

Last week's speaker (9/8/2017) was Joe Sarra, MSW, supports people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities as well as families/caregivers to identify and access home and community-based services so people remain in their communities and avoid institutionalization. The Children's Freedom Initiative is an example of the work being done around the state to move children out of nursing facilities and into loving, permanent homes. Joe serves as an Advocate with the Georgia Advocacy Office, the independent, federally-mandated Protection and Advocacy System for people with disabilities in Georgia. GAO envisions a Georgia where all people have value, visibility and voice; where even the most difficult and long-lasting challenges are addressed by ordinary citizens acting voluntarily on behalf of each other; and where the perception of disability is replaced by the recognition of ability. This week's speaker (9/15/2017) was Jay Neal, Executive Director of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

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## MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

9/15	Regular Meeting
9/22	Regular Meeting
9/22	Regular Meeting
9/29	Regular Meeting
10/6	Regular Meeting
10/13	Regular Meeting
10/20	Regular Meeting
10/20	Regular Meeting

## EVENTS

9/21	Board Meeting
12/14	Holiday Celebration
1/18	Board Meeting
2/15	Board Meeting
3/15	Board Meeting
4/19	Board Meeting
4/20	GRSP Final Presentation
4/26	District Conference

## YEARS OF SERVICE

### BIRTHDAYS

9/16	Jennifer Fields
9/21	Terri Copeland
10/4	Matt Parrish
10/5	Frances Ellison-Dansby

### WEDDING

### ANNIVERSARIES

10/11	Christopher Hempfling (4)
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**9/8 ATTENDANCE = 48%**

MISSING SPOKES (42): Joel

Alvarado, Rose Caplan, Leo  
Chancey, Terri Copeland,  
Jacqueline DeVane, Jared Evans,  
Jennifer Fields, Rodney Fields,  
Robin Fisher, Sonia Hantman,  
Christopher Hempfling, Eric John,  
Annabelle La Force, Bridgette  
Long, Mark Newman, Matt  
Parrish, Patricia Pichardo,  
Leonard Pope, Carolina Ramos,  
Victoria Seals, PhD, Melanie  
Sewell, Robert Stephens, Debra  
Stokes, Fabian Wilson

Get those makeups for missed  
meetings in two weeks before or  
two weeks after your absence.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF ATLANTA WEST END**

Fridays, 12:15 pm  
Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference  
Center\*  
800 Spring St NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

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President	Elma McCutchen
President-Elect	Ernie Hughes
Treasurer	Don Schewe

### **Directors**

Club President Nominee	Paige McKay-Kubik
Membership	Leyla Compani
Community Service	Pearlie Perryman

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