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October is Economic and  
Community Development Month

Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

## This Week's Program

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We already have much to celebrate. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio worldwide for many years. In 2015 the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC), made the official announcement that Wild Poliovirus Type 2 (WPV2) had been eradicated worldwide on September 20, 2015. This year, Wild Poliovirus Type 3 (WPV3) has now also been eradicated! This means the world is closer than ever before to being able to cure polio. Worldwide only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, are left with cases of the Wild Poliovirus Type 1 (WPV1).

We need your help to continue the fight and to make sure we do end Polio. We are this close! Remember each gift gets matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2:1.

### Hands On Thomas County at Vashti

Hands On Thomas County at Vashti has been rescheduled for **Saturday, November 9th at 8:45**. We will be done by noon.

Please put this on your calendar and sign up this week at Rotary or Call Bill Dickey at 229-224-0189 or email him at [dickey.bill45@gmail.com](mailto:dickey.bill45@gmail.com).

### Character Counts!

Rotarians Needed To Make a Difference in Changed Lives

The Thomasville Rotary Club has made a difference in the lives of Thomas Counties' youth for many years. One of the many successful endeavors of the Thomasville Rotary Club has been **Character Counts**. Character Counts was created in 1992 and is the largest character development organization in the world.

Two volunteers will facilitate Character Counts sessions in one of our organizations. The session lasts about 45 minutes. A great session is when the students carry most of the conversation and the volunteers have a chance to see the hope and joy of our future. Volunteers will be equipped with discussion materials and outlines before each class.

Please let Matt Brown know if you would be willing to consider serving in this meaningful opportunity for the youth of our community.

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Thank you all!

### Shotgun/Downtown Shopping Drawing

Please work diligently to sell your allotted tickets for the Shot Gun/Shopping drawing. As you sell your tickets, please turn in the ticket stubs and funds AT EACH MEETING. Thank you for your assistance in this important Rotary project.

## Meetings

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- 10/31 Halloween - Special Guest
- 11/7 District Governor Jim Squire, Polio Zone Coordinator Bob Hagen, Robert Hall Foundation Kickoff
- 11/14 Frank Scoggins, Thomas County Elections Supervisor, will do an update on major changes to the voting process.
- 11/21 Regular Meeting at Vashti for Thanksgiving Lunch & Program

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Pat Choice
- 10/2 Howard Stephens
- 10/3 Dicky Demott
- 10/3 Philip Leabo, Jr.
- 10/5 Morgan Bailey
- 10/11 Nic Rahming
- 10/12 David Flowers
- 10/13 Scott Sterling
- 10/17 Heather Lindquist
- 10/23 Walter Marria, Jr.
- 10/24 Wilson Carraway, Jr.
- 10/25 Wallace Goodman
- 10/29 John Glenn, Jr.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/2 Warren Ballard (9)
- 10/10 Frances Parker (27)
- 10/10 Terry Rouse (27)
- 10/15 Susan O'Neal (25)
- 10/15 Nick Murray (14)
- 10/16 Carol Jones (55)
- 10/22 Dawna Bicknell Tanner (3)
- 10/24 Vann Middleton (21)

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## YEARS OF SERVICE

10/2	Terry Rouse (11)
10/3	Julie Carter (0)
10/4	Kurt Stringfellow (1) 5 years in Rotary
10/9	Lisa Billups (5)
10/9	Arlen Yokley (5)
10/9	Shelley Zorn (5) 14 years in Rotary
10/13	Teri White (8)
10/16	Tim Filston (5)
10/16	Tom Rinehart (5)
10/16	Francis Lilly (5) 8 years in Rotary
10/20	Coy Irvin (3) 7 years in Rotary
10/27	Michele Arwood (8)
10/27	Jim Carter (8)

## Rotary Online

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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## LEADERSHIP

President	Kim Walden
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Treasurer	Teri White
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Foundation	John Glenn, Jr.
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