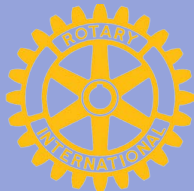


# ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

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## Rotary Meeting Speaker- Bobby Jenkins, Owner ABC Home and Commercial Services

By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, April 20, 2025

### Club Meetings/Speakers

**April 22, 2025**  
[Bobby Jenkins, CTRMA Chair \(Central TX Regional Mobility Authority\)](#)

**April 29, 2025**  
[Scholarship Awards](#)

**May 06, 2025**  
[G. Harris - Rotary Means Business-Fellowships: NEW Networking Grp. for Rotarians](#)

**May 13, 2025**  
[Garry Merritt, CEO-Great Springs Project](#)  
[www.GreatSpringsProject.org](http://www.GreatSpringsProject.org)

### Other Meetings/Events

April 24th  
[North Breakfast Cluster](#)

May 2nd  
[Early Act First Knight \(EAFK\) - Hart Elementary](#)

May 7th  
[Early Act First Knight \(EAFK\) - Wayside REAL Learning Academy](#)

May 8th  
[Early Act First Knight \(EAFK\) - Harris Elementary](#)

May 9th  
[Early Act First Knight \(EAFK\) - Pecan Springs Elementary](#)

May 13th  
[May-VP/Officer Meeting](#)

May 14th  
[Downtown Breakfast Cluster](#)

### Club Officers

**Darrick Wayne Eugene**  
President

**Cynthia Brummer**  
President-Elect

**Harold F. Ingersoll Jr.**  
Club Foundation (ARCF) Chair  
President-Nominee

**Sylvia Holmes**  
iPast President

**Charles Holleman**  
Club Treasurer

**Naomi Val Bourgeois**  
Club Director



**Bobby Jenkins** is the owner of ABC Home & Commercial Services, a Texas-based, family-owned company founded in 1949, with offices in several Texas locations, including Austin, San Antonio, College Station, Bell County, Corpus Christi, the Rio Grande Valley, and Waco. ABC employs over 1,100 people and offers a broad range of services, such as pest and termite control, lawn care, landscaping, tree trimming, air conditioning and heating, plumbing, electrical work, pool cleaning and repair, handyman services, window cleaning, power washing, and appliance repair.

Bobby graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Business Management. Throughout his career, Bobby has been deeply involved in various leadership roles throughout the community:

- **Current Roles:**

- Chair of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

- R. John Fox Jr.**  
Club Director
- Mark D. Johnson**  
Club Director
- Kristoffer Sterling Lands**  
Club Director
- Paul Roger Williamson**  
Club Director
- Ann Marie Ellis PhD**  
Global Service Avenue VP  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee
- Teresa Finney**  
Club Service Avenue VP
- PDG Scott Rainey**  
Membership Service Avenue  
VP
- Mary L. Reynolds**  
Community Service Avenue  
VP
- Andrew Swanson**  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee  
Vocational Service Avenue  
VP
- Mary Bird Bowman**  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Treasurer
- Dale Lowe**  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee  
Club Foundation(ARCF) Vice  
Chair
- Vlad Bahrencu**  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee
- Amy M. Jackson**  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee
- Peter R. Meeker**  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee
- Jaime Phillips**  
Club Foundation (ARCF)  
Trustee
- W. Gaines Bagby**  
Rotary Foundation (TRF)  
Liaison
- John Anderson Barclay IV**  
Sergeant-at-Arms
- Michael Abelson**  
Club Programs Chair
- Jennifer Olsen**  
Club Executive Secretary  
Executive Director

**Birthdays**

- Teresa Finney  
April 20th
- Michele M Heyman  
April 21st
- Charles M Rohaut  
May 2nd
- William J Martin  
May 6th
- Jill Johnson  
May 7th
- Peter R. Meeker  
May 11th
- Harvey L. Ford III  
May 15th
- Oliver W Borg  
May 16th
- Blake Seydel  
May 16th
- Ann Marie Ellis PhD  
May 18th
- William (Mart) Martin  
Hoffman III  
May 19th

