Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

NOVEMBER 11, 2026

Tomorrow

Annual Thanksgiving Celebration at Vashti

This week, our meeting will be our annual Thanksgiving meeting at Vashti. Since our club's founding in 1921, we've supported Vashti in various ways, including this traditional Thanksgiving meeting. Members who choose to do so often make a contribution to the center for the children who benefit from the mission and services of Vashti.



Please join us to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal, an update from Vashti executive director Suzanne Litherland, a Wildlife Arts Festival update, and the induction of two new members to our club. We've got a full agenda tomorrow.

Starting Tomorrow

Rotary Online Auction & Holiday Party

Our **third annual online auction launches tomorrow** (Thursday, Nov. 12) and we need your help to make it our best auction yet. Once the auction is live, please bid on items and share various items up for bid with your social media networks!

The auction benefits the Big Impact Project, supporting fresh produce markets — which distributed **70,000 pounds of food last year,** provides vegetable grow bags at two markets each

MEETINGS

November is Rotary Foundation Month

11/12	Thanksgiving Meeting at Vashti
11/19	Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce
11/26	Happy Thanksgiving – No Meeting

EVENTS

11/18	Coffee Chat
11/19	Wine or Whine
11/21	Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
12/3	Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction Finale

LEADERSHIP

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

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year, and more.

Items available on auction will include:

- **10 vacation stays**, including in the mountains, at the beach, and local stays
- Guns
- A band performance at your next event
- Lessons for tennis, fly fishing, and Mahjong
- Athletic pursuits including a pickle ball session at a private court, a YMCA family membership for a year, and hot yoga sessions
- Infrared sauna visits
- A Taste of Thomasville food tour
- A Vespa scooter
- Ceramic art

Other ways you can help: If you would like to help underwrite our Big Impact Project, please connect with **Marta Jones-Turner** or auction team members **Marcy Sizemore, Gretchen Bickel, Mary Beth Donalson, Laura Pike, Kellie Merck, James Bue, Arthur Wigfall** or **David Sofferin**. Underwriters will be featured on the auction website and on social media posts.



The auction will end on **Thursday, Dec. 3** at our annual holiday party. RSVP for the event **here**.

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

11/14	Katie Chastain (2)
11/29	Tom Harrison, Jr. (25)
12/1	Scott Rich (49)
12/1	Tom Shaw (4)
12/1	Brigit Smallridge (4)

Rotary Fact: What is The Rotary Foundation’s Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund is The Rotary Foundation’s “checking account,” to be spent on programs in the third year after funds are received. “Sustaining Member” recognizes a cumulative $100 gift each year to the Annual

Fund.

To make a year-end gift, contact Tony Lloyd or Teri White.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Coffee Chat



Join us **Wednesday, Nov. 18** 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, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 21

Second Harvest Sort and Pack & Produce Distribution

The club will meet on **Thursday, Nov. 19** 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.

New for this month only: Our produce distribution will be **Saturday, Nov. 21 at the fairgrounds**. We will be coordinating this distribution with the city of Thomasville, Thomas County Cares, and their resource fair. People will be limited to two boxes per car to help make the boxes go further, as we expect more participants, and traffic will flow to allow them to pick up boxes and visit the resource fair inside the main fair building. Questions: Contact Melanie Cromartie or Matt Edwards.



We distribute approximately 7,000 pounds of fresh produce and healthy frozen proteins each month. Join us and bring some friends to support this important cause.

Thursday, Nov. 19

Wine or Whine

November's Wine or Whine will be Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at President Joe Tarver's home. **Please RSVP** by logging into thomasvillerotary.org or text Sally Bowman at 229.220.8123.

We look forward to gathering together and enjoying a relaxed evening with friends.



Gridiron Challenge

The Touchdown Divas won again for Week 10! We had a total of 19 players. A repeat winner for the men and a new winner for the ladies! Please give your sheets to Sally Bowman at the luncheon at Vashti this week or email to Janet. Janet is out of town for the meeting. Next week is our last week for the football pool! Come on

and play and let’s have a strong finish! The Divas are leading the friendly competition!

To all my Georgia fans! You are back at #1!! Congrats!



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.

While this week's meeting will not be available via Zoom, most are. **Attend a club meeting via Zoom**.
Meeting ID: 867 7770 1621
