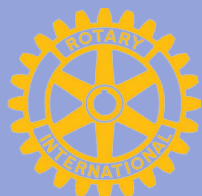
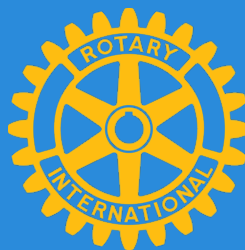


# ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

Rotary  
Club of Austin



## Club Meetings/Speakers

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 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**

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)**

## Club Officers

Darrick Wayne  
Eugene  
President

Cynthia Brummer  
President-Elect

## No Meeting this week - Spring Break

By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, March 16, 2025



## 3-11-25 Meeting Highlights

**Ms. Jamila Thomas**, Presidential Fellow and PhD student, returned to the Rotary Club of Austin after a four-year hiatus. In 2021, while the club was meeting virtually, Jamila was one of our most celebrated speakers. Her calm, thought-provoking delivery on Leadership was received and magnified across the Club. On her return, she delivered a similar message on "Culturally Responsive Leadership" that centered on being and building allies. And who doesn't want or need allies. Jamila helped us see an ally as "any person who supports, empowers, or stands up for another person or group." Which is reflected in our Rotary motto of "Service above Self." Jamila introduced members to the Power of 7, seven ways to show up as an ally, including Sponsor, Champion, Amplifier, Advocate, Scholar, Upstander and Confident and then invited us to discuss among ourselves when, where and how we might exhibit those "powers." We left with the understanding that Allyship is a superpower that we can demonstrate in both our personal and professional lives. Through allyship we make ourselves better by bringing out the best in others.

## 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!

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 President -Nominee

**Sylvia Holmes**  
 iPast President

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 Club Director

**Paul Roger Williamson**  
 Club Director

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 Club Service Avenue VP

**PDG Scott Rainey**  
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 Avenue VP

**Mary L. Reynolds**  
 Community Service  
 Avenue VP

**Andrew Swanson**  
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 Vocational Service  
 Avenue VP

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 Vice Chair

**Vlad Bahrencu**  
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**Jaime Phillips**  
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 (TRF) Liaison

**John Anderson Barclay IV**  
 Sergeant-at-Arms

**Michael Abelson**  
 Club Programs Chair

**Jennifer Olsen**  
 Club Executive  
 Secretary  
 Executive Director

**Birthdays**

Leslie Gwinn Bagby  
 March 16th

Donald W. Tompkins  
 March 19th

Regina Buschhorn  
 March 19th

Todd L. Coleman  
 March 25th

Karen Waryas  
 March 31st

Carolyn V. Henderson  
 April 5th

Robert F. (Frank)  
 Carmichael III  
 April 6th

**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.\*\*\***

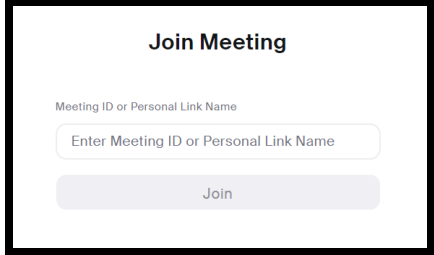
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<https://rotary-austin-org.zoom.us/j/85690378301?pwd=bXMxcDBqK1drNmNqZW1ZV3JIZ2FFdz09>

**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.



**Wayside REAL Academy EAFK Knighting Ceremony**



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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.

## Next Week's Speaker/Program Preview - Paula Bookidis (CEO, Girl Scouts of Central Texas)

By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, March 16, 2025



### 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](#)



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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))



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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.***