

# ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

Rotary  
Club of Austin



Rotary Meeting Speaker - Jeremy Martin - CEO, Austin Chamber of Commerce



By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, March 30, 2025



Jeremy Martin

President and CEO

Austin Chamber of Commerce

Jeremy Martin serves as President and CEO at the Austin Chamber of Commerce. He has represented Central Texas businesses at all levels of government from the White House Business Council to local community groups with one purpose in mind: helping Austin businesses succeed. Prior to his current role, Jeremy served as Interim Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President at the Chamber.

As Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Jeremy oversaw advocacy efforts at the Chamber focusing on priorities such as economic development policy, transportation, infrastructure, education/workforce development, and regulatory climate. Whether it appeared on the ballot or a city council agenda, he knew how policy items affected Chamber members. Jeremy serves on the Boards of Directors for the Austin Economic Development Corporation, Community Advancement Network, Quality of Life Foundation of Austin, Transportation Advocates of Texas, and Visit Austin.

Jeremy earned a Bachelor of Arts in mathematical economic analysis from Rice University and a Master of City Planning with a concentration in community and economic development from the University of Pennsylvania.

## 03-25-25 Meeting Highlights

By Derrick Wayne Eugene

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On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, the club was treated to a presentation from Paula Bookidis, CEO of Girl Scouts of America and former member. Paula talked about the importance of Girl Scouts to promote STEM and self-esteem in girls and young women. We also had the pleasure of seeing our very own Jeanine Olsen decked out in her Girl Scout garb in honor of the occasion.

- Club Meetings/Speakers
- April 01, 2025  
Jeremy Martin  
President and CEO  
Austin Chamber of Commerce
- April 15, 2025  
Mayor Kirk Watson  
City of Austin
- April 29, 2025  
Suzanne Baran
- Other Meetings/Events
- April 3rd  
Early Act First Knight  
(EAFK) - Harris  
Memorial
- April 8th  
April 10th  
April 12th  
April 15th  
April 18th  
April 21st  
April 24th
- Club Officers
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Jr.  
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Avenue VP
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Trustee
- Club Foundation(ARCF)  
Vice Chair
- Vlad Bahencu  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee
- Amy M. Jackson  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee
- Peter R. Mosker  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee
- Jaime Phillips  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee
- W. Garner Bagby  
Rotary Foundation  
(TR) Liaison
- John Anderson  
Barclay IV  
Sergeant at Arms
- Michael Abelson  
Club Programs Chair
- Jennifer Olson  
Club Executive  
Secretary
- Executive Director
- Birthdays
- Karen Wyras  
March 31st
- Carolyn V. Henderson  
April 5th
- Robert F. (Frank)  
Carmichael III  
April 6th
- Lois Ann Ann Stanton  
April 9th
- William Joe Koen III  
April 12th
- Thomas R. Locke Jr.  
April 17th
- Earl L. Yeakel III  
April 18th
- Teresa Finney  
April 20th
- Melanie M. Hayman  
April 21st

Club Meeting Details: [Join us in-person or on Zoom!](#)

This week's meeting will be held in-person at Ben Hur Shrine Temple (7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin, Texas) and also live-streamed on Zoom! **Note: A link to last week's Zoom meeting recording is included below.**

For those of you who can't join us in-person, you're invited to LIVE-STREAM our Weekly Lunch Program!

**When: Every Tuesday (almost) Noon to 1 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

\*\*\*For our Zoom guests, please clear your caches and bookmarked Zoom meeting links and check your time zone settings.\*\*\*

**Quick Link:**  
<https://rotary-austin-org.zoom.us/j/85690378301?pwd=bXNxcDBqK1drNmNqZWlZV3JlZFFkdz09>

**IMPORTANT STEPS TO CONNECT TO OUR WEEKLY MEETING, USING THE FOLLOWING MEETING ID & PASSWORD TO LOGIN:**

When the Rotary year begins on July 1st, we have a new meeting link. You should always be able to connect by typing in the Meeting ID and password as shown here.

- 1) Go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)
- 2) Enter the meeting ID in this box and passcode if prompted  
(Meeting ID: **856 9037 8301** Passcode: **361851**)

**IMPORTANT:** We'll have complimentary cookies, coffee, tea or water available at the meeting. If you'd like a full meal, however, please bring your own lunch with you, or you can order from Jack Allen's Kitchen on Anderson Lane and have it delivered. Click [HERE](#) for instructions on ordering.

