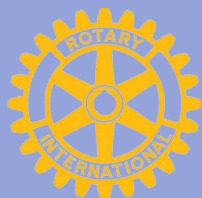
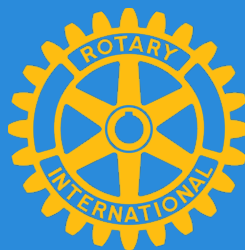


# ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

Rotary  
Club of Austin



## Rotary Meeting Speaker - Jamila Thomas (CEO, Cultured Consulting Group)

By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, March 9, 2025

### Club Meetings/Speakers

March 11, 2025

Jamila Thomas  
Culturally Responsive Leadership: A Pathway to Global Leadership Effectiveness

March 18, 2025

NO MEETING -- AISD/UT/ACC Spring Breaks + SXSW

March 25, 2025

Paula Bookidis, CEO - Girl Scouts of Central Texas

April 01, 2025

Jeremy Martin, President/CEO - Austin Chamber of Commerce

### Other Meetings/Events

March 11th

March - VP/Officer Meeting

March 12th

Downtown Breakfast Cluster

March 13th

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

March 25th

RCA Board of Directors Meeting

March 27th

North Breakfast Cluster

March 28th

Early Act First Knight (EAFK) - Hart Elementary

April 2nd

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

April 3rd

Early Act First Knight (EAFK) - Harris Elementary

### Club Officers

Darrick Wayne  
Eugene



Jamila Thomas  
Founder and CEO

Jamila Thomas (CEO, Cultured Consulting Group)

Jamila Thomas is a 2019 Presidential Leadership Scholar appointed by the Presidential Centers of William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush and Lyndon B. Johnson. She is a native of Dallas, Texas and a graduate of Florida A&M University, located in Tallahassee, Florida. She received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and a graduate degree, Masters of Business Administration (MBA). She also has a Master of Arts degree in Divinity from The University of Chicago Divinity School. In 2018, at the direction of the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees, Jamila created and established the Racial Equity Office for Dallas ISD. In this capacity, she was responsible for developing culturally responsive policies and programs designed to close the achievement gap and simultaneously build culturally intelligent practices for all faculty and staff. Jamila was instrumental in guiding the Texas State Board of Education towards the historic and unanimous statewide adoption of the African American History course.

#### Highlights to be mentioned:

- 2019 Presidential Scholar
- Southern Methodist University Hunt Institute Fellow
- Inclusive Economy Council
- Texas Women's Foundation 2024 Maura Award
- Leadership Dallas Class of 2022

### 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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**Birthdays**

Hugh K. Higgins Jr.  
 March 11th  
 Leslie Gwinn Bagby  
 March 16th  
 Donald W. Tompkins  
 March 19th  
 Regina Buschhorn  
 March 19th  
 Todd L. Coleman  
 March 25th  
 Karen Waryas  
 March 31st

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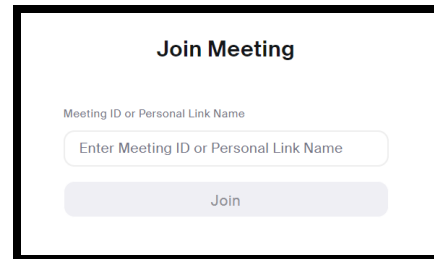
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**IMPORTANT STEPS TO CONNECT TO OUR WEEKLY MEETING, USING THE FOLLOWING MEETING ID & PASSWORD TO LOGIN:**

**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](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.



**Rotary Club of Austin donates a car load of business clothes**



**The Rotary Club of Austin** did a clothes collection for the UT Student Clothes Closet and donated a whole carload full of clothes. UT students can pick out business attire from the closet free of charge. This gives the students clothes suitable for job interviews.

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### **RCA's Election for the Board of Directors is 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.

## 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](#)



## 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:

### ***Karen Quandt (sponsored by Ann Marie Ellis)***

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

#### ***Here's a little about Karen (from her member application):***

*I grew up in the Midwest (IN, MI, WI). I graduated from the UW-Madison with a BA (Journalism and Political Science) and a JD from the UW Law School. I am a retired attorney having practiced law in the Chicago area for 38 years, from 1976 to 2014. I was in the litigation department at the law firm of Tenney and Bently and opened my own practice in 2000, specializing in family law.*

*I was married for 34 years (ended in divorce) and raised two children (a son and daughter) in Winnetka, IL. I was very active in the Winnetka community and schools including Winnetka Caucus Chairperson, and Co-Chair of the New Trier High School PTO).*

*I retired and moved to Boston in 2014 to be near my son, his wife and 3 children. I continue to maintain my condo in Boston and volunteer at a women's lunch shelter and in the family law courts doing mediation with unrepresented litigants when there during the summers. I came to Austin in March of 2000 to be near my daughter, her husband and child.*

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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](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?!?

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## 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](mailto:office@rotary-austin.org))



## [ROTARY CARES](#)

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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.***