

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 4, 2020

February is Peace and Conflict  
Prevention/Resolution Month

Thursdays, 12:00 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

## **This Week's Program**

Kendric L. Coleman Professor of English & African American Studies Valdosta State University Department of English will be talking about lessons we can learn about the importance of working together through an analysis of the lives of these two great historical leaders.

A specialist in African American Literature, Dr. Kendric Coleman earned his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge. Serving in higher education for the last 20 years, he is a Full Professor in the Department of English at Valdosta State University where he teaches World Literature, American Literature, African American Literature, and African Literature. His research challenges the assumptions that undergird the construction of race and gender-politics through interdisciplinary interrogation. He has published and presented scholarly works critiquing black masculinity on Richard Wright, Nathan McCall, Frederick Douglass, Claude Brown, and James Earl Hardy.

Dr. Coleman's favorite quote is by the late, renown African American historian Dr. John Henrik Clark: "I think every person that calls themselves a leader, a preacher, a policy maker of any kind should ask and answer the question in his own life time, how will my people stay on this earth? How will they be educated? How will they be schooled? How will they be housed? And how will they be defended? The answer to these questions will create the concept of enduring nationhood because it creates the concept of enduring responsibility."

## **District Governor Kirk Driskell and War on Addiction**

Over 200 people lose their life to addiction each day.

Kirk Driskell from Vision Warriors - War on Addiction will spoke to us about the important work they are providing to men wanting to recover from addiction. Vision Warriors is a faith community rooted in accountability and transparency. They are a safe place for men to share, feel and express their deepest passions, fears and pain without a filter.

Vision Warriors is a non-profit organization focused on creating lasting recovery because they believe there is more to recovery than a sobriety date. Vision Warriors is comprised of men that have experienced the pain of addiction and the hope of recovery in Jesus Christ.

## **BLOOD DRIVE December 19th**

Thursday, February 13th. Share the gift of life for Valentines Day!

Don't miss

## **Whine or Wine @ the Exchange Building February 4th at 5:30**

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## Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

- 2/6 Black History Month Program - Dr. Kendric L. Coleman
- 2/13 ALLEN Cheney and Ryan Smith, making movies in Thomasville.
- 2/20 NO LUNCH Meeting TODAY! Join us for Cocktails & Commerce this evening at 5:30 pm
- 2/27 Stewards of Children & Erin's Law - Jackla Lawson

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Clay Campbell
- 2/1 Gerry Gilmer
- 2/5 Gregory Adams
- 2/5 Claire Bowen
- 2/9 Michele Arwood
- 2/11 Nick Murray
- 2/12 Lorraine Williams Rahming
- 2/15 Tom Callaway, III
- 2/16 Renee Oliveto
- 2/19 Tom Harrison, Jr.
- 2/19 Marta Turner
- 2/25 Shelley Zorn
- 2/27 Ronnie Godwin

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/4 Bob Ackerman (52)
- 2/6 Julie Carter (27)
- 2/15 Erik von Hellens (19)
- 2/22 Eugene McNease (53)
- 2/28 John Archer, Sr. (6)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 2/1 Marta Turner (26)
- 2/1 Bradford Jackson (26)

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2/1 Russell Chubb (43)  
2/8 Joe Tarver (2)  
2/26 Nate Tyler (22)  
2/27 Shelba Sellers (5)

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## Rotary Online

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<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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