Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

MAY 20, 2026

Dues Increasing July 1

At this month's meeting, the Thomasville Rotary board voted to increase dues in the new fiscal year that begins July 1. Quarterly dues will increase from $185 to $235, not including $25 quarterly optional donations to the Rotary Foundation and GRSP that are encouraged.

Why now?

- Our dues have not increased since 2015.
- Both District 6900 and Rotary International have increased dues three times since 2015.
- The adjustment also accounts for increasing prices for meals, venue costs, and other routine expenses that support our meetings and activities.

If you have any questions about these cost increases, please contact **Teri White**, who will be treasurer in 2026-2027.

Thursday, May 21 and Saturday, May 23

Sort, Pack & Distribute Fresh Produce

The club will meet on **Thursday, May 21** at **11:30 a.m.** at Second Harvest Food Bank to pack food boxes for this month's fresh produce distribution. After we finish packing, enjoy a box lunch with the team or grab one to go.



We'll distribute our fresh produce boxes on **Saturday, May 23** at Weston Park. Set-up begins at **7:30 a.m.**, and distribution begins

MEETINGS

May is Youth Service Month

5/21	Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
5/28	Addition Financial President Kevin S. Miller
6/4	TBD
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
7/9	Thomasville Entertainment Foundation

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 at Kin Wine
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

at 8:30 a.m. or as soon as we are ready. Please join us. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or trying it out for the first time, we'd love to see you there. Bring your energy, your smile, and maybe a friend or two!

Tuesday, May 26

Heroes Cookout: EMS and Fire Teams

Rotary will host a cookout honoring local EMS and fire personnel – heroes of our community – Tuesday, May 26.

The BBQ will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thomas County EMS, 1202 Remington Avenue, Thomasville. Rotarians who are not involved in cooking need to arrive by 11 a.m.



Your Calendar for May



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

- **TOMORROW Thursday, May 21:** Sort & Pack at Second Harvest
  Beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- **TOMORROW Thursday, May 21:** Vashti Graduation

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

5/23	Melanie Cromartie (2)
6/8	Anne Candelaria Flores (3)
6/8	John Kepler (3)
6/16	George Stephens, Jr. (3) 56 years in Rotary

Celebration for Amanda
Beginning at 6 p.m. at Vashti. Please arrive early.
Connect with Marcy Sizemore to support this event.

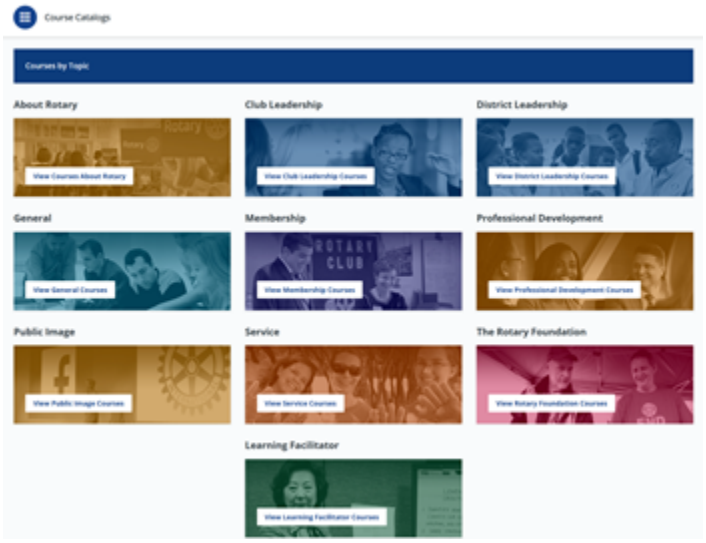
- **Saturday, May 23:** Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
  Set up begins at 7:30. Distribution begins as soon as set up is complete; ends when all food is distributed, usually by 10:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 26:** Cookout for First Responder Heroes – Fire/EMS
  Set up begins at 10:30 a.m. Connect with 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.

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.

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


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