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## **Meetings**

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# Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

8/9 Todd Lawrimore

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/10 Sally Wyeth Mclaughlin (7)

8/10 Julia Bernath (45)

8/12 Steven Jordan (63)

8/22 Bob Belmonte (33)

# **Rotary Online**

https://sandyspringsrotary.org https://rotary6900.org/ https://rotary.org/

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