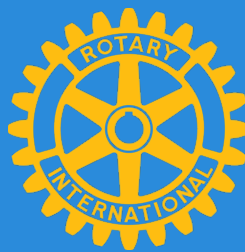


ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

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Rotary Meeting Speaker - Bangalore Experience

By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, February 9, 2025

Rotary Global Grant for Literacy in Bangalore, India



Club Meetings/Speakers

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!

February 18, 2025
Gordon Daugherty - Capital Factory

February 25, 2025
RCA's Camp Enterprise Winning Team

March 04, 2025
Leana Mann, TCAD Chief Appraiser (Travis County Appraisal District)
TCAD 101: How the Appraisal District Works For You

Other Meetings/Events

February 11th
February-VP/Officer Meeting

February 12th
Downtown Breakfast Cluster

February 13th
Early Act First Knight (EAFK) - Harris Elementary

February 18th
RCA Board of Directors Meeting

February 21st
Early Act First Knight (EAFK) - Pecan Springs Elementary

February 21st
2025 Camp Enterprise (3-day Event -- Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

February 27th
North Breakfast Cluster

February 28th
Early Act First Knight (EAFK) - Hart Elementary

March 5th

PROGRAM TITLE:

EXPERIENCE MIDNIGHT IN BANGALORE WITH STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS AND ROTARIANS AS THEY SHARE THEIR JOURNEY OF LITERACY CHALLENGES TO SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE AND CAREERS

THE PROGRAM:

- Laraine Lasdon - intro to Peace Fellowship opportunity
- Anu Rao - Senior Director of Intel on her involvement with the true life saga of moving kids from lack of education to attending college and the world beyond in Bangalore
- Satish Rao - Chief Engineer AI for IBM (recently retired) on his role in Austin with our club and our partnership with Praghati.

This program will be very interactive, vibrant and meaningful to our members who may never have seen or heard from the participants here AND in Bangalore itself in real time.

All participants have agreed that they can make this date and time (it will be midnight in Bangalore)

Club members will not want to miss this exciting and unusual program where we get to see and talk to our International partner in Bangalore and share our questions directly with them as well as truly see the impact our club has had on the lives of so many people for over a decade with RI Grants.

Satish and Anu plan to bring treats enjoyed in Bangalore for us.

Please join us on TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH AT NOON for an unforgettable experience.

02-04-25 Meeting Highlights

By Darrick Wayne Eugene

Rotary Club of Austin Meeting Highlights
February 4, 2025

Although all RCA meetings are exciting, in my opinion, none more so than the opportunity to induct a new member. On February 4, 2025, we inducted Josh Dikoff. Josh, sponsored by member and current program chair Dr. Michael Abelson, is a

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Birthdays

Mark D. Johnson
February 9th

military veteran of 12 years with the Navy and moved to Austin to expand his real estate investment business. He now owns a portfolio of single-family homes, an RV Park in Bryan, TX, and provides commercial real estate investment opportunities for those interested in building wealth. We thank Josh for his service to our country and look forward to his service to our club.

During our announcements, Rick Rowell reminded us of the upcoming Camp Enterprise event scheduled for February 21-23, 2025 and the need for volunteers. Please sign up with Rick Rowell at ricker3texas@gmail.com. Another meeting highlight involved recognizing Paul Harris Fellowship recipients. Gaines Bagby led the recognition of Tillery Castillo (PHF+2), Jim Gdula (PHF+2) and Jeanine Olsen (PHF).

The "Thank Goodness" basket was presented by Sargeant-at-Arms, Andy Barclay and President Darrick Eugene announced that he was thankful that his son Felix Eugene had recently been accepted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, explaining the **Army!** emblazoned football jersey President Eugene sported during the meeting.

