

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 16, 2024

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## Meetings

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- 7/25 Savannah Taylor brings her program Just Breathe
- 8/1 Gwen Tyler, Victim/Witness Advocate: Crime Victims' Bill of Rights
- 8/8 Andrea Collins, CoC Executive Director, on Workforce Plan

## Events

- 7/17 Coffee & Conversations
- 7/25 Blood Drive
- 8/1 Wine or Whine
- 8/14 Coffee & Conversations

### ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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#### LEADERSHIP

President	Marta Jones-Turner
President-Elect	Nathaniel Tyler
Immediate PP	Mary Beth Donalson
Vice President	Nathaniel Tyler
Treasurer	Warren Ballard
Secretary	Anna Lee
Public Image	David Sofferin

#### Directors

Membership	Angela Williamson
Foundation	Carol Jones
Service Projects	Barbara Williams-Anderson

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Youth Service Chandler Giddes  
Admin Devona Thompson

## Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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## YEARS OF SERVICE

7/1 Scooter Grubbs, III (37)  
7/1 Jonathan Cleveland (3)  
8 years in Rotary  
7/1 Rick Piper (0)  
7 years in Rotary  
7/1 Donald Sims (35)  
7/1 Jeff Zoller (15)  
7/1 Mary Beth Donalson (10)  
7/1 Sharon Patrick (20)  
7/2 William Dickey (9)  
7/4 Nicholas Rahming (5)  
7/4 Erik von Hellens (12)  
7/6 Kim Walden (7)  
13 years in Rotary  
7/8 Chandler Giddes (3)  
7/12 Eric Ward (12)  
7/14 Frederick Buechner (8)  
33 years in Rotary  
7/15 Dominic Ford (3)  
7/18 André Marria (19)  
7/27 Luten Nunnally (1)  
7/27 Devona Thompson (1)  
7/27 Stephan Thompson (1)  
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