Did you miss last week's meeting or want to view the presentation? Here is the Zoom recording of [Paula Bookidis, CEO-Girl Scouts of Central Texas](#)

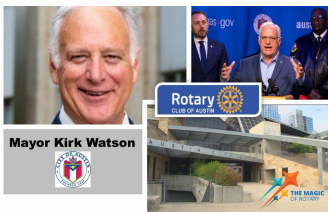
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## Next Week's Speaker/Program Preview - Mayor Kirk Watson

By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, March 30, 2025



## Rise Against Hunger -- Coming Up on Saturday, April 12th!

We're only about two weeks out from our annual RISE AGAINST HUNGER food packing service event, and WE NEED YOUR HELP because we're hoping to package at least 25,000 meals again this year!

In case you've forgotten, this HANDS-ON service event will be on **Saturday, April 12**, from 8:00 or 8:30 AM until about 3:00 PM at Casa Chapala restaurant (9041 Research Blvd #100, Austin, TX 78759).

There are 3 shifts available, which fill up on a first-come, first-served basis, plus set-up and clean-up; and you can sign up now by clicking [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below! We ALWAYS have a lot of fun, and this is a GREAT event to introduce friends, family, kids, grandkids, new members, prospective members...anyone really...to Rotary!

# RISE AGAINST HUNGER – FOOD PACKING SERVICE EVENT



Saturday, April 12<sup>TH</sup>  
Casa Chapala 8:30 - 3:00  
Shift spaces are first-come  
first-serve, so sign up  
**NOW!**

**IT'S FUN FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY – ALL  
AGES WELCOME!!!**

**Contact Harold Ingersoll  
if you have any  
questions!**



**A TOAST TO SPRING -- Coming Up on Friday, April 11th!**

We hope you can join Gaines and Leslie Bagby on Friday evening, April 11th, for the next RCA Wine Social/Rotary Night Out!

Join your Rotary Friends in a  
"Toast to Spring"



**Friday, April 11, 2025  
6:00 - 9:00 pm**

Home of Gaines and Leslie Bagby  
6206 Lost Horizon Drive  
Austin, Texas 78759

Bring your favorite wine, beer or beverage  
Food provided

Please RSVP: [ljbagby1@icloud.com](mailto:ljbagby1@icloud.com) by April 9, 2025

**Meet and Greet w/ President Elect Cindy**



Who is the incoming president of the Rotary Club of Austin? Now's your chance to get to know President Elect Cindy Brummer and find out more about her vision and plans for the new year. These informal, small group, in-person sessions are hosted on various Wednesday and Thursday evenings from April 1-June 7 and are intended for groups of up to 10. [Read More](#)

**RCA Sounding Board – Chat with President-Elect Cindy!**

Have thoughts, ideas, or questions about our club? I'm here to listen! Whether you have suggestions for the future of RCA or just want to connect, I'd love to hear from you. [Read More](#)



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**HOW ARE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE?!**

Is there anything that your Rotary Club of Austin "family" can support you with (i.e. family changes, death of a loved one, illness or other health concerns, lost a job, other professional needs, etc.) or do you know of another Rotarian who may need help?

Click [here](#) to let us know  
 (or you can send an e-mail to  
[office@rotary-austin.org](mailto:office@rotary-austin.org))

**ROTARY CARES**



**Ordering Your Tuesday Lunch For Delivery From Jack Allen's Kitchen**

**YES, THE RUMORS ARE TRUE...LUNCHES HAVE RETURNED TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF AUSTIN!**



If you're planning to attend one of our regularly scheduled Tuesday Rotary meetings and would like to enjoy a meal, you can pre-order one from Jack Allen's Kitchen on Anderson Lane and have it delivered directly to Ben Hur! Or, if you're not hungry, you can skip lunch and grab a complimentary cookie and/or coffee, tea or water instead.

It's easy, and you can order from your PC or even your smartphone! **If you've ordered before and remember what to enter for delivery, just click the Jack Allen's Kitchen icon (or go to [www.jackallenskitchen.com](http://www.jackallenskitchen.com)).**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Lunch orders are only accepted on Tuesday mornings for same-day delivery and must be placed no later than 10:30 am!**

If you've never ordered before, or if you've forgotten how, here are the instructions (including HOW and WHAT to specify that your order is for delivery) --> [Steps to Order Rotary Lunch](#)

All meals will be "made-to-order" from Jack Allen's Kitchen on Anderson Lane (across the street from Ben Hur) and will be delivered by them, too. Each will be individually packaged and labeled with your name.

One Austin icon serving another Austin icon...Don't you just love this town?!

**Club Meeting Place and Time**

Austin  
 Meets at Ben Hur Shrine Temple  
 2811 Rockwood Lane  
 Austin, TX 78757  
 Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

**RCA Vision Statement: To build a diverse fellowship of Austin-area business and community leaders transforming lives throughout the world.**