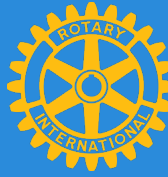


ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

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Next Week's Speaker/Program Preview - DID SOMEONE SAY THEY WANT LUNCH?!!

Saturday, January 11, 2025

A loud chant was repeated many times at Tuesday meetings and Thursday breakfasts: **LUNCH, LUNCH, LUNCH!**

It is now a reality!!!

Starting next week (January 21st) all attendees at the Rotary Club of Austin's Tuesday noon meetings will be able to pre-order a hot or cold lunch of their choosing! Each Tuesday morning, you'll simply order and pay for your lunch...and your guest's, too, if you're so inclined.

It's easy, and you can order from your PC or your smartphone! Your meal will be delivered to Ben Hur Shrine at about 11:45 am. It'll even be labeled with your name AND it'll be individually packaged!

Grab it. Eat it. Enjoy! Or, if you're not hungry, you can choose not to order a meal.

Each Rotarian can decide for themselves. Each Rotarian can pay, or not pay, for a lunch. No Rotarian, nor the Rotary Club of Austin, will have to pay for unwanted or unordered lunches.

This is a new "partnership" with Jack Allen's Kitchen on Anderson Lane. Their extensive online menu, with all the options, will be available to us! Delivered "made-to-order" from across the street. One Austin icon serving another Austin icon. Got to love this town!

Come this Tuesday and the ordering process will be completely explained to you! Gabe and K-La, from Jack Allen's Kitchen on Anderson Lane, will be in attendance to walk us through their online menu, how to order, how to customize and how to enjoy coming to Rotary Austin with a full belly!

All you'll have to do in the future is place your order with Jack Allen's Kitchen on Anderson Lane, show up on Tuesday at lunch and enjoy!!!

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!!

For those of you who can't join us in-person, you're invited to our **LIVESTREAM 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**)

While we will have cookies, water or tea available at the meeting, we will not be offering a meal. Please bring your own lunch if you plan on eating.

Join Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name



Club Meetings/Speakers

January 14, 2025
NEW WEEKLY MEAL DELIVERY from Jack Allen's Kitchen
Step-by-Step Instructions on How to Order, Pay, Etc.

January 21, 2025
RCA's DE1 4-Way Test Public Safety Awards Program

February 04, 2025
Dr. Cecil Reynolds
Perspectives on Death as a Penalty: A View From the Trenches

February 11, 2025
Bangalore Literacy Grant Update/Live Zoom presentation w/Bangalore Rotarians
Title: Experience Midnight in Bangalore with Students, Parents, Teachers and Rotarians as They Share Their Journey of Literacy...Through the Magic of Zoom!

Other Meetings/Events

January 14th
January-VP/Officer Meeting

January 17th
Early Act First Knight (EAFK) - Hart Elementary

January 28th
**** UPDATED **** RCA Board of Directors Meeting

January 29th
Early Act First Knight (EAFK) - Wayside REAL Learning Academy

January 30th
North Breakfast Cluster

February 4th
ARCF Board of Trustees Meeting (QUARTERLY)

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01-07-25 Meeting Highlights

By Darrick Wayne Eugene



Life Stories and Leadership

On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, the Rotary Club of Austin was treated to a speech from our very own Mike O'Krentz, Mike (Member since 2013) shared with us that life and leadership are at their best when you focus on faith, health, family and love.

"As leaders in our community, whether the CEO of a company or as a Rotarian, we have a dual leadership responsibility, one at work and one at home. The leaders who understand "why" their work and roles matter, are the ones who extend their legacy and their business impact far beyond their own lifetimes."

"Each one of us is like a quilt: on the outside, or the backing of the quilt, we all look alike...one solid pattern with the title or role we hold. But on the other side, we are made up of different, distinct patches, each representing a specific virtue, story, lesson, or memory. What good is the message of your stories, lessons and memories if they are not shared with the next generation?"



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Birthdays

Paul Roger Williamson
January 12th

Joseph Hang
January 12th

Thomas W. Howard
January 14th

Barbara Beck
January 21st

Pepe V. Lozano
January 23rd

Vlad Bahrencu
January 26th

Charles Holleman
January 31st

Mary L. Reynolds
February 4th

Dick Terrell Brown
February 6th

Mark D. Johnson
February 9th

Rotary supports WISE Zambia project with tablets

Rotary Austin was able to donate ten tablets to the WISE Zambia project through our rotary guest, Joanne Bollinger, and she is taking them to Zambia in April. The rest of the returned tablets from Pecan Springs were distributed to our members who had grandchildren and 20 of them are going to Helping Hand Home. So they have found great new homes where they are needed. (It is sad that Pecan Springs had to return these tablets we bought for them during Covid, but they lost their computer lab and staff and the tablets were just sitting idle, so they wanted us to put them to good use where they were needed, and we did as Rotary always does)



December Operation Vacation

The Rotary Clubs of **Austin** and **Killeen** hosted a December military family, SSG Abdiel Gonzalez, wife Adriana, son Thiago(7) and daughter Victoria (4 mos.) from Ft. Cavazos for an R&R weekend at the Westin Austin @the Domain. Toyota Killeen loaned them a rent car for the weekend and Killeen Rotary gave them gas money for the trip. The hotel was decorated with tremendous holiday decor to make this a very special Christmas for the family. The hotel provided a two night stay with complimentary breakfast each morning. The family had a chance to explore all kinds of unique Christmas events at the Domain nearby the hotel. The County Line at the Lake hosted an "All you can eat" BB Q dinner Saturday nite. The Rotary Club of Austin put together backpacks full of goodies, gift cards, clothes, toys, snacks and Austin souvenirs for each member of the family. The family had a most memorable Christmas in Austin. What a great way to thank our military for their service. Thanks to Rotary and our many sponsors.