- o Immediate past chair of the Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University
- o Chair of the Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood Foundation
- o Chairman of the Professional Pest Management Alliance
- o Co-founder and board member of Recognize Good
- o Chair of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse
- o Board member of the Alzheimer's Texas Association
- o Chair of The Foundation for Better Business
- o Board member of E3 Alliance
- o Board member of the Moss Pieratt Foundation
- o Board member of The Friends of the ABC Kite Festival Foundation
- o Board member of United Way
- o Executive committee Greater Austin Chamber/Chair Austin Gives
- o Co-chair of Caritas of Austin's capital campaign
- o Trustee for the College For All Texans Foundation
- o Member of the executive committee of the Texas Business Leadership Council
- **Past Roles:**
  - o Chair of the Austin Chamber of Commerce
  - o Chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
  - o President of both the Texas and National Pest Management Associations
  - o Chair of the Better Business Bureau
  - o Co-chair of the United Way Annual Campaign

Bobby is a passionate sports enthusiast who enjoys tennis, golf, cycling, and watching Texas A&M sports. He has been happily married to his wife, Jan, for 43 years. Together, they have three children: Jessica, Chelsea, and Bo, as well as eight beloved grandchildren: Moss, Madeline, Frances, Robby, Morrison, Belle, Laurel and Porter.

**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.\*\*\***

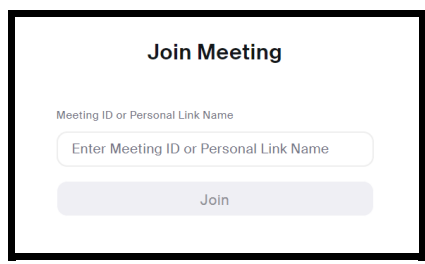
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**IMPORTANT STEPS TO CONNECT TO OUR WEEKLY MEETING, USING THE FOLLOWING MEETING ID & PASSWORD TO LOGIN:**

**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.*



**Did you miss last week's meeting or want to view the presentation? Here is the Zoom recording of [Mayor Kirk Watson](#)**

**04-22-25 Meeting Highlights**

By Darrick Wayne Eugene

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



Last week, we had the affable Mayor Kirk Watson as our keynote speaker. It was fitting that Mayor Watson spoke to us on tax day, but unlike the IRS, the Mayor was there to help with a speech chock full of information about the city, and discussing the budget, public safety and infrastructure. Before he launched his speech, he spoke glowingly of his relationship with Ronney and Mary Reynolds. He recognized the camaraderie that exists between himself and his former mayoral opponent Ronney Reynolds. Ronney and Mayor Watson both ran for mayor in 1997, and even though it was a hard-fought campaign, both men emerged with great respect and admiration for each other.

On the budget, Mayor Watson shared that property taxes and sales tax make up a majority of the general fund revenue (55% and 13% respectively). However, that general fund revenue of \$1.05 billion is about 1/6th of the total city budget which includes several enterprise funds (i.e. commercial enterprises), like electric utilities and water and sewage. So, while the city budget may seem large, the portion that is discretionary is limited. He further cautioned that the budget horizon looks tight due to state ceilings on property tax increases and reductions in federal revenue. Those forces combine to create a looming \$80 million budget deficit over the next five (5) years. He is working to get the city and the citizenry to approach this wisely recognizing the challenges we will face.

Next, Mayor Watson discussed the importance of public safety including fire, police, EMS and the forensics department. He noted that 100% of property taxes and 65% of the sales tax go towards those four services. Coming into office, Mayor Watson's main goal was getting a police contract in place and last year he was fortunate enough to negotiate not a 3- or 4-year contract but a 5 year contract that would promote retention and recruitment. He believes that a content police department will make the city safer and more attractive to tourists and corporations.

Finally, Mayor Watson wondered aloud if we've noticed the number of cranes in downtown Austin? He noted that right now we have \$25 billion in infrastructure projects going on including expansion of the

airport, the I-35 expansion, project connect and a new convention center. Over the next 10 years these projects will require a skilled workforce of over 10,000 people. In order to meet this skills gap, Mayor Watson and his team launched the Austin Infrastructure Academy (the AIA). The AIA will offer training, childcare and match people with jobs in an effort to prepare the human infrastructure that will build the City's physical infrastructure. The city's Infrastructure Academy partners include Austin's Skillpoint Alliance and Workforce Solutions Capital Area. The Mayor closed saying "... if you can't tell, I like being your Mayor." And that statement reflected the sentiment in the Room, we like having Kirk Watson as our Mayor!

