



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 3, 2024

December is Disease Prevention
and Treatment Month

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

Thursday, Dec. 5 - RSVP Today!

Bids, Bites and Holiday Delights

Join us for our Thursday, Dec. 5 event: **Bids, Bites, and Holiday Delights** party from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Thomasville Center for the Arts. The final bids for online auction and select live auction items will be at 7 p.m.

Reservations are required and due today. Contact (229) 221-0958 today to RSVP.

The guest of club will be artists, writers and dog trainers [Durrell Smith](#) and Ashley Smith. John Gleason will provide catering. Enjoy delicious bites, drinks and fellowship with Rotarians and Friends. There is no cost for Thomasville Rotary members, but there is a \$20 charge for spouses and guests.

There will be no regular club meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Ending Thursday, Dec. 5!

Rotary Online Auction

Our **online auction** to help fund our club's community service, youth projects and other programs throughout the year will end Thursday, Dec. 5. More than 50 items have been donated, including vacation stays,

merchandise, dining experiences at unique venues, jewelry, art, antiques, designer items, guns, and more.

Please share the auction with your friends and family on social media to ensure we earn as much as we can from our fundraising. Non-local friends can arrange shipping when they win their bids.



Dec. 9-Dec. 13

Mark Your Calendar: Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Please mark your calendars for Monday, Dec. 9 through Friday, Dec. 13. Rotary members will ring the bell for the Salvation Army throughout the week.

Be on the lookout for sign-up opportunities coming soon.



Monday, Dec. 9

Board Meeting

The board will meet Monday, Dec. 9 at 5:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. Members are welcome to attend and all directors should attend, or have someone from their area of responsibility attend on their behalf.

Remember: All red-ribbon members should attend at least one board meeting during their time as a red-ribbon member.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Caily O'Connor, Recreational Therapist

Our guest speaker for Thursday, Dec. 12 is Caily O'Connor, Licensed Recreational Therapist, CTRS-Specialization in Behavioral Health, who works at the Sgt. Earnest I. "Boots" Thomas VA Clinic in Tallahassee. She will discuss HUD-VASH, a collaboration between HUD's Housing

Choice Voucher (VCH) rental assistance program and Veterans Administration case management and supporting services. Most veterans served by the program have been homeless or transient at some point. A Hands & Hearts for Horses partner for the past six months, Caily will speak specifically to her work as a recreational therapist and how alternative therapies help veterans cope with mental health challenges.

December 2, 2024

Meetings

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

- 12/5 Evening Celebration & Program by Durrell Smith, artist & dog trainer
- 12/12 Regular Meeting Program: VA's HUD-VASH
- 12/19 Location & Program TBA
- 12/26 NO MEETING -- HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Events

- 12/5 Celebration (Auction Close & Holiday)
- 12/9 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- 12/12 Blood Drive
- 12/21 Produce Market

ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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

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

Thursday, Dec. 5 - RSVP Today!

Bids, Bites and Holiday Delights

Join us for our Thursday, Dec. 5 event: **Bids, Bites, and Holiday Delights** party from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Thomasville Center for the Arts. The final bids for online auction and select live auction items will be at 7 p.m.

Reservations are required and due today. Contact (229) 221-0958 today to RSVP.

The guest of club will be artists, writers and dog trainers [Durrell Smith](#) and Ashley Smith. John Gleason will provide catering. Enjoy delicious bites, drinks and fellowship with Rotarians and Friends.

There is no cost for Thomasville Rotary members, but there is a \$20 charge for spouses and guests.

There will be no regular club meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Ending Thursday, Dec. 5!

Rotary Online Auction

Our **online auction** to help fund our club's community service, youth projects and other programs throughout the year will end Thursday, Dec. 5. More than 50 items have been donated, including vacation stays, merchandise, dining experiences at unique venues, jewelry, art, antiques, designer items, guns, and more.

Please share the auction with your friends and family on social media to ensure we earn as much as we can from our fundraising. Non-local friends can arrange shipping when they win their bids.



Dec. 9-Dec. 13

Mark Your Calendar: Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Please mark your calendars for Monday, Dec. 9 through Friday, Dec. 13. Rotary members will ring the bell for the Salvation Army throughout the week.

Service Projects	Barbara Williams-Anderson
Club Director	Scott Rich
Youth Service	Chandler Giddes
Admin	Devona Thompson

Rotary Online

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

YEARS OF SERVICE

12/1	Scott Rich (47)
12/1	Rebecca Strickland (21)
12/1	Tom Shaw (2)
12/1	Brigit Smallridge (2)
12/2	John Brown (14)
12/4	Austin Finch (1)
12/10	Richard Christenson (4)
12/13	John Blackmon (6) 9 years in Rotary
12/13	Susie Shin (6)
12/13	Barbara Williams-Anderson (6)

Be on the lookout for sign-up opportunities coming soon.



Monday, Dec. 9

Board Meeting

The board will meet Monday, Dec. 9 at 5:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. Members are welcome to attend and all directors should attend, or have someone from their area of responsibility attend on their behalf.

Remember: All red-ribbon members should attend at least one board meeting during their time as a red-ribbon member.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Caily O'Connor, Recreational Therapist

Our guest speaker for Thursday, Dec. 12 is Caily O'Conner, Licensed Recreational Therapist, CTRS-Specialization in Behavioral Health, who works at the Sgt. Earnest I. "Boots" Thomas VA Clinic in Tallahassee.

She will discuss HUD-VASH, a collaboration between HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (VCH) rental assistance program and Veterans Administration case management and supporting services. Most veterans served by the program have been homeless or transient at some point.

A Hands & Hearts for Horses partner for the past six months, Caily will speak specifically to her work as a recreational therapist and how alternative therapies help veterans cope with mental health challenges.