

## 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 addition each day.

Kirk Driskell from Vision Warriors - War on Addition will spoke to us about the important work they are providing to men wanting to recover from addiction.

## Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention 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
- 3/5 Census Information / Club Assembly
- 3/12 Jessica Little - Sweetgrass Dairy
- 3/19 Shamin Kahn - Global Grant
- 3/26 Christopher Jones - Secure Record Solutions

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 2/5 Gregory Adams
- 2/8 Devona Thompson
- 2/9 Luten Nunnally
- 2/10 Laura Pike
- 2/12 Lorraine Williams Rahming
- 2/16 Renee Oliveto
- 2/18 Sandra Wright
- 2/19 Tom Harrison, Jr.
- 2/19 Marta Jones-Turner
- 2/21 Paul Overstreet
- 2/24 Daniel Pittman

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/4 Robert Ackerman (58)
- 2/6 Julie Carter (33)
- 2/14 Erik von Hellens (25)
- 2/14 Andy Vann (2)

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**

This month's Whine or Wine will be at the Exchange Building (above the Chop House). from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. It's a great time to get to know one another and it is a make up!



2/17 John Kepler (49)  
2/22 Eugene McNease (59)  
2/24 Tim Daniel (30)  
2/25 David Sofferin (42)

## **YEARS OF SERVICE**

2/1 Marta Jones-Turner (26)  
2/1 Bradford Jackson (26)  
2/8 Joe Tarver (2)  
2/26 Nathaniel Tyler (22)  
2/27 Shelba Sellers (5)

## **Rotary Online**

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

## **ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE**

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restuarant  
217 Broad St  
Thomasville, GA 31792

## **Social Media**



## **LEADERSHIP**

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