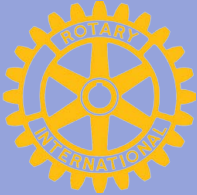
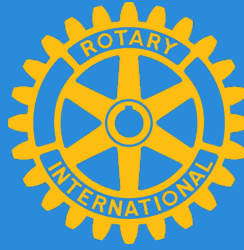


ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

Rotary
Club of Austin



Rotary Meeting Speaker - Paula Bookidis - CEO, Girl Scouts of Central Texas

By Matthew Dargis on Saturday, March 22, 2025



Paula Bookidis
CEO- Girl Scouts of Central Texas

Girl Scouts of Central Texas CEO, Paula Bookidis, began her journey in Girl Scouts on the front lines of camp-outs, volunteer trainings, and cookie sales as a troop leader! Now, as our G.I.R.L.-in-Chief, Paula brings a unique perspective and a tried and true passion for the Girl Scout mission into the executive suite.

Paula stepped into her role at Girl Scouts from her position as a partner at Sense Corp, where she kept things running efficiently and effectively as the Managing Director – Telecom. A dynamic leader and management powerhouse, Paula is also a believer in the power of giving back, demonstrated in her development of Sense Corp's Community Outreach programs, which has provided over \$4M to non-profits.

Paula's happy place is floating the river, reading a book, sipping on iced tea. In her words, she

Club Meetings/Speakers

March 25, 2025
[Paula Bookidis, CEO - Girl Scouts of Central Texas](#)

April 01, 2025
[Jeremy Martin, President/CEO-Austin Chamber of Commerce](#)

April 15, 2025
[Mayor Kirk Watson, City of Austin](#)

Other Meetings/Events

March 25th
[RCA Board of Directors Meeting](#)

March 27th
[North Breakfast Cluster](#)

March 28th
[Early Act First Knight \(EAFK\) - Hart Elementary](#)

April 3rd
[Early Act First Knight \(EAFK\) - Harris Elementary](#)

April 8th
[April-VP/Officer Meeting](#)

April 9th
[Downtown Breakfast Cluster](#)

April 11th
[Early Act First Knight \(EAFK\) - Pecan Springs Elementary](#)

April 12th
[Rise Against Hunger \(SAVE THE DATE\)](#)

April 15th
[RCA Board of Directors Meeting](#)

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Barclay IV**
Sergeant-at-Arms

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Club Programs Chair

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Executive Director

Birthdays

Todd L. Coleman
March 25th

Karen Waryas
March 31st

Carolyn V. Henderson
April 5th

Robert F. (Frank)
Carmichael III
April 6th

Lois Ann Stanton
April 9th

William Joe Koen III
April 12th

Thomas R. Locke Jr.
April 17th

Earl L. Yeakel III
April 18th

is "married to the funniest, most supportive guy" and they have three daughters together.

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.*****

QuickLink:

<https://rotary-austin-org.zoom.us/j/85690378301?pwd=bXMxcDBqK1drNmNqZW1ZV3JlZ2FFdz09>

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
- 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.

Join Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

Join

Did you miss last week's meeting or want to view the presentation? Here is the Zoom recording of [Jamila Thomas, Culturally Responsive Leadership...](#)

Rotary Serves HHH of Austin



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The Rotary Club of Austin hosted a thank you lunch for the counselors and children at the Helping Hand Home of Austin. This is an incredible home for severely abused children who have been removed from their homes and are receiving psychiatric treatment and schooling to help them get ready for a new "forever" home. The Rotary Club also does a Summer Splash Party for the children with water slides and a Christmas Party with Santa with gifts that the children got to pick out. The Rotary Club of Austin has spent over one hundred years supporting this home. The children and the staff and our members cherish these unique events to provide joy for these special children.

RCA's Elections for the Board of Directors (and President Elect Nominee) are Coming Up!

Our annual election for the Rotary Club of Austin's Board of Directors is coming up at the end of the month, and you'll be asked to vote for **three (3)** of the following candidates (to serve two-year terms from July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027):

****All 8 of the following candidates were submitted by RCA's Nominating Committee and were approved by the current Board of Directors****

Tom Anderson

Tom brings extensive leadership experience from his tenure as Interim Commissioner of Education at the Texas Education Agency and his time as Deputy Commissioner for 12 years. He has also served as Superintendent of Schools for the San Marcos CISD and held leadership roles in various educational organizations. As a Rotary member for seven years, he has chaired the Scholarship Committee and the Club and District Global Grant Scholarships, demonstrating his dedication to education and service.

