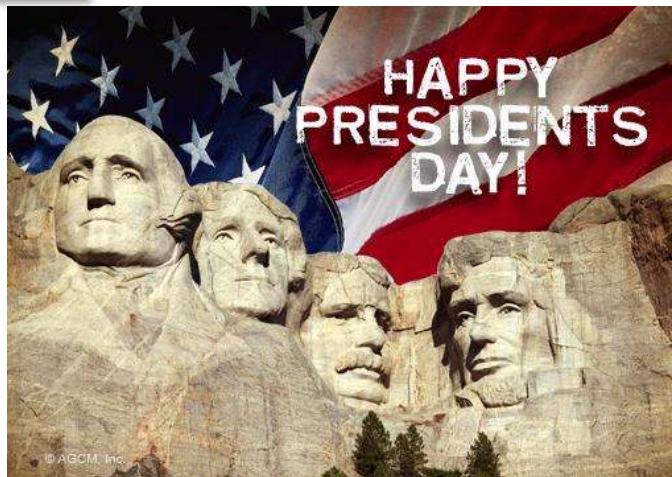


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2026 Is Almost Here

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 Buffet 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 steroid shots in her spine on Dec 9th 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,



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Calendar of Events:

January 2026

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

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February 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
5	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
7	Weekend			
10	Newsletter	Inputs for March & April Newsletter Due		
11	Birthday	Nancy Groves		
11	Birthday	Sharon Poulakowski		
12	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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	President's Day	Federal Holiday	
19	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
21	Weekend			
26	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	TBD
28	Weekend			

March 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
5	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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	ROMEO 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	ROMEO 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	ROMEO 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	Inputs for May & June Newsletter Due		
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 Patriot Hwy	9849 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 Patriot Hwy	9849 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	ROMEO 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	Inputs for July & August Newsletter Due		
11	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
19	Holiday	Juneteenth Day	Federal Holiday	
20	Weekend			
21	Holiday	Father's Day		
23	Anniversary	Butch & Nancy Groves		
24	Birthday	LeRoy Gross		
25	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
25	Anniversary	Harold & Kathy Pellegreen		
26	Birthday	Alec Kestner		
27	Weekend			

July 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
2	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
9	Birthday	Ann Peterson		
11	Weekend			
16	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
25	Weekend			
26	Birthday	Mike Blum		
26	Anniversary	Michael & Maria Griffin		
30	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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	Inputs for Sepember & October Newsletter Due		
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	ROMEO 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	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
12	Weekend			
13	Birthday	Jim Peterson		
15	Birthday	Brook Hardisty		
17	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
18	Anniversary	Lyle & Barbara Schrumpf		
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	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
24	Anniversary	Joe "Duke' & Peggy Herron		
26	Weekend			

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October 2026

Day	Type	Event Information	Location	Time
1	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
3	Weekend			
8	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
9	Anniversary	Dan & Martha Jo Fritz		
10	Newsletter	Inputs for November & December Newsletter Due		
10	Weekend			
11	Birthday	Charles Smith		
12	Birthday	Frankie Chapman		
12	Holiday	Columbus Day	Federal Holiday	
15	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
24	Birthday	Lisa Bryant		
24	Weekend			
28	Birthday	Jeff Burke		
29	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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	ROMEO 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	ROMEO 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	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
19	Anniversary	Charlie & Ellen Smith		
21	Weekend			
26	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
3	Birthday	Eddie Seale		
5	Weekend			
9	Birthday	Peggy Herron		
10	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
10	Newsletter	Inputs for January & February Newsletter Due		
12	Weekend			
17	Romeo Ride	ROMEO 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		
24	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
24	Birthday	Rob Hardisty		
25	Holiday	Christmas Day	Federal Holiday	
26	Weekend			
31	Romeo Ride	ROMEO Weekly Ride	Sheetz 6101 Smith Stn Rd, Fredericksburg, VA	10AM
31	Holiday	New Year's Eve		

