

Sandy Springs  
**Rotary**  
Club



**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**President Nancy Schroeder's Welcome Message**

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, I welcome you to visit our club and experience the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs' hospitality and energy. We meet on Monday for lunch at 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Hilton Perimeter Suites, 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. You can reserve a spot by going to our website at [www.sandyspringsrotary.org](http://www.sandyspringsrotary.org). Join your fellow professionals, and community and business leaders, and learn how Rotary can fit in your future. Experience Rotary Making A Difference!



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He began his work at The Beacon Council, one of 36 accredited economic development organizations in the nation, in October 2013 after a nationwide search for a candidate who excelled in economic development as well as interpersonal skills. Mr. Williams' accomplishments in the public and private arenas combined with his experiences with Latin America and the technology industry permeates his leadership style to drive The Beacon Council and Miami-Dade County to greater competitiveness. He helped shape the vision for Atlanta's technology industry as Vice President of Technology Development at the Metro Atlanta Chamber (since 2011). He provided leadership and direction to the Chamber's Mobility Task Force, the effort to position Atlanta as a global hub of mobile technology and the Technology Leadership Council, where he was also recruited after a national search to provide leadership.

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His responsibilities increased from managing 14 employees with a \$6 million budget to 66 employees with a \$130 million budget. He recruited, retained or expanded 692 companies statewide; created or retained more than 17,000 jobs and generated more than \$1.8 billion in private investment in fiscal years 2008/2009. He developed and implemented initial sales goals for each team member and exceeded three-year projections by more than 40 percent, documenting more than \$43 million in actual sales. Under his leadership, Washington State opened its first foreign offices in Mexico City, Frankfurt, Germany and Guangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing, China.

In his native North Carolina, he rose through the ranks to Director of Operations of the International Trade Division for the North Carolina Department of Commerce. He developed business opportunities for client companies throughout Canada and Latin America. He served as Director of The Beacon Council Inc., until November 07, 2016. He studied in Costa Rica and speaks Spanish. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University and the Darlington School.

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## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

8/9 Todd Lawrimore

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/10 Sally Wyeth McLaughlin (6)  
8/10 Julia Bernath (44)  
8/12 Steven Jordan (62)  
8/22 Bob Belmonte (32)

## Rotary Online

<https://sandyspringsrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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