



## VA-E Team Members

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## 2026 Is Almost Here

Peggy and I wish everyone Merry Christmas.

This year has been a paradigm: simultaneously gone by too quick and seemed to go on for a long time. For us the year was stretched out by knee surgeries that kept both of us off our favorite ride for most of 2025. Our time together at meetings, gatherings, dinners and the Rally have been fun and treasured times of laughs and fellowship. But we miss our time riding. We pray 2026 will find us back on the road.

Everyone, please have a safe and joyous holiday with family and friends. We've already seen snow twice, and I suspect my time riding and hitting golf balls are going to be greatly disrupted this winter.

Mark your calendar for our annual New Year Day breakfast at Golden Corral, followed (hopefully - weather permitting) by our first group ride of the year.

See y'all next year!



*We hope to see y'all at our monthly gathering at Ledo's*

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*Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions are always welcome.*

## Member Experience (ME):

Gordon Combs

## Merry Christmas Friends

Greetings all, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is our Jan/Feb edition, so not a lot of info as of yet. The Virginia District is having their Operations Meeting late January and we will have more info for you in our Mar/Apr edition.

Quite a few of us attended Karen Kestner's retirement party on Saturday, Dec 13th. We even had some previous chapter members show up, along with a previous Chapter Director couple, and a few other couples from sister chapters. It was good to see everyone and catch up with some. There was plenty of good food, and the band played some really good music. I took a number of pictures of everyone to send to my wife (I will discuss her health later). It was a good time and celebration of Karen's retirement from the government.

On Tuesday, Dec 16th, we had our Christmas Dinner for active chapter members. We had 33 people show up for an awesome Italian Buffett at Vinny's Italian Grill and Pizzeria. Again, I took a picture and had everyone wave to my wife as she could not attend. They also waved to Rosa and Eddie as they could not be there.

Talking about Rosa, the night before our Christmas Dinner, she was 5 miles from home on her way home from work, when another vehicle ran into the back of a utility trailer, spun into her lane, and took her car out. Rosa was taken to the hospital where she suffered a large gash in her calf which required surgery, suffered a broken heel, and is banged up pretty good with hurting ribs. As I write this letter, she has been there 2 days. I thank God it was not any worse than it was.

Now, let me update you on my wife Julie. Forty-two days ago, as of this letter, she suffered a bulging disc. She has been unable to sit since that time...all she does is walk and walk, lay down, walk and walk, lay down etc. She had steroidal shots in her spine on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and that alleviated about 70% of the pain, but she still cannot sit. We are hopeful the shots will work and get her back to normal. At this time, I will not be riding as I am her caregiver, and I cannot afford to get injured while riding. Hopefully, soon, I can get back to some normalcy.

Take care, dress warmly, and ride safely,



## Calendar of Events:

### January 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
1	Ride	Chapter's New Year's Day Ride	<b>Watch your Email</b>	<b>TBD</b>
1	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
1	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Federal Holiday</b>	
3	<b>Weekend</b>			
4	<b>Birthday</b>	Michael Griffin		
8	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
9	<b>Birthday</b>	Mary Messner		
10	<b>Weekend</b>			
13	<b>Birthday</b>	Tony Poulakowski		
14	<b>Birthday</b>	Eric Henry		
15	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
17	<b>Weekend</b>			
18	<b>Birthday</b>	Gordon Combs		
18	<b>Birthday</b>	Harold Pellegrine		
19	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
19	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Jr.</b>	<b>Federal Holiday</b>	
22	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
24	<b>Weekend</b>			
29	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
31	<b>Weekend</b>			



## February 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
5	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
7	Weekend			
10	Newsletter	<b>Inputs for March &amp; April Newsletter Due</b>		
11	Birthday	Nancy Groves		
11	Birthday	Sharon Poulakowski		
12	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
14	Holiday	Valentine's Day		
14	Weekend			
16	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
16	Birthday	Larry Gray		
16	Holiday	<b>President's Day</b>	<b>Federal Holiday</b>	
19	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
21	Weekend			
26	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
28	Weekend			

## March 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
5	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
7	Weekend			
8	FYI	Daylight Saving Time	Spring Ahead 1 Hour	2AM
12	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
14	Weekend			
15	Birthday	Lyle Schrumpf		
16	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
17	Holiday	St. Patrick's Day		
19	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
19	Birthday	Joe 'Duke' Herron		
20	Birthday	Bob Dorminey		
21	Weekend			
22	Birthday	Greg Kestner		
24	Birthday	Nancy Burke		
26	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
26	Birthday	Melanie Hardin-Gray		
27	Birthday	Lloyd Messner		
28	Anniversary	Gordon & Julie Combs		
28	Weekend			
29	Birthday	Cheryl Poulakowski		

