Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Thursday, Sept. 17 & Saturday, Sept. 19

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** at Weston Park. Set up begins at 7:30 a.m. and distribution begins at 8:30 or as soon as we are set up. Join us and bring some friends to support this important cause.

Week 2 Results

Legendary Losers Vs Touchdown Divas

The men didn't come up with a team name, so Janet took the liberty of naming them herself: *Legendary Losers.* And the women are the *Touchdown Divas*. Even if you did not turn in a score sheet the first two weeks, you can still join in the fun of **Legendary Losers vs. Touchdown Divas**!

Janet will announce last week's winners at Second Harvest on Thursday.

Download this week's game sheet and turn it into **Janet Liles** by 6 p.m. Thursday.

MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

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
11/5	Hannah Palmquist: Human Trafficking in Georgia and across the Southeast

EVENTS

9/16	Coffee Chat
9/19	Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
9/25	Rotary Has Heart for Seniors Luau
10/1	Blood Drive
10/12	Board Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce
10/15	District Membership Initiative Happy Hour/Wine or Whine
10/24	Hands on Thomas County Day - Register to Volunteer
10/29	GRSP Reception and Wine or Whine at Scott Rich's Guest Cottage

LEADERSHIP

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

Please do not turn in your sheets to Lu!

Thursday, Sept. 17

Rotary Float Planning Meeting for Rose Festival Parade

Join the first planning meeting to help shape the float

All Rotary members are invited to the first meeting to begin planning for a Rotary float for the Rose Festival Parade. Whether you have ideas for design, skills to offer, or resources to share, your input will help shape the float.

Meeting details

- **When:** 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17
- **Where:** Home of Craig Miller, 800 Hall Road, Thomasville 31757
- **Refreshments:** Charcuterie, snacks & beverages will be provided

We'll discuss the creative vision for the float, our budget, and the resources we will need. Below is an initial look, but the design will change once we get everyone's input and know what we have to work with.

Please let Craig know if you can make it: craig@ftintermedia.com or 813-624-3674.

We look forward to seeing you and getting started on a float that represents our Rotary spirit and the Thomasville community.

Secretary	Angela Williamson
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

9/15	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
10/13	Teri White (15)
10/13	Darcy Craven (5) 10 years in Rotary

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.

Mark Your Calendars

Discover Rotary

Join us for **Discover Rotary** — an informal evening to connect with fellow Rotarians, and introduce others to our work and how to get involved. The event is open to anyone curious about Rotary membership and community service.

When: Thursday, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: The Plaza Restaurant

This is a joint event with the district and other local clubs. Please invite friends and colleagues who may be

interested in joining Rotary.

Brief agenda and program

- 5:30 pm - Check-in
- 5:45 pm - Appetizers, Cocktails, Networking
- 6:15 pm - Program, Presentation, Discussion
- 6:45 pm - Q&A/Next Steps
- 7:00 pm - Adjourn

Registration page coming soon.

Rotary International Convention — Registration Opens Sept. 17

The Rotary International Convention will take place in Barcelona, Spain, from **June 26-30, 2027**. This global gathering brings Rotarians together for inspiration, fellowship, and learning. The convention website is now live and can be accessed at **https://convention.rotary.org/en-us**.

Registration for the convention opens on **September 17, 2026**. A special promotional discount will be available for five days.

We are pleased to share that our own **André Marria** is one of two Rotary International Convention Promotion Team Representatives for **Zones 33–34**. Her role is to help promote the convention and support Rotarians in the region who are planning to participate.

If you are interested in attending the convention, please mark your calendar for the registration opening and the promotional window. Further details about registration and participation will be shared as they become available.

Saturday, Oct. 24

Volunteers Needed for Hands on Thomas County Day

Join the Thomasville Rotary volunteer team to serve alongside hundreds of community members

What: Rotary is recruiting volunteers for Hands on Thomas County Day, a community-wide day of service.

When: Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Where: Volunteer projects take place at sites around Thomas County; lunch and a post-service celebration will follow at Cherokee Lake. The lunch will include games, a photo booth, music and other fun activities.

Join more than 1,200 other community volunteers working at at least 50 volunteer sites around the community. The Thomasville Rotary team welcomes volunteers of all ages and skill levels to help make a positive impact.

How to register: Sign up online to join the Thomasville Rotary volunteer team: https://www.thomasvillerotary.org/event/9942.

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