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Treatment Month

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Little Free Library Memorial  
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## Meetings

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- 1/2 Gail Roberts to introduce new grant benefiting the community
- 1/9 IMPROVING ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN THOMASVILLE AT SCOTT AND HARPER SCHOOLS.
- 1/16 G. Wayne Clough - the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution born in the South
- 1/23 Ben Huntzinger - Spartan Wheel Cariott

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 12/6 Andy Sheppard
- 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
- 12/25 Oscar Mims
- 12/29 Susie Shin
- 12/31 Rob Milberg
- 12/31 Robert Jackson
- 12/31 Sally Hernandez
- 12/31 Tara Hagan
- 12/31 Dawn Hunnewell

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/1 Harry Tomlinson (40)
- 12/11 Rankin Smith, Jr. (28)
- 12/19 George Stephens, Jr. (67)
- 12/21 Fran Milberg (50)
- 12/22 Shelba Sellers (28)
- 12/27 Frederick Buechner (44)
- 12/27 Matt Brown (29)
- 12/29 Joe Brown (61)

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12/30 Tim Filston (24)



## YEARS OF SERVICE

12/1 Scott Rich (42)  
12/1 Rebecca Strickland (16)  
12/1 Pat McLeod (32)  
12/2 John Brown (9)  
12/3 Thomas Carlton (4)  
12/3 Howard Stephens (4)  
12/13 Gerhard Sommer (18)  
12/13 John Blackmon (1)  
4 years in Rotary  
12/13 Matt Brown (1)  
5 years in Rotary  
12/13 Julie Cannady (1)  
12/13 Susie Shin (1)  
12/13 Barbara Williams-Anderson (1)  
12/18 Shanna Derby (5)  
12/18 Frank Helms (5)  
6 years in Rotary  
12/19 Gerry Gilmer (0)  
2 years in Rotary

## Rotary Online

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President Kim Walden  
President-Elect John Brown  
Immediate PP Andre Marria  
Vice President Terry Rouse  
Treasurer Teri White  
Treasurer Rick Piper  
Secretary Angela Williamson  
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Foundation John Glenn, Jr.  
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