## April 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
1	Holiday	April Fool's Day		
2	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
3	Holiday	Good Friday		
4	Weekend			
5	Holiday	Easter		
6	Holiday	Easter Monday		
9	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
9	Birthday	Mark Poulakowski		
10	Newsletter	<b>Inputs for May &amp; June Newsletter Due</b>		
11	Weekend			
12	Anniversary	Eric & Nancy Henry		
13	Anniversary	Jeff & Nancy Burke		
16	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
16	Anniversary	Larry & Melanie Gray		
18	Weekend			
19	Anniversary	Lloyd & Mary Messner		
20	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
22	Birthday	James Antone		
23	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
25	Weekend			
27	Birthday	Dan Kenney		
30	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM

## May 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
2	Weekend			
5	Holiday	Cinco de Mayo		
7	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
9	Weekend			
10	Holiday	Mother's Day		
13	Birthday	Claude Revely Jr.		
14	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
16	Weekend			
18	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
18	Birthday	Kathy O'Neal		
20	Anniversary	Tony & Sharon Poulakowski		
21	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
23	Weekend			
24	Birthday	Lexie Hardisty		
25	Holiday	Memorial Day	Federal Holiday	
28	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
30	Weekend			

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## June 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
4	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
5	FYI	Free Fishing Weekend in VA		
6	Weekend			
6	FYI	Free Fishing Weekend in VA		
7	FYI	Free Fishing Weekend in VA		
10	Newsletter	<b>Inputs for July &amp; August Newsletter Due</b>		
11	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
13	Weekend			
14	Holiday	Flag Day		
15	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
18	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
19	Holiday	Juneteeth Day	<b>Federal Holiday</b>	
20	Weekend			
21	Holiday	Father's Day		
23	Anniversary	Butch & Nancy Groves		
24	Birthday	LeRoy Gross		
25	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
25	Anniversary	Harold & Kathy Pellegrin		
26	Birthday	Alec Kestner		
27	Weekend			

## July 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
2	Romeo Ride	ROMEEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
4	Holiday	Independence Day	Federal Holiday	
4	Weekend			
6	Birthday	Julie Combs		
8	Birthday	Nolan Clark		
9	Romeo Ride	ROMEEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
9	Birthday	Ann Peterson		
11	Weekend			
16	Romeo Ride	ROMEEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
18	Weekend			
20	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
21	Birthday	Karen Kestner		
23	Romeo Ride	ROMEEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
25	Weekend			
26	Birthday	Mike Blum		
26	Anniversary	Michael & Maria Griffin		
30	Romeo Ride	ROMEEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM

## August 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
1	Birthday	Debra Revely		
1	Weekend			
6	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
8	Weekend			
9	Birthday	Martha Jo Fritz		
10	Newsletter	<b>Inputs for Sepember &amp; October Newsletter Due</b>		
10	Birthday	Charles Smith III		
12	Birthday	Butch Groves		
13	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
15	Weekend			
17	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
20	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
22	Anniversary	Mike & Bonnie Blum		
22	Weekend			
23	Birthday	Rosa Seale		
24	Anniversary	John & Loretta Lafley		
27	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
28	Anniversary	Greg & Karen Kestner		
29	Weekend			

## September 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
3	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
5	Weekend			
7	Holiday	Labor Day	Federal Holiday	
7	Anniversary	Dan & Brigid Kenney		
10	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
12	Weekend			
13	Birthday	Jim Peterson		
15	Birthday	Brook Hardisty		
17	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
18	Anniversary	Lyle & Barbara Schrupf		
19	Birthday	Brigid Kenney		
19	Weekend			
21	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
24	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
24	Anniversary	Joe "Duke" & Peggy Herron		
26	Weekend			

### *Newsletter Publication Policy*

Battlefield newsletter is distributed free of charge to all current Battlefield Wing members who attend the chapter meeting. The newsletter is also available to anyone via the Chapter website: [Battlefield website Link](#)

Please remember that this newsletter is a measure of your chapter involvement. Submission of pictures and articles is requested and encouraged. As a chapter member, this is YOUR newsletter, articles may be submitted on a wide range of topics related to motorcycling and chapter activities. All articles submitted to this newsletter will be edited at the discretion of the Newsletter Editor based on available space.

E-Mail submissions to the newsletter editor at [vaebattlefieldnews@gmail.com](mailto:vaebattlefieldnews@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month to be entered in the following month's edition. If you miss the deadline, we will add it to the next month newsletter.

