Rotary Club of Thomasville

Newsletter

OCTOBER 7, 2026

Rotary Fact

What is the Rotary Code of Conduct?

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and trust them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary and other Rotarian.

Saturday, Oct. 24

World Polio Day

In advance of **World Polio Day** on Saturday, Oct. 24, Rotary Foundation Chair **Tony Lloyd** will give a presentation about our efforts to eradicate polio at this week's meeting. Please join us to learn more about the progress Rotary International, our local club, and supporters across the globe are making to end polio.



MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

10/8	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
11/12	Thanksgiving Meeting at Vashti
11/19	Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce
11/26	Happy Thanksgiving – No Meeting

EVENTS

10/12	Board Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce
10/17	Produce Distribution
10/24	Hands on Thomas County Day - Register to Volunteer
10/31	Halloween at History Center
11/6	61st Annual Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend
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

Name That Rotarian!

Can you identify this Rotarian? Join us tomorrow to learn more about her!



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

Gridiron Challenge

It was a wild and crazy football weekend for week 5!! Lots of upsets and some of our Rotarians did not listen to the analysts !! We might have future guest pickers for ESPN!

Come on ladies for week 6!! The men are beating us for the most participants!! We will give an update on how everyone is doing on their “picks”!! It is not to late to jump in and have FUN!!!

Complete **this form** and **send to Janet** by 6 p.m. on Thursday or give to her at Rotary.

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

10/13	Teri White (15)
10/13	Darcy Craven (5) 10 years in Rotary
10/16	Francis Lilly (12) 15 years in Rotary
10/27	Jim Carter (15)
10/27	J.D. Sears (4)
10/27	Matt Edwards (4)
11/1	Albert Park (31)
11/4	Carol Jones (22)

Monday, Oct. 12

Board Meeting

5:15 p.m., Chamber of Commerce

The board will meet **Monday, Oct. 12 at 5:15 p.m.** at the Chamber of Commerce. All directors and/or their deputies should attend and send reports to their fellow board members at least a day in advance for review.



Members are welcome to attend. In fact, all red-ribbon members are required to attend at least one board meeting during their time as a red-ribbon member.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Discover Rotary

Join us for **Discover Rotary** — an informal evening to connect with fellow Rotarians, introduce others to our work and explain 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

Register here.



GRSP Pebble Hill Lunch

Thomasville's GRSP student lunch, part of the **61st Annual Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend**, is Friday, Nov. 6 at the Pebble Hill Learning Center.

We need members to sign up to participate. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up as well as to sit at tables with groups of GRSP students. Set up begins at 11:15 a.m., and the event is expected to end around 2 p.m.

Sign up here or talk to **Debbie Goodman**.

Mark Your Calendars

Rotary Online Auction

Planning is underway for our third annual **online auction.**

Please consider whether you or your friends and family members have any high-end items that could be added to this year's auction. For example, a large percentage of our proceeds in both 2024 and 2025 came from vacation rentals – do you have access to a phenomenal vacation spot? If so, please connect with **Marta Jones-Turner**.

The auction will end on Thursday, Dec. 3 at our annual holiday party. Proceeds from the auction will help fund our club's community service, youth projects and other programs throughout the year.

Sign up to attend the event **here**.



Rotary International Convention

BARCELONA 2027

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**.

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.

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
