

Sandy Springs  
**Rotary**  
Club





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**President Nancy Schroeder's Welcome Message**

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## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

11/5 Chris Burnett  
11/11 Ed Ukaonu  
11/14 Milton Kassel  
11/16 Rick Doyle, III

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/1 Billy Lovett (16)  
11/26 Frank Bentley, Jr. (22)

## Rotary Online

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