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**AWER**

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## Meetings

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7/14 Regular Meeting

7/21 Regular Meeting

7/28 Regular Meeting

8/4

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/7 Judith Fuller (28)

## Rotary Online

<https://atlantawestendrotary.org>

<https://rotary6900.org/>

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## ROTARY CLUB OF ATLANTA WEST END

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