30 a.m.
- **NEW Tuesday, May 26:** Cookout for First Responder Heroes – Fire/EMS
  Set up begins at 10:30 a.m. Connect with Paul Overstreet or Melanie Cromartie to volunteer.
- **Thursday, May 28:** Addition Financial President Kevin S. Miller will be on hand to talk about the merger and the latest offerings from Addition Financial (formerly Envision CU).
- **Thursday, May 28:** Blood Drive
  The OneBlood Blood Mobile will be onsite beginning at 11:30 a.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.