Prospective Member(s) 10-Day Notice(s)

Per the request of the Board of Directors, all prospective/transferring members will now be posted in the *Rotary Reminder* (newsletter) for an open review period by all members. We've received the following Proposed Member Application(s) for consideration:

Josh Dikoff (sponsored by Michael Abelson)

Please notify **Jennifer Olsen**, RCA's Executive Director, if you have anything you'd like to share about **Josh**.

Rotary wins Volunteer Float Award at Rose Bowl Tournament of Roses Parade



ROTARY CARES HOW YOU'RE DOING!!!

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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Rotary Club of Austin Hands-ON Community Service Projects



Rotary Club of Austin hand-on service opportunities

- Early Act First Knight
- Books for Me
- Helping Hands for Kids
- Scholarships
- Career Closet Clothes Drive
- Book Donation
- Clothes for primary students at Pecan Springs
- Rotary Gardening Day at Community First
- Blood Drives
- Rise Against Hunger

- **Early Act First Knight character programs** @Harris, Hart, Wayside and Pecan Springs Elementary Schools teaching students the Four Way Test, character traits to live by and reducing referrals to the office by 50+%-Rotary volunteers can attend the monthly knighting ceremonies and cheer on the selected winners for the current trait and congratulate the parents that attend. (Monthly-master schedule arranged each year with the schools and members are asked to sign up for any date they can attend.)
- **Books for Me program** @ Pecan Springs: Rotary volunteers hand out free books to students (Twice a year-Fall and Spring-volunteers sign up for a 30-45 min. block in advance to hand out books to the children and help them write their name inside so they can take it home and add it to their home library-encourages students to read at home)
- **Helping Hand Home Events for Abused Children(three events per year):**
 - **Splash Day:** Rotary Volunteers organize and volunteer for Splash Day usually between July and August. Volunteers come to the Helping Hand Home and supervise the Splash day activities (water slides, arts & crafts, photo center) and serve lunch to counselors, children and volunteers.
 - **Christmas party:** Rotary Volunteers wrap Christmas presents after the Tuesday Rotary meeting a week before the Christmas party. The night of the Christmas party (usually the second or third Tuesday evening in December for two hours), the volunteers hand out treats, sing Christmas carols, help kids unwrap presents and interact with the children and counselors. Rotary volunteers also serve as Santa and the elf to hand out the Christmas gifts selected by each child with the help of the counselors back in November and sponsored by the Rotary Club.
 - **Cluster Lunch for Helping Hand Home counselors and children:** Rotary Volunteers collect and set up lunch for the Home and serve

- it to all the children and counselors.(Usually set up in the Spring and event takes about two hours at lunchtime)
- **Scholarships for Selected High School graduates in the Austin area:** Rotary Volunteers sign up to serve on this committee to work with the high school counselors to select candidates, the candidates are then interviewed by a Rotarian, the committee selected the winning students and the winners and their families are invited to a Scholarship Presentation Dinner where the winners are announced and given their scholarships. (three-four month commitment usually January-April)
 - **Clothes Drives for the UT Career Closet:** Rotarian Volunteers round up gently used business clothes and deliver them to the UT Career Closet. Clothes are collected at the Rotary meetings. (twice a year-Fall and Spring)
 - **Book Donation weekly for Lively Middle School library:** The books are selected from a list provided by the Librarian, signed by our speaker each week and a Rotarian Volunteer collects the books and delivers them to Lively Middle School. (Weekly)
 - **Clothes for primary students at Pecan Springs:** Rotary Club collects children's clothes at the beginning of the school year and delivers them to Pecan Springs clothes closet (once a year)
 - **Rotary Gardening Day at Community First:** Rotary Volunteers & friends can sign up to work on an assigned date to help Community First plant sustainable gardens that serve the homeless people living at Community First, provides food to be handed out to the homeless communities by the Mobile, Loaves and Fishes Van or to be sold at Community First to buy plants and seeds for the next harvest.(usually four times a year on prearranged dates- a 2 hr. shift each time)
 - **Two Blood Drives for Austin:** Rotary volunteers and friends can sign up to give blood on the assigned blood drive day held at the Rotary meeting place twice a year (Once in Fall and once in Spring-45 min. -1 hour commitment)
 - **Rise Against Hunger:** Central Texas Rotarians and guests gather to support the Rise Against Hunger foundation at a meal packing event. At the event, we work together from start-to-finish in a meal assembly experience to combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a packet of 20 vitamins and minerals into life-changing meal packages.
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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.