

# Rotary



# Club of Johnson City

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McIlquham**  
RYLA Point of  
Contact

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Whitaker**  
Area Governor

## Birthdays

Adam  
Haselsteiner  
December 19th

Lori DeVoti  
December 23rd

Shelley

## Rotary Christmas Lunch Tuesday December

By David Strickland on Monday, December 12, 2022



Our annual Rotary Christmas Lunch will be Tuesday December 20th. Please be sure to sign up if you are bringing friends or family. I hear that Santa Claus will be stopping by to see the kids!!!

## Paul Harris Fellow-Ed Casida

By David Strickland on Monday, December 19, 2022

**Congratulations Ed Casida for your Paul Harris Fellow!**



## ZOOM Login Information

**Rotary Club of Johnson City Zoom meeting information.**

12:00 PM Eastern every Tuesday

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87262952174?pwd=Z25UM0V1UGRWaitmdVIURVB2ckJhUT09>

Brouillette  
December 24th  
Kevin Harkness  
December 27th  
Jonathan  
Hatcher  
December 28th  
Jeffrey W.  
Anderson  
December 29th  
James D. Moody  
December 29th

Amy Hartley  
December 30th  
Preston W.  
Eldred  
December 30th  
Ashley Grindstaff  
January 14th  
Ed Casida  
January 14th  
Clay Thomas  
January 15th  
Wesley Taylor  
January 16th  
Jacob S.  
Higginbotham  
January 16th  
Joshua Culbert  
January 17th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Angeline V.  
Bailey  
December 24th  
Robert D.  
Sampson  
December 24th  
Daniel R.  
Schumaier  
December 30th  
Patricia C.  
Oldham  
December 30th  
Cathy Ball  
December 31st  
Joy Garland  
January 2nd  
Jonathan  
Hatcher  
January 11th



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## Christmas Fun Facts!

By David Strickland on Monday, December 19, 2022

Researched from [randomhistory.com](https://www.randomhistory.com):

•The three traditional colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.

•All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas equal 364 gifts.

•Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.

•Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.

•Christmas trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.

•Bolivians celebrate *Misa del Gallo* or "Mass of the Rooster" on Christmas Eve. Some people bring roosters to the midnight mass, a gesture that symbolizes the belief that a rooster was the first animal to announce the birth of Jesus.

•The British wear paper crowns while they eat Christmas dinner. The crowns are stored in a tube called a "Christmas cracker".

•In Poland, spiders or spider webs are common Christmas tree decorations because, according to legend, a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus. In fact, Polish people consider spiders to be symbols of goodness and prosperity at Christmas.

•The poinsettia is native to Mexico and was cultivated by the Aztecs, who called the plant *Cuettlaxochitl* ("flower which wilts"). For the Aztecs, the plant's brilliant red color symbolized purity, and they often used it medicinally to reduce fever. Contrary to popular belief, the poinsettia is not poisonous, but holly berries are.

•In Germany, *Heiligabend*, or Christmas Eve, is said to be a magical time when the pure in heart can hear animals talking.

•The Viking god Odin is one precursor to the modern Santa Claus. According to myth, Odin rode his flying horse, Sleipnir (a precursor to Santa's reindeer), who had eight legs. In the winter, Odin gave out both gifts and punishments, and children would fill their boots or stockings with treats for Sleipnir.

•According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), there are 2,106 million children under the age of 18 in the world. If there are on average 2.5 children per household, Santa would have to make 842 million stops on Christmas Eve, traveling 221 million miles. To reach all 842 million stops, Santa would need to travel between houses in 2/10,000 seconds, which means he would need to accelerate 12.19 million miles (20.5 billion meters) per second on each stop. The force of this acceleration would reduce Santa to "chunky salsa."



## Mountain View School Food Drive Jan 17th

By David Strickland on Monday, December 19, 2022



The Rotary Club of Johnson City will be participating in a food drive for Mountain View Elementary School in Johnson City. Mountain View has a 95% free lunch population. This drive will help the young children have a meal to take home on the weekends. More info on what to bring coming soon! Any questions, please contact Shawn Stahmer [ssthamer@outlook.com](mailto:ssthamer@outlook.com) .

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## Speakers

## Events

No Events found

## Club Meeting

Johnson City  
Meets at Johnson City Country Club  
1901 E Unaka Ave  
Johnson City, TN 37601  
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM