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**Kelli Arno; Travel Thomasville**

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Monday, Sept. 9

**Board Meeting**

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**Coffee & Conversations**

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Questions? Contact [Morgan Bailey](#).

Thursday, Sept. 19

**Pack & Sort**

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September 3, 2024

## Meetings

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- 9/5 Regular Meeting --Kelli Arno of Travel Thomasville
- 9/12 Laura Albritton & Zickie Allgrove of Magic Kumquat Productions
- 9/19 Meeting at Second Harvest - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 9/26 Program Jordon Williams, Chief Academic Officer for Strategic Initiatives, Thomasville City Schools

## Events

- 9/5 Wine or Whine
- 9/18 Coffee & Conversations
- 9/21 Produce Market at Weston Park
- 10/16 Coffee & Conversations

## ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
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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

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

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## Rotary Online

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

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## YEARS OF SERVICE

9/1 Gary Tucker (42)  
9/1 Debbie Goodman (30)  
9/4 Randy Watts (10)  
9/14 Lindsay Clay (1)  
3 years in Rotary  
9/15 Tom Everett (18)  
9/23 Andy Jones (14)  
9/25 Wayne Newsome (10)  
29 years in Rotary  
9/28 Wade Glover (1)  
9/28 Jessica Sanders (1)  
9/28 Terry Scott (1)  
9/28 Kristy Wainright (1)



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