

District Update

Read the latest message "It's Time To Tear Like The Eagle" from our District Governor and very own, Andy Martin. To view the story, click HERE.



The RLJ Southern Division thanked our Rotary Club of Thomasville and especially PE Marie Turner for her assistance in the success of the 2024 event on January 13, 2024. Great job! To view the full story, click HERE.



Here you registered for District Conference, March 21-24, 2024! Early birds get special rates! Join us as we laugh, learn and network with the best of the best in the Southeast. Several hotels on the island have rooms booked through February 21, 2024. Booked Island is booking, so you are encouraged to book your hotel soon! Once our main blocks are sold, there is no guarantee that additional room nights will be added. For more information on registration, main blocks, and the conference in general, click HERE.

Membership Update

Join us in welcoming our newest members to the club, Rotarians David Sofferlin and Dr. Tim Daniel. David was inducted into the Rotary Club of Thomasville on 1/10/24. David is sponsored by Rotarian, Andre Hester. He operates an industrial facility and is currently employed at the District Office of the Vaux Center. He is married to his wife, Susan, and enjoys landscaping, gardening, and detailing vehicles.



This was inducted into the Rotary Club of Thomasville on 1/10/24. Tim is sponsored by Rotarian Tim Harrison. He specializes in diagnostic ultrasound and is currently employed at the Vaux Center. He is married to his wife, Sarah, enjoys hunting and fishing and is a Founding Member of Thomasville Church's Resounders Ministry.



February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Weekend March

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE NOW ONLINE

You can find the Rotary Club of Thomasville's Membership Guide under "Members" within the Resource Library of our website. Members need to log in to our website to access the Resource Library. Once logged into your account, you can view and download the guide directly by clicking HERE. We still need Rotarians to join our team. Because the planner for Wine or Whine, had the Red Ribbon Program, make call cards to follow Rotarian for an event, become a greeter for our Rotary Tea Heart For Seniors, and/or give your own ideas on how to maintain and grow our club. Reach out to Rotarian Angela Williams.

Wine or Whine for March will be a special occasion held at a private residence of Rotarian Scott and Peggy Rich on March 5th from 5:30-7PM. The coming month Wine or Whine will be the theme of all things Rotary. "Discover Rotary." The goal for this particular social event is to recruit potential new members and even invite former members who may be interested in rejoining our Rotary club. Though the invitation will say explicit between teachers, spouses, and those guests, we do not want to limit the number of people who will be invited. The following gives residence address of Rotarian Scott and Peggy Rich: 528 East Jefferson Street, Thomasville, GA. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rotarian Scott or Peggy Rich.



P.S. We have physical Rotary Club of Thomasville invitation cards (business card sized) which can be filled out with your contact information and organizing meeting information and given out to prospective new members! Please see Rotarian Angela Williams at our next meeting if you would like to collect some of these for distribution...we have plenty and encourage YOU to write and deliver new members!



Thankyou, 1:23 pm The Plaza Restaurant 117 South Wood Street Thomasville, GA 31792

Community Services Update

Another year spreading love and joy at our annual #RotaryHeartForSeniors Volunteer's party for the almost 50 members of Scott Senior Center who attended! A big thank you to all the volunteers who made this special event a heartwarming success! To see more photos, click HERE.



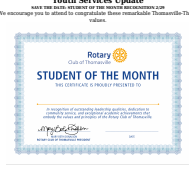
This Volunteers needed! Meet us TOMORROW at 7:30AM to help with set-up and/or BAK to kick off another successful #REDRIBBON event. Once finished, please contact Rotarian Martha Turner Jones if you have any questions. For more details, click HERE. Our next appreciation cocktail for our local heroes has been set for 3/13/2024 starting at 10:30AM at Sandcastle Room. For more details, please contact Rotarian Barbara Anderson or view our calendar details, click HERE.



ROTARIANS TAKE HOME COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARDS: A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all Rotarians and Community Impact Award winners! We are beyond proud to see so many of our Rotarians honored as recipients of this year's awards and for the impact they all have on our community! To learn more about the Community Impact Awards, click HERE.



