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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER December 3, 2019

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> Thursdays, 12:00 pm The Plaza Restaurant 217 South Broad Street Thomasville, GA 31792

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   Responsibility Fairness

# • Caring • Citizenship Character Counts Centers of Influence

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   Vashti
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# **Meetings**

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Victorian Christmas and
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12/12 Regular Meeting

12/19 Regular Meeting - District Governor Jim Squires Official Visit

12/26 NO Meeting today - Merry Christmas

# 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 Lisa Billups

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

## **Rotary Online**

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

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President-Elect John Brown
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