



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2018

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The Plaza Restaurant  
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## Club Calendar

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- 12/6 Regular Meeting-GRSP -  
Debbie Goodman
- 12/13 Regular Meeting-District  
Governor Court Dowis
- 12/20 Regular Meeting
- 12/27 NO MEETING TODAY-  
MERRY CHRISTMAS

## 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

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/1 Harry Tomlinson (38)
- 12/11 Rankin Smith (26)
- 12/19 George Stephens (65)
- 12/20 Al Nicholson (14)
- 12/21 Fran Milberg (48)
- 12/22 Shelba Sellers (26)
- 12/27 Frederick Buechner (42)
- 12/29 Joe Brown (59)
- 12/30 Tim Filston (22)

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## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

12/1	Pat McLeod (30)
12/1	Rebecca Strickland (14)
12/1	Scott Rich (40)
12/2	John Brown (7)
12/2	Craig Wentworth (7)
12/3	Howard Stephens (2)
12/3	Thomas Carlton (2)
12/13	Gerhard Sommer (16)
12/18	Frank Helms (3) 4 years in Rotary
12/18	Shanna Derby (3)

## Rotary Online

<https://thomasvillerotary.org>  
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