Rotarian Chauder Gibbs has set the date for another presentation of Students of the Month to take place during our 220 weekly meeting. We encourage you to attend to congratulate these remarkable Thomasville-Thomas County students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, community service, and academic excellence, truly embodying the Rotary's core values.



## Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

- 2/22 Friends & Stars
- 2/29 Students of the Month for November, December, January
- 3/7 Meeting at Hands & Hearts for Horses FIELD TRIP 3824 Lower Cairo Rd
- 3/14 Thomas County Travels - intro by Lauren Radford

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 2/5 Gregory Adams
- 2/5 Claire Bowen
- 2/8 Kari Oliveto
- 2/8 Devona Thompson
- 2/9 Luten Nunnally
- 2/12 Lorraine Williams Rahming
- 2/16 Renee Oliveto
- 2/19 Tom Harrison, Jr.
- 2/19 Marta Jones Turner
- 2/23 Lee Wagner

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/4 Bob Ackerman (56)
- 2/6 Julie Carter (31)
- 2/14 Erik von Hellens (23)
- 2/17 John Kepler (47)
- 2/22 Eugene McNease (57)
- 2/24 Tim Daniel (28)
- 2/25 David Sofferin (40)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 2/1 Marta Jones Turner (30)
- 2/1 Bradford Jackson (30)
- 2/2 Wallace Goodman (1)  
31 years in Rotary
- 2/2 Oscar Mims (1)  
68 years in Rotary

### District 6900

## District Update

### DISTRICT NEWSLETTER COVERAGE

Read the latest message "It's Time To Soar Like The Eagle" from our District Governor and very own, Andre' Marria. To view the story, click [HERE](#).

Our very own, Teri Hurst White, was featured in the District Newsletter for being honored as the first Frank Bentley, Sr. Fellow! To view the District newsletter for February and read the full article, click [HERE](#). P.S. Did you know Teri also serves on the GRSP Foundation Board as the Foundation Director?! Teri is pictured with GRSP Foundation President and Chair Emeritus Jim Drake, Rotary Club of Savannah South, GRSP Financial Advisor Frank Bentley, Jr., Rotary Club of Sandy Springs and GRSP Chair Mike Sweigart, Rotary Club of Duluth.



The RLI Sunshine Division thanked our Rotary Club of Thomasville (and especially PE Marta Turner) for our hospitality and assistance in making RLI a success on January 13, 2024. Great job! To view the full story, click [HERE](#).

- 2/2 Frances Parker (1)  
28 years in Rotary
- 2/2 Harry Tomlinson (1)  
43 years in Rotary
- 2/2 Warren Stafford (1)  
43 years in Rotary
- 2/2 Ed Titus, Jr. (1)  
28 years in Rotary
- 2/8 Joe Tarver (6)
- 2/9 Arthur Wigfall (1)
- 2/24 Jimmy Hone (2)
- 2/24 Anna Lee (2)
- 2/24 Meka McCaskill (2)
- 2/26 Nate Tyler, Sr. (26)
- 2/27 Shelba Sellers (9)

## Rotary Online

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

### ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
 The Plaza Restaurant  
 217 South Broad Street  
 Thomasville, GA 31792



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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 3/21-24/2024

Have you registered for District Conference, March 21-24, 2024?! Early birds get special rates! Join us as we Amplify Rotary and feature the Lady with a Song, none other than our District Governor André Marria at the beautiful Jekyll Island Convention Center. Several hotels on the island have room blocks reserved through February 21, 2024. Jekyll Island is booming, so you are encouraged to book your hotel room NOW! Once our room blocks are sold there is no guarantee that additional room nights will be added. For more information on registration, room blocks, and the conference in general, click [HERE](#).

As Will Felts said in a recent weekly meeting, there are meetings to attend but really it's more like a spring break for adults...PLUS: we all need to support our District Governor and club member, Andre' Marria! For even more details from this past District Newsletter, check out the story and links. Click [HERE](#).

