

## This Year's Theme 2017-2018



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

## People in Action in Thomasville Upcoming Events & Projects

### Saturday, March 24th, District Assembly in Columbus, GA -

We encourage all Board Members for the current and the upcoming year to attend. We invite any member that would like to attend to please join us. We meet at the Belk parking lot at 5:20 am wheels will be rolling at 5:30am, we drive over to Columbus, stopping half way for a coffee break, a full Breakfast will be served, assembly takes place and we adjourn and travel home. Group decides on lunch? Please contact Andre', Rick or Teri so that they can register you for the event? (Club pays the registration fee)



## This Week's Program

### **Al Latimer, Director of the Office of Economic Vitality in Tallahassee. Will speak on Tallahassee's bid for the Amazon HQ2**

Al Latimer — a former high ranking Enterprise Florida executive — has been tapped to lead the Office of Economic Vitality, the new economic development hub for Tallahassee and Leon County.

Latimer, of Apopka, has a 25-year career in state-level economic

## MEETINGS

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

- 3/22 Regular Meeting-Al Latimer, Director of the Office of Economic Vitality in Tallahassee. Will speak on Tallahassee's bid for the Amazon HQ2
- 3/29 NO LUNCH MEETING TODAY- Cookout tonight
- 4/5 Regular Meeting-Tod Sedgwick Former US Ambassador to Slovakia on the WWI Commission
- 4/12 Regular Meeting-GRSP Student Anna-Her year in Georgia
- 4/19 Regular Meeting-Nancy Tinker from National Trust
- 4/26 Regular Meeting-John Eunice
- 5/3 NO Lunch meeting today-Join us the evening for Celebration fellow Rotarians & their Plus One
- 5/10 Regular Meeting-Matt Bishop, UGA's Fanning Institute for Leadership Development

## BIRTHDAYS

- 3/21 William Jones
- 3/24 Adrian Burns
- 3/30 Jason Goldman
- 3/31 Will Brown
- 4/6 Brigit Smallridge
- 4/10 Tom Shaw

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/24 Mary Beth Donalson (17)
- 3/28 Tom Harrison, Jr. (20)
- 4/2 Chris Kerr (3)
- 4/2 Craig Miller (24)
- 4/10 Dominic Ford (1)
- 4/13 Andrew Jones (50)

development, most recently an 18-year stint with Enterprise Florida, the state's economic development arm.

Latimer has been applauded for his ability to build relationships between public and private sectors as well as for his connections with various business sectors, universities and governments. Latimer — who played five seasons in the NFL — led Enterprise Florida's business recruitment efforts, successfully bringing the Jacksonville Jaguars to Duval County.

Most recently, he was senior vice president of strategic partnerships at Enterprise Florida, a position he held since 2006. In that post, he led an investor development program and raised \$2 million from private businesses last year to support the agency's programs.

Before his time at with the state, Latimer was vice president of government relations for the Florida Chamber of Commerce, executive director of the Jacksonville Sports Development Authority and regional director of the Governor's Council on Fitness and Sports.

## Next Week's Program

### Club Assembly Cookout

#### Thursday, March 29th, Club Cookout-NO LUNCH MEETING

**Please mark your calendars for March 29th at 5:30 pm for our special club meeting. We will be having a cookout at the Chamber of Commerce. After dinner we will have a more informal club meeting. Fran will be leading a Club strategic plan on the best practices for the future of our Rotary Club. Come prepared to participate. Discussion will be encouraged.**

**Click here to register:**

**<https://thomasvillerotary.org/v2/reservation/creat...>**

**Something bothering you at Rotary, bring it to our strategic planning meeting.**

**See you there.**

4/14 Anna Lee (7)  
4/16 David Flowers (13)

### YEARS OF SERVICE

3/19 Angela Williamson (3)  
3/20 William Felts (4)  
3/22 Irene Gleason (6)  
3/24 Janet Liles (2)  
3/27 Rankin Smith, Jr. (4)  
18 years in Rotary  
3/31 Gregory Adams (2)  
46 years in Rotary  
4/1 Andy Vann (29)  
4/1 William Blackburn (42)

### 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

President	Teri White
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Program Director	Jay Flowers
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Program Director	Al Nicholson
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## Directors

Club President Nominee Kim Walden

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