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Hotel Recommendation

Hampton Inn Columbus Downtown

1201 Broadway Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901, 706-507-4204

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March 25, 2026

Meetings

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- 3/26 Dr. Csaky, Son of First Generation GRSP Student
- 4/2 Chris White: City Manager
- 4/9 Easter Seals Southern Georgia
- 4/16 Second Harvest: Sort & Pack Produce
- 4/23 GRSP Student Farewell
- 4/30 Orvis, by Truel Myers
- 5/7 Narcotics Panel with City of Thomasville, Thomas County, and GBI
- 5/14 A Glimpse into Georgia's Climate Future | John Lanier

Events

- 3/26 Larry Frosteg Pelham International Student Weekend
- 3/27 GRSP Lunch at Pebble Hill
- 4/6 Vashti Student Luncheon at Gentian Creek
- 4/18 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
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ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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LEADERSHIP

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| President | Nathaniel Tyler |
| President-Elect | Joe Tarver |
| Immediate PP | Marta Turner |
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Foundation Jason Goldman
Youth Service Chandler Giddes
Admin Sally Bowman

Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>
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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 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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