## Membership

### Membership Update

#### NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Join us in welcoming our newest members to the club, Rotarians David Sofferin and Dr. Tim Daniel.

David was inducted into the Rotary Club of Thomasville on 1/4/2024. David is sponsored by Rotarian Andre' Marria. He specializes in behavioral health and is currently employed as the Executive Director of The Vashti Center. He is married to his wife, Susan, and enjoys landscaping, gardening, and detailing vehicles.



Tim was inducted into the Rotary Club of Thomasville on 1/4/2024. Tim is sponsored by Rotarian Tom Harrison. He specializes in diagnostic interventional radiology and recently retired as a physician after nearly 40 years in medicine. He is married to his wife, Sarah, enjoys hunting and forestry and is a Founding Member of Thomasville Church's Honduras Missions.



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### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

We still need Rotarians to join our team. Become the planner for Wine or Whine, lead the Red Ribbon Program, make calls/send cards to fellow Rotarians for an extra touch, become a pen pal for our Rotary Has Heart For Seniors, and/or give your own ideas on how to maintain and grow our club. Reach out to Rotarian Angela Williamson.

### **'DISCOVER ROTARY' WITH WINE OR WHINE 3/5**

Wine or Whine for March will be a special occasion held at a private residence of Rotarian Scott and Peggy Rich on March 5th from 5:30-7PM. This coming month's Wine or Whine will be themed around all things Rotary: "Discover Rotary." The goal for this particular social event is to recruit potential new members and even invite former members who may be interested in rejoining our Rotary club. Though the invitation will stay explicit between members, spouses, and those guests whom we welcome "by invitation only", please note the event location will be held at the following private residence address of Rotarian Scott and Peggy Rich: **526 East Jefferson Street, Thomasville, GA**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rotarian Angela Williamson or Scott Rich.

The invitation card features a dark blue background with three interlocking gears in shades of blue and gold. The text is white and gold. The event title 'wine or whine' is in a large, gold, serif font. The date and time are in white, sans-serif font. The location and invitation type are also in white, sans-serif font. The host information is in gold and white, sans-serif font, with the Rotary logo to the right.

YOU'RE INVITED TO

**wine or  
whine**

MARCH 5TH  
5:30PM - 7PM  
PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
THOMASVILLE, GA  
*BY INVITATION ONLY*

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HOSTED BY

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## Community Services

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### ROTARY HAS HEART FOR SENIORS VALENTINE'S PARTY

Another year spreading love and joy at our annual #RotaryHasHeartForSeniors Valentine's party for the almost 55 members of Scott Senior Center who attended! A big thank you to Rotarians who made food, donated OVER 70 valentines and gifts, and gave up their lunch, on Valentine's Day, to make this event a heartwarming success! To see more photos, click [HERE](#).



**save the date: FRESH FOR YOU: FREE PRODUCE MARKET 2/17**

This Volunteers needed! Meet us TOMORROW at 7:30AM to help with set-up and/or 8AM to kick off another successful FRESH FOR YOU: FREE Produce Market. Contact Rotarian Marta Turner Jones if you have any questions. For more details, click [HERE](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: HONORING OUR LOCAL HEROES COOKOUT 3/13**

Our next appreciation cookout for our local heroes has been set for 3/13/2024 starting at 10:30AM on Remington Ave. For more details, please contact Rotarian Barbara Anderson or to view our calendar details, click [HERE](#).



## **ROTARIANS TAKE HOME COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARDS!**

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## Youth Services

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**SAVE THE DATE: STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION 2/29**

Rotarian Chandler Giddes has set the date for another presentation of Students of the Month to take place during our 2/29 weekly meeting. We encourage you to attend to congratulate these remarkable Thomasville-Thomas County students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, community service, and academic excellence, truly embodying the Rotary's core values.

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# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

*In recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, dedication to  
community service, and exceptional academic achievements that  
embody the values and principles of the Rotary Club of Thomasville.*



MARY BETH DONALSON  
ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE PRESIDENT

DATE