Finally, in the last half hour, Dr. Abelson introduced our speaker for the day, Dr. Cecil Reynolds to discuss "Perspectives on Death as a Penalty: A view from the Trenches." Dr. Reynolds, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience related to the field of psychology and the death penalty. Although he is against the death penalty as applied, he is not an "abolitionist," believing there are certain instances where the death penalty is deserved. Dr. Reynolds, said that in his experience as an expert in over 150 death penalty cases, the vast majority of the defendants suffered from some form of mental incapacity. He firmly believes that the death penalty should not be applied in those instances and that it does not serve as an effective deterrent. Another thing Dr. Reynolds emphasized was the costs of a life sentence vs. the death penalty. Dr. Reynolds shared that every time the state seeks to execute someone, it costs roughly \$4 -\$5 million dollars given the trials, appeals, resource time and personnel hours compared to maintaining someone in prison for life which costs about \$400,000 total. In all, Dr. Reynolds delivered a sobering take on the death penalty based on his personal experience and perspective.

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.*****

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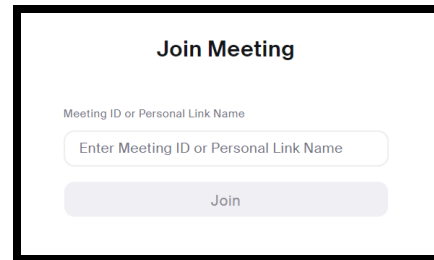
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IMPORTANT STEPS TO CONNECT TO OUR WEEKLY MEETING, USING THE FOLLOWING MEETING ID & PASSWORD TO LOGIN:

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.*



Next Week's Speaker/Program Preview - Gordon Daugherty CEO Capital Factory

By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, February 9, 2025

Dirk Heinen
February 14th
John R. Boisseau
February 14th
Karen Collins
February 15th
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James Y. Bryce
February 23rd
James T. Townsend
February 28th
Mike O'Krent
March 1st
William J. Davies Jr.
March 8th
Hugh K. Higgins Jr.
March 11th



LUNCH - LUNCH - LUNCH!!! Now Available on Tuesdays!

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

Beginning on February 4, 2025, 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! Here are the instructions to follow when placing your lunch order, including what to enter for delivery --> [Steps to Order Rotary Lunch](#)

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

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?!?

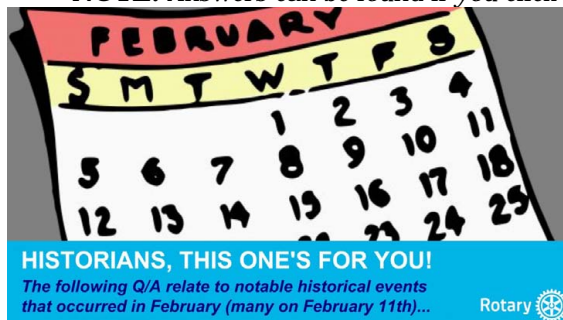


*** If you've ordered lunch(es) on Tuesday before, and remember what to specify for delivery, here's a direct link to Jack Allen's Kitchen --> [Order My Lunch](#) ***

February's Fellowship Activity

Although we won't be holding this month's Fellowship Activity "live and in-person" on February 11th, we thought you might still enjoy seeing how many of the answers you know...all questions relate to notable historical events that occurred in February.

NOTE: Answers can be found if you click the "Read More" link.



1.

In 1990...

What major political event occurred on February 11, 1990, in South Africa?

2.

In 2011...

Which country saw the resignation of its president following widespread protests?

3.

In 1992...

Which popular video game console was released by Nintendo on February 11, 1992?

4.

In 1993...

What important peace agreement was signed on February 11, 1993, between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)?

5.

In 2012...

Which music legend passed away on February 11, 2012, at the age of 48?

6.

In 1847...

Which famous American inventor was known for creating the telephone?

7.

In 1945...

Which world leader met with Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill in Yalta during World War II?

8.

In 1937...

Which major labor event took place at General Motors?

9.

In 2002...

Which famous figure announced his return to professional golf after a brief hiatus following personal issues?

10.

In 1999...

What event related to space exploration occurred on February 11, 1999?

[Read More](#)

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

Applications for consideration:

Kirti Sodani (sponsored by Ellen Hunt)

Merritt Spencer (sponsored by Scott Rainey)

This is the final week to notify **Jennifer Olsen**, RCA's Executive Director, if you have anything you'd like to share about **Kirti** and/or **Merritt**.

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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?

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Club Meeting Place and Time

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Meets at Ben Hur Shrine Temple
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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.