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Thomasville, GA 31792

January 28, 2025

## Meetings

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- 1/30 Thomas County Sheriff Tim Watkins to speak, introduced by Thomasville police Chief Wade Glover
- 2/6 Fellowship & Fun
- 2/13 Thomasville's Homeless Population
- 2/20 Pack & Sort at Second Harvest

## Events

- 2/6 Wine or Whine
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### 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

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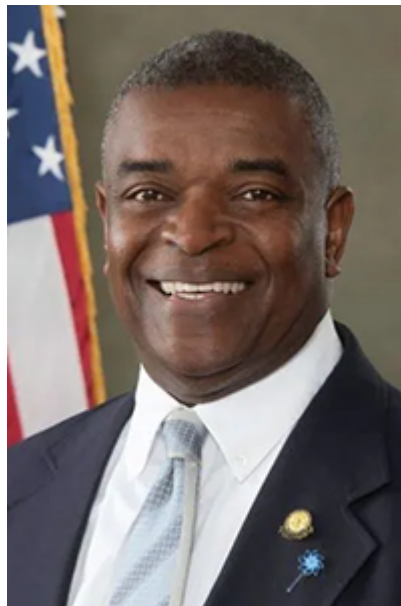
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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Service Projects Foundation | Barbara Williams-Anderson |
| Club Director               | Carol Jones               |
| Youth Service Admin         | Scott Rich                |
|      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

## Rotary Online

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

## YEARS OF SERVICE

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 1/1  | Powell Jones (39)             |
|      | 44 years in Rotary            |
| 1/1  | Richard Vann (29)             |
| 1/1  | GRSP Admin (8)                |
| 1/4  | Tim Daniel (1)                |
| 1/4  | David Sofferin (1)            |
| 1/10 | Nathaniel Abrams (12)         |
| 1/14 | Scott Smith (17)              |
| 1/15 | Vann Middleton (10)           |
| 1/24 | Charlene Parrish (23)         |
| 1/31 | Dawna Bicknell Tanner (6)     |
| 1/31 | Lorraine Williams Rahming (6) |

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