



## Volunteers Needed Pack & Distribute Produce



Our monthly produce distribution returns this month in a big way, including our **bi-annual grow bag distribution**, and we'd love for you to join us! These events are a great way to connect with your fellow Rotarians, give back to our community, and have some fun while doing it.

However you support this **Big Impact Project**, your time and energy will help make a meaningful difference for those in need in our community.

### **Thursday, Sept. 18 -**

#### **Sort & Pack at Second Harvest Food Bank**

**11:30 a.m.**

Help us sort and pack fresh produce for families in need. We'll pack more than 20 pounds of vegetables for each family that receives a package.

### **Friday, Sept. 19 -**

#### **Load Carrot Grow Bags at TCCHS Ag Greenhouses**

***After school - Connect with Chandler Giddes if you can help***

Help us load planted carrot bags into trailers for distribution.

### **Saturday, Sept. 20 -**

#### **Produce & Grow Bag Distribution at Weston Park**

**Set-up begins at 7:30 a.m.**

## MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- 9/18 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
- 9/25 Darcy Craven - Archbold
- 10/2 Yoga Health and Fitness
- 10/9 World Polio Day
- 10/16 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
- 10/23 GRSP Student Speaks/Kickoff for GRSP
- 10/30 District Governor Steve Ivory Visit
- 11/6 ATC/Cobotics

## EVENTS

- 9/17 Coffee Chat
- 9/20 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
- 10/2 Coats & Blankets Drive Ends
- 10/2 Wine or Whine
- 10/13 Board Meeting
- 10/15 Coffee Chat
- 10/18 Fresh Produce Market at Weston Park
- 10/23 GRSP Reception

## ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restuarant  
217 Broad St  
Thomasville, GA 31792

## LEADERSHIP

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| President       | Nathaniel Tyler |
| President-Elect | Joe Tarver      |

## Distribution starts at 8:30 a.m. (or as soon as set-up is complete)

Join us bright and early to help set up and distribute fresh produce, grow bags, and seed packs to community members. It's a rewarding way to start your weekend and see the direct impact of your efforts.

Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or trying it out for the first time, we'd love to see you there. Bring your energy, your smile, and maybe a friend or two! Let's make a difference—together.

## September

### Coat and Blanket Drive Ongoing

**Don't forget:** Rotary is collecting new and gently used coats and blankets to support the **Thomas County Food Bank's Coat Closet**.

Please bring coats, blankets, or cash donations to the meeting, drop your donations off at Brigit Smallridge's office or send money to Brigit via Venmo @Brigit-Smallridge. Cash donations will help the organization buy coats and blankets at discounted prices. Even a \$5 or \$10 donation can buy a coat or blanket.

Rotary has supported the Coat Closet almost since the launch of the Thomas County Food Bank about 20 years ago. The Coat Closet is open from mid-October through early December during regular food bank hours. Volunteers schedule Food Bank clients to "shop" for coats for their families. Children are offered coats annually and adults can get them every two years. Blankets are distributed as needed. All clients meet income and circumstance qualifications for food assistance.

Typically, the coat closet provides more than 1,000 coats and several hundred blankets every year.

Immediate PP	Marta Jones-Turner
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Treasurer	Warren Ballard
Secretary	Anne Candelaria Flores
Executive Secretary/Director	Teri White
Past President	André Marria

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Foundation	Jason Goldman
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Admin	Sally Bowman

### ROTARY ONLINE

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

### YEARS OF SERVICE

9/23	Andrew Jones (15)
9/25	Wayne Newsome (11) 30 years in Rotary
9/28	Wade Glover (2)
9/28	Jessica Sanders (2)
9/28	Terry Scott (2)
9/28	Kristy Wainright (2)
10/3	Julie Carter (6)
10/4	Kurt Stringfellow (7) 11 years in Rotary
10/13	Teri White (14)
10/13	Darcy Craven (4) 9 years in Rotary



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## Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendar: September

Plan your calendar for September with this calendar at a glance:



- Our annual **coats and blankets drive** begins and continues throughout the month. Please consider bringing blankets, new or gently used coats or a cash donation to support the **Thomas County Food Bank**.
- **Thursday, Sept. 18:** Pack & Sort at Second Harvest beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 20:** Produce distribution at Weston Park. ***We need additional volunteers at this month*** - we will also be distributing grow bags planted with carrots, recipe cards, and additional fall seasonal seeds.
- **Thursday, Sept. 25:** Darcy Craven, Archbold
- **Thursday, Oct. 2:** Yoga, Health and Fitness with Michael Beardon

The calendar is subject to changes. Find the most updated Rotary calendar anytime:

- Add any individual calendar item from the Rotary calendar to your personal calendar.
- Subscribe to the Rotary calendar for automatic updates.