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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 4, 2026

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- 3/5 Jackie Letherman: Discover Thomasville
- 3/12 Kurt Stringfellow: TU President
- 3/19 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
- 3/26 Dr. Czaky, Son of First Generation GRSP Student
- 4/2 Chris White: City Manager
- 4/9 Tentative: Easter Seals Southern Georgia
- 4/16 Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce
- 4/23 GRSP Student Farewell

## Events

- 3/9 Board Meeting
- 3/18 Coffee Chat
- 3/21 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
- 3/21 The Ritz Music Festival
- 3/26 Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend
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Immediate PP	Marta Jones-Turner
Treasurer	Warren Ballard
Secretary	Anne Candelaria Flores
Executive Secretary/Director	Teri White
Past President	André Marria

### Directors

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>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

## YEARS OF SERVICE

3/1	Joe Brown (21)
3/7	Bryant Beadles (13)
3/19	Angela Williamson (11)
3/19	Copper Comita (6)
3/19	John Comita, Jr. (6)
3/20	William Felts (12)
3/22	Irene Gleason (14)
3/24	Shanna Derby (3) 8 years in Rotary
3/24	Janet Liles (10)
3/27	Rankin Smith, Jr. (12) 26 years in Rotary
3/31	Gregory Adams (10) 54 years in Rotary

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