



December is Disease Prevention  
and Treatment Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
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## Meetings

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|       |                                    |
|-------|------------------------------------|
| 12/17 | Walt Geer - CEO<br>JingleRing      |
| 12/24 | MERRY CHRISTMAS - NO MEETING TODAY |
| 12/31 | NO MEETING TODAY - HAPPY NEW YEAR  |
| 1/7   |                                    |

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

|       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| 12/6  | Andy Sheppard    |
| 12/7  | Oscar Mims       |
| 12/10 | Andy Jones       |
| 12/11 | Eric Ward        |
| 12/13 | Bob Drummond     |
| 12/14 | Walter Gilbert   |
| 12/16 | John Bracey, Jr. |
| 12/16 | Mike Bixler      |
| 12/23 | Eugene McNease   |
| 12/24 | Carlton Bryant   |
| 12/29 | Susie Shin       |
| 12/31 | Rob Milberg      |
| 12/31 | Robert Jackson   |
| 12/31 | Brett Jenkins    |

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

|       |                           |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 12/1  | Harry Tomlinson (41)      |
| 12/11 | Rankin Smith, Jr. (29)    |
| 12/14 | Robert Vice (124)         |
| 12/19 | George Stephens, Jr. (68) |
| 12/21 | Fran Milberg (51)         |
| 12/22 | Shelba Sellers (29)       |
| 12/27 | Frederick Buechner (45)   |
| 12/27 | Matt Brown (30)           |
| 12/29 | Joe Brown (62)            |
| 12/30 | Tim Filston (25)          |

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## SERVICE

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 12/1  | Scott Rich (43)                        |
| 12/1  | Rebecca Strickland (17)                |
| 12/1  | Pat McLeod (33)                        |
| 12/2  | John Brown (10)                        |
| 12/3  | Thomas Carlton (5)                     |
| 12/3  | Howard Stephens (5)                    |
| 12/13 | Gerhard Sommer (19)                    |
| 12/13 | John Blackmon (2)<br>5 years in Rotary |
| 12/13 | Matt Brown (2)<br>6 years in Rotary    |
| 12/13 | Julie Cannady (2)                      |
| 12/13 | Susie Shin (2)                         |
| 12/13 | Barbara Williams-Anderson (2)          |
| 12/18 | Frank Helms (6)<br>7 years in Rotary   |
| 12/19 | Gerry Gilmer (1)<br>3 years in Rotary  |

## Rotary Online

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

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|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| President       | John Brown        |
| President-Elect | Wayne Newsome     |
| Immediate PP    | Kim Walden        |
| Treasurer       | Teri White        |
| Secretary       | Angela Williamson |
| Foundation      | Fran Milberg      |
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