

**Rotary**  
Club of Thomasville



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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 14, 2021

December is Disease Prevention  
and Treatment Month

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
The Plaza Restaurant  
217 South Broad Street  
Thomasville, GA 31792

**This Weeks Program!**

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## Meetings

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

- 12/16 Regular Meeting - DG VISIT
- 12/23 MERRY CHRISTMAS - NO MEETING TODAY
- 12/30 NO MEETING AT NOON
- 2/3 New Black History Makers

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 12/2 Lindsay Clay
- 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 Michael Bixler
- 12/23 Eugene McNease
- 12/24 Carlton Bryant
- 12/29 Susie Shin
- 12/31 Rob Milberg

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/1 Harry Tomlinson (42)
- 12/11 Rankin Smith, Jr. (30)
- 12/14 Robert Vice (125)
- 12/19 George Stephens, Jr. (69)
- 12/21 Fran Milberg (52)
- 12/22 Shelba Sellers (30)
- 12/27 Frederick Buechner (46)
- 12/29 Joe Brown (63)
- 12/30 Tim Filston (26)

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 12/1 Scott Rich (44)

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- 12/1 Rebecca Strickland (18)
- 12/2 John Brown (11)
- 12/3 Thomas Carlton (6)
- 12/3 Howard Stephens (6)
- 12/10 Richard Christenson (1)
- 12/13 John Blackmon (3)  
6 years in Rotary
- 12/13 Susie Shin (3)
- 12/13 Barbara Williams-Anderson (3)
- 12/18 Frank Helms (7)  
8 years in Rotary

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## Rotary Online

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### LEADERSHIP

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