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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 lynn.floyd1960@gmail.com	2nd Sunday 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 crowmg@verizon.net	4th Wednesday 6pm Social/Eating 7pm Meet
VA-E	<u>Fredericksburg</u> Ledo's Pizza, 9849 Patriot Hwy, Fredericksburg	Joseph & Peggy Herron	540-424-5852 jdherron6919@yahoo.com www.battlefieldwings.com	3rd Monday 6pm Social/Eating 7pm Meet
VA-K	<u>Roanoke</u> Great Steak Company 3830 Franklin Rd.	Dave & Susan Miller	540-330-5174 milrtyme@cox.net	2nd Monday 6pm Social/Eating 7pm Meet
VA-L	<u>Virginia Beach</u> IHOP 1316 Fordham Dr.	Dennis & Phyllis Easton	757-618-4963 (D) 757-636-1023 (P) eastondm@xcoc.net	4th Tuesday 6pm Social/Eating 7pm Meet
VA-X	<u>Salem</u> Riverside Evangelical Methodist Church 1920 Lucas Street, Salem	Larry Stanton	304-922-1401 Larry25022@gmail.com	1st Saturday 3pm Meet

Unaffiliated Chapters within Virginia

VA-H	<u>Abingdon</u> Moose Lodge 15605 Porterfield Hwy, Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker	276-628-6047 09nellie@comcast.net	2nd Monday 6pm Social/Eat 7pm Meet
VA-V	<u>Bedford</u> NO FOOD Bedford Church of God 1212 E Main St, Bedford	Jonathan Whitworth	540-425-0028 OtterRideVAV@gmail.com	3rd Sunday 2pm Meet Eat Before/After

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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.

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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!

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From Our Members:



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Karen Darby Kestner retires after 22 years of government service.



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ALGERIA	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	MALAWI	SIERRA LEONE
ANGOLA	ERITREA	MAURITANIA	SOMALIA
BENIN	ETHIOPIA	MAURITIUS	SOUTH AFRICA
BOTSWANA	GABON	MOROCCO	SUDAN
BURKINA FASO	GAMBIA	MOZAMBIQUE	SWAZILAND
BURUNDI	GHANA	NAMIBIA	TANZANIA
CAMEROON	IVORY COAST	NIGER	TOGO
CAPE VERDE	KENYA	REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	TUNISIA
CHAD	LESOTHO	RWANDA	UGANDA
COMOROS	LIBERIA	SENEGAL	ZAMBIA
DJIBOUTI	LIBYA	SEYCHELLES	ZIMBABWE
EGYPT	MADAGASCAR		

Countries of Europe

A A D Y A W R O N I E T S N E T H C E I L W I
U T N H S P A I N O D E C A M R A L B A N I A
S E A D S F I N L A N D A Z E R B A I J A N M
T E L P O E D N A L E C I C T B U L G A R I A
R N R N S R U S S I A N F E D E R A T I O N L
I O E B E D R K R A M N E D C F T M O A I R T
A R Z Y I D N A E A S E A Z D U R H O V R B A
I T T N O A E A P L E L E I I N U A O N E S T
N H I A P R M W L H U C O S T N A G N L A L E
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M R S R L E I S N R E N E A E Z O I E G E T O
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C E T N A B A I E N L A E I N O U A D U S A R
E L S U L T N I G O I T N G P M C R R R E V A
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G D T I N N E O E S A N I A S E T I N C W S E
T H E W D O B Y E R L L V A B A V O D L O M D

ALBANIA	ENGLAND	LITHUANIA	SAN MARINO
ANDORRA	ESTONIA	LUXEMBOURG	SCOTLAND
ARMENIA	FINLAND	MACEDONIA	SLOVAKIA
AUSTRIA	FRANCE	MALTA	SLOVENIA
AZERBAIJAN	GEORGIA	MOLDOVA	SPAIN
BELARUS	GERMANY	MONACO	SWEDEN
BELGIUM	GREECE	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	HUNGARY	NORTHERN IRELAND	TURKEY
BULGARIA	ICELAND	NORWAY	UKRAINE
CROATIA	IRELAND	POLAND	SERBIA/MONTENEGRO
CYPRUS	ITALY	PORTUGAL	VATICAN CITY
CZECH REPUBLIC	LATVIA	ROMANIA	WALES
DENMARK	LIECHTENSTEIN	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	

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