Rotary Club of Thomasville

# Newsletter

NOVEMBER 17, 2026

## This Week

## 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 as part of our Big Impact Project. Join us and bring some friends to support this important cause.

## This Thursday

### MEETINGS

November is Rotary Foundation Month

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| 11/19 | Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce |
| 11/26 | Happy Thanksgiving – No Meeting |
| 12/3 | No Meeting \| Join Us for Our Holiday Party and Auction Finale |
| 12/24 | No Meeting \| Merry Christmas! |
| 12/31 | No Meeting \| Happy New Year! |

### EVENTS

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| 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 |
| 12/16 | Coffee Chat |
| 1/7 | Blood Drive |
| 1/20 | Coffee Chat |
| 2/17 | Coffee Chat |

### LEADERSHIP

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|---|---|
| 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

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| Public Image | David Sofferin |
| Foundation | Tony Lloyd |

## Wine or Whine

Join us for Wine or Whine. We look forward to gathering together and enjoying a relaxed evening with friends.

- **When:** Thursday, Nov. 19, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- **Where:** President Joe Tarver's home, 105 Friar Tuck Lane.
- **RSVP** by logging into thomasvillerotary.org or text Sally Bowman at 229.220.8123.




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### Now Live!

## Rotary Online Auction

Our **third annual online auction is now live!  Check it out!**

We need your help to make it our best auction yet. Please bid on items, share the site, 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 year, and more.

Items available on auction will include:

- **11 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

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| 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

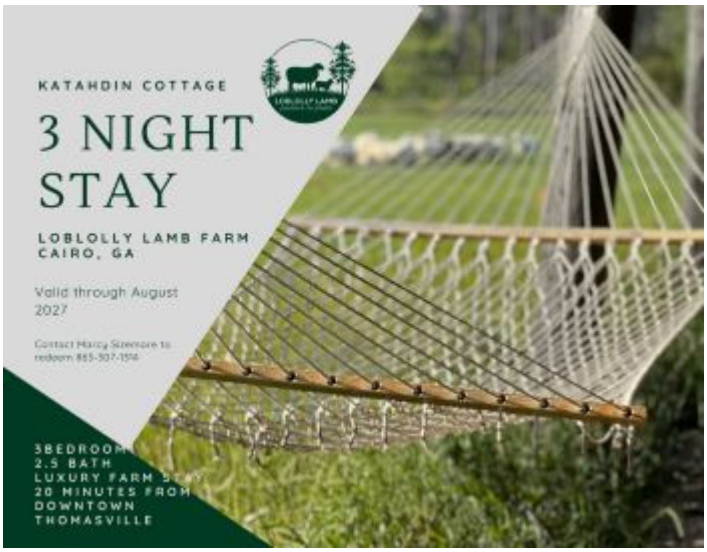
### ROTARY ONLINE

https://thomasvillerotary.org
https://rotary6900.org/
https://rotary.org/

### YEARS OF SERVICE

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| 11/29 | Tom Harrison, Jr. (25) |
| 12/1 | Scott Rich (49) |
| 12/1 | Tom Shaw (4) |
| 12/1 | Brigit Smallridge (4) |
| 12/10 | Richard Christenson (6) |
| 12/11 | Kellie Merck (1) |
| 12/11 | Korey Taylor (1) |
| 12/11 | Sandra Wright (1) |
| 12/13 | John Blackmon (8)<br>11 years in Rotary |
| 12/13 | Susie Shin (8) |
| 12/13 | Barbara Williams-Anderson (8) |

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




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## Holiday Party

Please join us for our annual holiday party, which will be marked by the end of the third annual Big Impact Auction.

**Thursday, Dec. 3**
**5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
**Thomasville Center for the Arts**

**RSVP required.**

Rotarians attend for free, but all guests will be charged $30 on inviting member's next dues.

Enjoy an open bar, delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres, and an exciting live auction led by a professional auctioneer after the conclusion of the online auction at 7 p.m.!

*There will be no meeting on this day.*



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**Dec. 14 – Dec. 18**

## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

To ring the bell for Salvation Army on behalf of the Rotary Club, please contact **Ricky Zambrano** at (229) 221-8554.

Bell ringers are needed for Monday, Dec. 14 through Friday, Dec. 18 from noon to 6 p.m. (in one-hour increments).

Our annual bell ringing campaign is part of a friendly competition with the Kiwanis Club to see which club can bring in the most money for the Salvation Army through the Red Kettle Campaign, so if you are considering a donation to the Salvation Army this holiday season, consider dropping your donation in a Rotary member's bucket – and have your friends and family do the same.




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**Saturday, Jan. 30**

## Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

You are cordially invited to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2027, at Southern Regional Technical College.

RLI offers a valuable, ongoing learning experience for both new and seasoned Rotarians, providing opportunities to strengthen leadership skills, deepen your understanding of Rotary, and connect with fellow members.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to grow as a leader and enhance your impact in Rotary and your community. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Arthur Wigfall**
Membership Director

## 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.

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

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