

Sandy Springs  
**Rotary**  
Club



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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## Club Calendar

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### Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

3/11 Joe Jones  
3/13 Phil Farias  
3/18 Nesbit Toole

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES


3/23 John Neill (45)  
3/29 Jim Squire (11)

### Rotary Online

<https://sandyspringsrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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