## October 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
1	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
3	Weekend			
8	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
9	Anniversary	Dan & Martha Jo Fritz		
10	Newsletter	<b>Inputs for November &amp; December Newsletter Due</b>		
10	Weekend			
11	Birthday	Charles Smith		
12	Birthday	Frankie Chapman		
12	Holiday	<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Federal Holiday</b>	
15	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
17	Birthday	Barbara Schrumpf		
17	Weekend			
19	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
22	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
24	Birthday	Lisa Bryant		
24	Weekend			
28	Birthday	Jeff Burke		
29	Romeo Ride	ROMEIO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
31	Weekend			



## November 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
1	FYI	Daylight Saving Time	Fall Behind 1 Hour	2AM
1	Anniversary	Claude & Debra Revely		
2	Anniversary	Jim & Ann Peterson		
3	Anniversary	Rob & Brooke Hardisty		
5	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
7	Weekend			
8	Birthday	John Lafley		
11	Holiday	Veterans Day	Federal Holiday	
12	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
14	Birthday	Bonnie Blum		
14	Weekend			
16	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
19	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
19	Anniversary	Charlie & Ellen Smith		
21	Weekend			
26	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
26	Holiday	Thanksgiving	Federal Holiday	
28	Weekend			
30	Birthday	Ellen Smith		

## December 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
2	Anniversary	Eddie & Rosa Seale		
2	Birthday	Mark Smith		
3	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
3	Birthday	Eddie Seale		
5	Weekend			
9	Birthday	Peggy Herron		
10	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
10	Newsletter	<b>Inputs for January &amp; February Newsletter Due</b>		
12	Weekend			
17	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
19	Weekend			
21	Gathering	Eat First Social Time, Chapter	Ledo's Pizza 9849 Patriot Hwy	6:00-7:00PM 7:00-8:00PM
23	Birthday	Ray Hitt		
<del>24</del>	<del>Romeo Ride</del>	<del>ROMEOW Weekly Ride</del>	<del>Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA</del>	<del>10AM</del>
24	Birthday	Rob Hardisty		
25	Holiday	Christmas Day	Federal Holiday	
26	Weekend			
31	Romeo Ride	ROMEOW Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
31	Holiday	New Year's Eve		

## VA District: (As of Oct 2024)

### Virginia District Team

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## VA District Chapters: 2023 Location List (District Jun 2025)

Chapter	Area / Location	Chapter Director	Phone Number & Email	Monthly Gatherings
VA-C	<u>Newport News</u> IHOP 5518 George Washington Memorial Hwy Yorktown VA	John & Lynn Floyd	757-838-0607 <a href="mailto:lynn.floyd1960@gmail.com">lynn.floyd1960@gmail.com</a>	<b>2nd Sunday</b>  4pm Social/Eating 5pm Meet
VA-D	<u>Richmond</u> Candelas Ristorante 14235 Midlothian Tpke Midlothian VA	Larry & Marie Crow	(H) 804-674-1265 (C) 804-437-1666 <a href="mailto:crowmg@verizon.net">crowmg@verizon.net</a>	<b>4th Wednesday</b>  6pm Social/Eating 7pm Meet
VA-E	<u>Fredericksburg</u> Ledo's Pizza, 9849 Patriot Hwy, Fredericksburg	Joseph & Peggy Herron	540-424-5852 <a href="mailto:jdherron6919@yahoo.com">jdherron6919@yahoo.com</a> <a href="http://www.battlefieldwings.com">www.battlefieldwings.com</a>	<b>3rd Monday</b>  6pm Social/Eating 7pm Meet
VA-K	<u>Roanoke</u> Great Steak Company 3830 Franklin Rd.	Dave & Susan Miller	540-330-5174 <a href="mailto:milrtye@cox.net">milrtye@cox.net</a>	<b>2nd Monday</b>  6pm Social/Eating 7pm Meet
VA-L	<u>Virginia Beach</u> IHOP 1316 Fordham Dr.	Dennis & Phyliss Easton	757-618-4963 (D) 757-636-1023 (P) <a href="mailto:eastondm@xcoc.net">eastondm@xcoc.net</a>	<b>4th Tuesday</b>  6pm Social/Eating 7pm Meet
VA-X	<u>Salem</u> Riverside Evangelical Methodist Church 1920 Lucas Street, Salem	Larry Stanton	304-922-1401 <a href="mailto:Larry25022@gmail.com">Larry25022@gmail.com</a>	<b>1st Saturday</b> 3pm Meet
<b>Unaffiliated Chapters within Virginia</b>				
VA-H	<u>Abingdon</u> Moose Lodge 15605 Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker	276-628-6047 <a href="mailto:09nellie@comcast.net">09nellie@comcast.net</a>	<b>2nd Monday</b> 6pm Social/Eat 7pm Meet
VA-V	<u>Bedford</u> <b>NO FOOD</b> Bedford Church of God 1212 E Main St, Bedford	Jonathan Whitworth	540-425-0028 <a href="mailto:OtterRideVAV@gmail.com">OtterRideVAV@gmail.com</a>	<b>3rd Sunday</b> 2pm Meet <b>Eat Before/After</b>

