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#### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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#### Club Calendar

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

12/20 Regular Meeting-Lt Col Reg McCutcheon

12/27 NO MEETING TODAY-MERRY CHRISTMAS

1/3 NO MEETING TODAY-HAPPY NEW YEAR

1/10 Regular Meeting-Shelly Zorn-Development

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Roy Campbell

12/6 Andy Sheppard

12/10 Andy Jones

12/11 Eric Ward

12/13 Bob Drummond

12/14 Walter Gilbert

12/16 John Bracey

12/16 Mike Bixler

12/23 Eugene McNease

12/24 Al Nicholson

12/24 Carlton Bryant

12/25 Sabrina Boykins Everett

12/25 Oscar Mims

12/31 Rob Milberg

12/31 Lisa Billups

12/31 Robert Jackson

12/31 Laine Reichert

12/31 Tara Hagan

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/1 Harry Tomlinson (39)

12/11 Rankin Smith (27)

12/19 George Stephens (66)

12/20 Al Nicholson (15)

12/21 Fran Milberg (49)

12/22 Shelba Sellers (27)

12/27 Frederick Buechner (43)

12/29 Joe Brown (60)

12/30 Tim Filston (23)

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12/1 Scott Rich (41)

12/2 John Brown (8)

12/2 Craig Wentworth (8)

12/3 Howard Stephens (3)

12/3 Thomas Carlton (3)

12/13 Gerhard Sommer (17)

12/18 Frank Helms (4)

5 years in Rotary 12/18 Shanna Derby (4)

## **Rotary Online**

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

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