## REGISTER NOW for April 29th's Scholarship Awards Luncheon BBQ Buffet

**THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH!!!**

**You do NOT need to RSVP unless you plan to eat at the BBQ buffet!**

**RSVP NOW**  
FOR RCA'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS  
PROGRAM BBQ BUFFET!!!  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> AT BEN HUR!**

**ONLY \$25/PERSON**  
FOR A DELICIOUS  
BUFFET  
BY COUNTY LINE  
BBQ

**You MUST register NOW if you want to eat at the BBQ buffet!!!**

**RCA MEMBERS ONLY!**

Guests/Visitors - Please contact the Rotary office if you'd like to RSVP

Rotary Club of Austin

## Scholarship Awards Luncheon - April 29, 2025



Our weekly club meeting on Tuesday, 4/29, will be a special presentation of our RCA Scholarship award recipients. These high school students, with diverse and talented backgrounds, went through a rigorous application process, and we are proud of each of them. In addition, we will award a scholarship for a college-level Nursing Student. The Rotary Club of Austin is thrilled to support their future academic and vocational success via our scholarship program.

We hope you can join us as we present the finalists with their scholarships **at Ben Hur at 7811 Rockwood Lane on Tuesday, April 29th.**

With a larger than usual anticipated headcount, and considering we will also offer **an optional hot lunch** catered from The County Line, we **REQUIRE REGISTRATION** for the meal. No registration is needed if you do not plan to order the County Line meal.

**IMPORTANT:** Register **ONLY** if you want to eat from the County Line BBQ Buffet -- \$25/person  
We'll have complimentary iced tea, water, coffee and cookies available for everyone, like usual.

The County Line BBQ Buffet will include:  
(OR, you can choose a Vegetarian Option: Grilled Veggie Kabobs & a Baked Potato)

**BBQ Meats:** Brisket (mixed), Sliced Turkey Breast, Sausage and/or Chicken

**Sides:** Beans, Coleslaw, Potato Salad and Bread ("regular" sliced bread, not homemade)

**Relish/Condiments:** BBQ Sauce, Pickles, Onions, Jalapeños, Honey Butter and "Regular" Butter

Please let us know if you plan to enjoy the lunch from The County Line at the Club Meeting on Tuesday, 4/29, by [registering here](#).

- Lunch is optional, but if desired, please include your choice with your registration. **Lunch will be \$25** and can be paid online via credit card in advance during your registration process, or you may opt to bring exact cash or a check to next week's meeting or on April 22. However, we can only accommodate PRE-ORDERS for lunch. **All meal registrations need to be made by Friday, April 25.**
- Please plan on arriving a bit earlier than usual for this event.
- This is a fantastic event to bring a potential member, include them in your registration.



## NEW Member Incentive Plan & 2025-2026 Rotary Member Dues

During our April 1st lunch meeting, at the request of the RCA Board of Directors, Past President Mary Bird Bowman gave a detailed explanation of our upcoming 2025-2026 Rotary Member Dues and also introduced an **EXCITING NEW Membership Incentive Plan** that provides members with an easy way to earn back a refund of almost 100% of them!

### NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM



- Beginning NOW – until June 30, 2026
- Bring in 2 new members - Get a rebate of ½ of your **2025-2026 local dues** –
- Local dues are \$698.50
  - Rebate is \$349.25 for 2 members
  - \$698.50 for 4 new members

If you'd like to learn more, just click the "Read More" link below... [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](#)

### Congratulations to our Newly Elected Board of Directors & President Elect Nominee-Nominee!!!

Please join us in **CONGRATULATING** Tom Anderson, Leslie Bagby and Andy Barclay as our newly elected members on the RCA Board of Directors (serving 2-year terms from 7/1/25-6/30/27)!