Leslie Bagby

Leslie is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN), Licensed Dietitian (LD), and Certified Nutrition Support Clinician (CNSC) with extensive experience in clinical nutrition and dietetics. She currently serves as the Coordinator for the Texas WIC Dietetic Internship, where she mentors and trains future dietitians. Previously, Leslie worked as a Nutrition Support Dietitian at Coram Specialty Infusion, providing specialized nutritional care to patients requiring infusion therapy. In the Rotary community, she has been actively involved in leadership roles, including serving as the Coordinator of Rotary Friendship Exchange for District 5870. Additionally, Leslie has contributed to many of the Rotary Club of Austin's initiatives, such as co-chairing Camp Enterprise, a program designed to educate high school juniors about the free enterprise system.

Andy Barclay

Andy has a strong background in the insurance industry, holding multiple certifications and 20 years of experience. He has served as President of the Austin Cosmopolitan Rotary Club and on their Board of Directors. His leadership extends to roles such as Sergeant-at-Arms and VP of Administration, where he coordinated speakers for club meetings. Andy is also deeply involved in community service, organizing blood drives and supporting international clean water projects.

Gabriella Cooper

Gabriella has been a dedicated Rotarian since 2017, first joining the Rotary Club of Kona Mauka in Hawaii before moving to Austin in 2020. In Kona, she served on the board of the Club Foundation for two years and chaired the Global Services Committee. She also successfully led the club's annual fundraising gala, raising over \$50,000 each year. Gabriella has sponsored four new members—two in Hawaii and two in Austin. Her passion lies in international service, and she has consistently supported various service committees. Before retirement, Gabriella had a diverse career as a flight attendant for PanAm and later as a Sales Manager for BFI, a major waste removal company.

Jill Johnson

Jill has extensive nonprofit leadership experience, having served multiple terms on the board of directors for Easter Seals Central Texas, including a term as board president. She was also a Trustee and Vice Chair of her downtown church board. As a Rotary member since 2017, she has been actively involved in membership engagement and retention, serving as Red Badge Co-Chair and a member of the retention committee.

Julianne Shively

Julianne is a seasoned real estate professional with over three decades of experience in valuation and consulting. She holds the prestigious MAI and AI-GRS designations from the Appraisal Institute, reflecting her expertise in commercial real estate appraisal and review. Julianne currently leads Harris Shively & Co., a firm specializing in a wide range of real estate valuation services. Her extensive background includes complex property assessments, market analysis, and strategic consulting, making her a valuable asset to any organization seeking informed real estate decisions.

Teresa Taylor

Teresa has over 30 years of experience in entertainment, producing large-scale events, television shows and advertising campaigns. She has led major projects such as TV MOVES! LIVE and has worked with international organizations. In Rotary, she is the current chair of the Scholarship Committee and has organized fundraisers like Surfboards on Parade. Teresa is passionate about education and team leadership.

Corey Wilson

Corey is a mechanical engineer with over 30 years of experience in the construction industry, currently serving as President of Kidd Roofing. A Rotarian for 15 years, he has been deeply involved in community service, particularly

through the Membership Services Committee. He has also served on the Board of Directors for Rodeo Austin for 20 years, chairing multiple committees.

Additionally, RCA's Nominating Committee and Board of Directors request you to vote your approval or disapproval of Ellen Hunt as the sole, unopposed President-Elect Nominee (PEN), serving as 2027-2028 Club President (following Cindy Brummer and Harold Ingersoll).

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: lgbagby1@icloud.com by April 9, 2025

Wayside REAL Academy EAFK Knighting Ceremony



Wayside REAL Academy EAFK Knighting Ceremony

Wayside REAL Academy EAFK knighting ceremony with Lady Amber. The teachers selected a student to honor in each grade for the trait of Empathy and their families were invited to share the stage with their child. This character-building program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Austin. Three of their members, Dick Brown, Charles Hollerman and Mary Reynolds (not shown) came to celebrate this special event. Thanks, Rotary, for this great program.

Meet and Greet w/ President Elect Cindy

Meet and Greet

Sign up for informal, small group sessions to meet with Cindy.

April-June 2025

Various Wednesdays and Thursdays available for small groups.

Sign up Now

Cindy Brummer
President Elect

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](#)

RCA Sounding Board

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Schedule a chat, share your thoughts

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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)



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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).***

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
7811 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.