## Webmaster from the Rob Hardisty

### Tech Tips

#### The Coolest Tech Gadgets to Gift This Christmas Season

The holiday season is here, and with it comes the annual search for gifts that surprise, delight, and maybe even make life a little easier. Whether you're shopping for a tech-obsessed teen, a busy professional, or someone who simply loves trying the newest gear, this year's lineup of gadgets offers something for everyone. Here are some of the standout tech treats topping wish lists this Christmas.

## **Smart Home Magic: Next-Gen Assistants**

The latest wave of smart speakers and home assistants has leveled up with sharper audio, faster processors, and smarter automation features. From controlling lights and thermostats to answering questions and playing music, these devices continue to be one of the most versatile gifts of the season. New models offer improved privacy controls and seamless integration with every major smart-home platform.

## **Wearables That Wow**

Wearable technology has become more stylish and intuitive than ever. This year's smartwatches boast longer battery life, advanced health monitoring, and elegant designs that look good in any setting. For fitness lovers, upgraded activity trackers provide detailed insights into sleep, recovery, and daily performance—perfect motivation for New Year's resolutions.

## **Immersive Entertainment: VR & AR Headsets**

Virtual reality is no longer a futuristic concept—it's here, polished, and wildly fun. New VR headsets deliver sharper displays, more comfortable fits, and expanding libraries of games and experiences. And with the rise of augmented reality glasses, users can blend digital overlays with the real world in ways that once felt like science fiction.

## **Pocket-Sized Power: Mini Projectors**

Gone are the days when projectors were bulky. This year's portable mini projectors can turn any wall into a cinematic experience. Many models support HD or even 4K output, connect wirelessly to phones or laptops, and come with built-in speakers. They make a great family gift for movie nights, gaming, or cozy holiday gatherings.

## **Smart Kitchen Helpers**

If you're shopping for someone who loves cooking—or just loves eating—smart kitchen gadgets are a big hit this season. Think app-connected air fryers, precision coffee makers, and smart thermometers that ensure every meal comes out perfectly. These gadgets elevate everyday cooking into a more convenient (and delicious) experience.

## **Fun for All Ages: STEM Toys & Robots**

From programmable robots to DIY electronics kits, STEM toys continue to inspire creativity and curiosity. Many models now feature interactive apps that teach coding, engineering principles, and problem-solving skills. They're fantastic gifts for budding inventors and young tech enthusiasts.

## **Wrapping It Up**

This Christmas is full of gadgets that blend innovation with everyday usefulness. Whether you're looking for something practical, playful, or cutting-edge, the tech world offers endless ways to light up someone's holiday season. Happy gifting—and may your season be merry, bright, and full of cool tech!



From Our Members:



**Merry Christmas Julie**

Karen Darby Kestner retires after 22 years of government service.







## Fun Stuff:

### African Countries

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COMOROS  
DJIBOUTI  
EGYPT

EQUATORIAL GUINEA  
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ETHIOPIA  
GABON  
GAMBIA  
GHANA  
IVORY COAST  
KENYA  
LESOTHO  
LIBERIA  
LIBYA  
MADAGASCAR

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MOROCCO  
MOZAMBIQUE  
NAMIBIA  
NIGER  
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO  
RWANDA  
SENEGAL  
SEYCHELLES

SIERRA LEONE  
SOMALIA  
SOUTH AFRICA  
SUDAN  
SWAZILAND  
TANZANIA  
TOGO  
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UGANDA  
ZAMBIA  
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## Countries of Europe

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CROATIA  
CYPRUS  
CZECH REPUBLIC  
DENMARK

ENGLAND  
ESTONIA  
FINLAND  
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GREECE  
HUNGARY  
ICELAND  
IRELAND  
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LATVIA  
LIECHTENSTEIN

LITHUANIA  
LUXEMBOURG  
MACEDONIA  
MALTA  
MOLDOVA  
MONACO  
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NORTHERN IRELAND  
NORWAY  
POLAND  
PORTUGAL  
ROMANIA  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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SWITZERLAND  
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VATICAN CITY  
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Answers:

