Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

This Week

District Governor Cynthia Edwards to Visit

We are pleased to welcome **District Governor Cynthia Edwards** to Thomasville this week. Members and friends are invited to participate in several events during her visit.

- **Happy Hour** — TODAY at Scott Rich's guest house.
- **Board Meeting** — Thursday, Sept. 10 at 10:30 at the Plaza with the Thomasville Rotary board.
- **Club Meeting** — Thursday, Sept. 10. Please join us for the club meeting during the district governor's visit.



Please join us for these events as we welcome District Governor Cynthia Edwards to Thomasville.

Week 2

Gridiron Challenge

We're looking for a new Rotary Football League Commissioner. *After Lu's medical setback last week, we need someone to take over the football league for the rest of the season. Please contact Sally Bowman if you are interested in*

MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

9/10	District Governor Cynthia Edwards Visit
9/17	Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce
9/24	A Path to Longevity: The Healthy Heart
10/1	Student Focus: THS Soccer Teams, Opioid OD Prevention Kits, Students of the Quarter
10/8	Tentative: World Polio Day
10/15	Sort & Pack at Second Harvest
10/22	Echoes of the Gavel
10/29	GRSP Introductions

EVENTS

9/9	Happy Hour with District Governor Cynthia Edwards
9/10	Board Meeting with District Governor Cynthia Edwards
9/16	Coffee Chat
9/19	Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
9/25	Rotary Has Heart for Seniors Luau
10/1	Coat and Blanket Drive for Thomas County Food Bank Begins
10/1	Blood Drive
10/12	Board Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce

LEADERSHIP

President	Joe Tarver
President-Elect	Chandler Giddes
Immediate PP	Nathaniel Tyler
Treasurer	Teri White
Secretary	Angela Williamson

supporting the Gridiron Challenge.

Week two picks have been set:

- #1 Ohio State (1-0) @ #5 Texas (1-0)
- #10 Oklahoma (1-0) @ #16 Michigan (1-0)
- #20 Tennessee (1-0) @ Ga Tech (0-1)
- *Friday* Rutgers (0-1) @ Boston College (0-1)
- Memphis (2-0) @ Boise St. (0-1)
- Duke (1-0) @ Illinois (1-0)
- Cal (0-1) @ Syracuse (1-0)
- Mississippi St. (1-0) @ Minnesota (1-0)
- Arizona (1-0) @ #14 BYU (1-0)
- Game of the Week and Tie Breaker (Worth 2 Points)
  UTSA (1-0) @ Texas St. (0-1)

Join us at Thursday's meeting to find out whether the guys or girls won the first week's challenge. Who won the gift cards for the first week!?

Play here. Turn in your picks to Sally Bowman at the meeting or by Thursday at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10

Board Meeting

This month's board meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Plaza with District Governor Cynthia Edwards.

All directors and/or their deputies should attend and send reports to their fellow board members at least a day in advance for review. If you have specific items to be added to the agenda, please contact **President Joe Tarver** ASAP.



Executive Secretary/Director	Mary Beth Donalson
Past President	Wayne Newsome

Directors

Public Image	David Sofferin
Foundation	Tony Lloyd
Membership	Arthur Wigfall
Service Projects	Melanie Cromartie
Youth Service	Stephan Thompson
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

9/14	Lindsay Clay (3) 5 years in Rotary
9/15	Tom Everett (20)
9/25	Wayne Newsome (12) 31 years in Rotary
9/28	Wade Glover (3)
9/28	Jessica Sanders (3)
9/28	Terry Scott (3)
9/28	Kristy Wainright (3)
10/3	Julie Carter (7)
10/4	Kurt Stringfellow (8) 12 years in Rotary

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Coffee Chat



Join us **Wednesday, Sept. 16** 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, Sept. 17

Second Harvest Sort and Pack & Produce Distribution

The club will meet on **Thursday, Sept. 17** at **11:30 a.m.** at Second Harvest Food Bank to sort and pack produce for our monthly food distribution. After we finish packing, enjoy a box lunch with the team or grab one to go.

After a summer break, we resume our produce distribution this month, on **Saturday, Sept. 19**.



Membership Challenge

As we enter September, we are officially launching the **Rotary Club of Thomasville Recruitment**

Challenge, which will run through June 2027. Our goal is for each member to recruit at least one new prospect. Please reach out to your social networks, workplaces, or professional organizations to find individuals who share our passion for service.

You can get started by inviting potential candidates to an upcoming service project, a lunch meeting, or a Board meeting. Feel free to team up with fellow members or bring in multiple candidates on your own.

Thank you for your dedication to expanding our impact in the Thomasville community. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss recruitment ideas.

Best regards,

Arthur Wigfall
Membership Director

Thursday, Sept. 24

A Path to Longevity: The Healthy Heart

Drs. Bill Ellis and **Clay Sizemore**, members of the Wellness and Longevity Group, will present A Path to Longevity: The Healthy Heart on Thursday, Sept. 24. This presentation is just in time for International Heart Day on Saturday, Sept. 26.



Friday, Sept. 25

Scott Senior Center Luau

On Friday, Sept. 25, Rotary will host its annual Scott Senior Center luau. Help celebrate community seniors at the event, which also will honor September birthdays at the center.

Set up begins at 10 a.m. The luau celebration begins at 11 a.m. Connect with **Angela Williamson** to sign up. Please join us!



Name That Rotarian!

Get to know your fellow Rotarians!

- **What city did you grow up in?**
  Thomasville
- **What do you do for a living?**
  Executive
- **How long have you been a Rotarian?**
  5 years
- **What's the most unusual job you've ever had?**
  Refrigerated Semi Truck Scout
- **What is your best hidden talent that people don't know about?**
  I am a drummer.
- **Famous person (dead or alive) you've had dinner with?**
  Burt Jones (hopefully, the incoming governor)
- **Name one item that is still on your bucket list.**
  Travel to Scotland
- **If not your current career, what would you be doing?**
  Sales
- **What's your guilty pleasure (show, hobby, or habit)?**
  Fishing, Video Games, Golf, Music Concerts, I love Survivor the tv show.
- **What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?**
  Be joyous always; pray continually. ~ 1 Thes. 5:16-18

Stay tuned at the meeting tomorrow to learn who this Rotarian is!



Play along with us! **Complete the questionnaire** and submit a current and historical photos to **Anna Lee** to be featured.

Calendar

Calendar is subject to changes. View the full **Rotary calendar** anytime and:

- Add individual **calendar items** to your personal calendar.
- **Subscribe to the Rotary calendar** for automatic updates.

Attend a club meeting via Zoom. Meeting ID: 867 7770 1621
