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### Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

12/5 Scott Einfeldt  
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12/21 Fred Ferrand  
12/25 Michael Lindstrom  
12/29 William Snellings  
12/31 Charan Shikh  
12/31 Ruth Armknecht  
12/31 Ken DeSimone  
12/31 Mark Rabin  
12/31 Barton Lowrey  
12/31 Zac Boswell

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/20 Pamela Wall (43)  
12/27 Rusty Paul (34)

## Rotary Online

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