We're also thrilled to announce that **Ellen Hunt** will be following Cindy Brummer and Harold Ingersoll as Club President in 2027-2028!

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Serving 2-year terms (7/1/25-6/30/27)*



TOM ANDERSON



LESLIE BAGBY



ANDY BARCLAY

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR ALSO AGREEING TO RUN:

GABRIELLA COOPER  
JILL JOHNSON  
JULIANNE SHIVELY  
TERESA TAYLOR  
COREY WILSON

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINEE!!!



**ELLEN HUNT**  
Club President  
2027-2028  
*(following Harold Ingersoll)*



## ARCF's Election for the Board of Trustees is Coming Up!

Our annual election for the *Austin Rotary Club Foundation's Board of Trustees* 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 three-year terms from July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028):

*\*\*\*All 6 of the following candidates have been approved by the current Board of Directors, in accordance with our By Laws\*\*\**

**Michael Abelson**



**Mark Johnson**



**Ron Mullen**



**Jack Nash**



**Roy Springer**



**Andy Swanson**



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### **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:

***Greg Cavitt (sponsored by Gaines Bagby)***

### **Anetta Paver (sponsored by Andy Barclay)**

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

**Here's a little about Greg (from his member application):** *I've been a Community Banker for 17 years and have lived in Austin for the last seven years. My wife Sarah and I were married in December 2024. :) I have a fourteen-year-old son who lives in Illinois, and I typically spend one week a month there.*

**And here's a little about Anetta (from her member application):** *Anetta first arrived in Austin in 2002 to attend the University of Texas, where she obtained a degree in Business Marketing and French. Though she loved the University, she didn't venture beyond the Forty Acres until 2005, when she fell in love with the city by running Lady Bird Lake.*

*In 2008, she moved to Glendale, Arizona to obtain her MBA from The Thunderbird School of Global Management, then went to work for McKesson. Shortly after returning to Austin in 2014, she had three beautiful children, Max, Sarah and Sam. Her desire to give her young children unforgettable moments inspired the founding of Enchantment in 2017.*

*Known for her positive outlook, Anetta is able to find the most talented and hardest-working Austinites and put them to work in the pursuit of making Austin the best place to live, work and visit.*

## **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](#)



## **Congratulation on Your Rotary Major Donor Level 2 Award!!!**

### **Congratulations, Mary Bird and Bob Bowman!**

Please join us in congratulating **Mary Bird and Bob Bowman** for reaching Major Donor Level 2 with Rotary International! On behalf of RI, District 5870 and our Club, sincere thanks to you both for your generosity and ongoing philanthropic support!



*From left to right: Past President Mary Bird Bowman, Bob Bowman, Past District Governor Shannon Coleman and Past President Gaines Bagby.*



## TRF MAJOR DONOR- LEVEL 2

TODAY WE HONOR:

### MARY BIRD & BOB BOWMAN



### Major Donor

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to \$24,999  
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to \$49,999  
Level 3: \$50,000  
to \$99,999  
Level 4: \$100,000 to  
\$249,999



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DISTRICT 5870 WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU EARN A PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP!

## MEMORIAL PHF MATCH IN HONOR OF PDG JIM ROBINSON

LIMITED TIME—MARCH 1 – APRIL 30, 2025

**Are you a Rotarian in District 5870? Are you a PHF +7 or less?**

**If you answered "yes" to both questions then, GOOD NEWS, you're eligible and  
BETTER NEWS, the rules are as simple as 1 ... 2 ... 3!**



- 1) Notify Rich Kaye that you want to participate (NOTE: Must be done before Step #2 so the match points can be "earmarked" for you)
- 2) Between 3/1/25 – 4/30/25, make a single \$250 - \$500 donation to Rotary International/The Rotary Foundation—Annual Fund-SHARE (NOTE: Only donations designated to this account will apply)
- 3) As soon as your contribution posts, an equivalent match will be made on your behalf (NOTE: Match is limited to one per donor and is made using TRF points)

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Please contact **Past President Gaines Bagby** if you have any questions or would like to take advantage of this generous LIMITED TIME offer!

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- \* Contact the Rotary Office for details.

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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

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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## 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.*