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- 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)

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/1 Pat McLeod (31)
- 12/1 Rebecca Strickland (15)

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 12/13 Gerhard Sommer (17)  
 12/18 Frank Helms (4)  
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 12/18 Shanna Derby (4)

## Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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### ROTARY CLUB OF THOMASVILLE

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
 The Plaza Restaurant  
 217 South Broad Street  
 Thomasville, GA 31792 May 1, 1921

Active Membership: 139  

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President	Andre' Marria
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Vice President	Tom Callaway
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