

July is Maternal and Child
Health Month

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Vashti Center
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July 22, 2025

Meetings

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- 8/7 Ga. Rep. Darlene Taylor
- 8/14 Halcyon Home
- 8/21 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
- 8/28 Operation Lifesaver: Railroad Safety & Awareness
- 9/18 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce
- 10/16 Second Harvest: Pack & Sort Produce

Events

- 8/7 Wine or Whine
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- 8/14 Blood Drive
- 8/20 Coffee Chat

ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

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Immediate PP	Marta Turner
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YEARS OF SERVICE

7/1 Donald Sims (36)
7/1 Jonathan Cleveland (4)
9 years in Rotary
7/1 Rick Piper (1)
8 years in Rotary
7/1 Jeff Zoller (16)
7/1 Mary Beth Donalson (11)
7/1 Sharon Patrick (21)
7/1 Scooter Grubbs, III (38)
7/2 William Dickey (10)
7/4 Erik von Hellens (13)
7/4 Nicholas Rahming (6)
7/6 Kim Walden (8)
14 years in Rotary
7/8 Chandler Giddes (4)
7/12 Eric Ward (13)
7/14 Frederick Buechner (9)
34 years in Rotary
7/15 Dominic Ford (4)
7/18 André Marria (20)
7/25 Esther-Marie Lawrence (1)
7/27 John Vann (2)
7/27 Stephan Thompson (2)
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