



# ROTARY REMINDER

## ROTARY CLUB OF AUSTIN



CLUB NO. 63. DISTRICT 5870. AUSTIN, TX.

VOLUME 56, ISSUE 39

APRIL 30, 2019

### PRESIDENT

Julia Benkoski

### PRESIDENT ELECT

Bill Davies

### PAST PRESIDENT

Sara Pantin

### VICE PRESIDENTS

Club Service—Pauline Gubbels

Community Service—Mary Reynolds

Global Service—Girish Altekar

Membership Service—Tillery Castillo

Vocational Service—Richard Payton

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Ann Graham

### SECRETARY/TREASURER

Jaime Phillips

### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Jon Yates

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jennifer Olsen

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

5/7—Annual RCA Scholarship Awards Program

5/14—Coach Karen Aston, University of Texas Women's Basketball Team

5/21—Derek Tinker & Bill Hays, Switch Energy Alliance

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

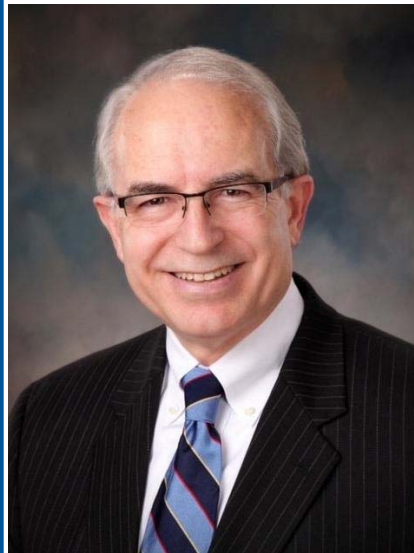
5/8—Downtown Austin Breakfast Cluster Meeting, Magnolia Café (on Lake Austin Blvd.), 7:00 a.m.

5/16—RCA MasterMind Group Meeting, Mimi's Café (Arbor Walk), 7:00 a.m.

5/17—EAFK Knighting Ceremonies, Pecan Springs Elem., 8:15 a.m. & Dawson Elem., 1:30 p.m.

See page 2 for more details!

# This Week's Program



## JEFF MOSELEY

### *Texas Association of Business*

Jeff Moseley has four decades of public and private sector experience, particularly in the transportation industry and economic development. Currently, he serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Association of Business, the largest business association in Texas, representing over 2800 businesses, from major corporations to small start-ups. Combined those businesses employ over 2.5 million Texans and drive the economic engine of the state.

Most recently, he served as state Vice President of Government Affairs for Texas Central Partners LLC, a private company developing a new high-speed rail system between Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth. He led engagement efforts with local governmental entities.

Before that, Moseley was appointed by former Texas Governor Rick Perry (R) to the five-member Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and a \$12 billion annual budget. During his tenure, Moseley served as the Vice Chairman of the Commission and was the Commission Liaison to the Texas Ports communities and chair of the Safety Advisory Committee.

Previously, Moseley was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP), the primary business organization for the 11-county Houston region. Under his leadership, the GHP gained national recognition as a center for economic development and became the largest chamber of commerce in the Lone Star State with a board consisting of 130 business leaders representing companies with a combined annual revenue of \$1.6 trillion. Under his leadership, the economic development initiative Opportunity Houston was launched. That campaign successfully raised \$32 million for marketing, which was recognized as the largest in the nation. *Story continues on page 5.*

## SOCIAL CIRCLE UPDATE

***Wednesday, May 8—Downtown Austin Breakfast Cluster Meeting  
at Magnolia Café (on Lake Austin Boulevard) at 7:00 a.m.***

***Thursday, May 16—RCA MasterMind Group Meeting  
at Mimi's Café (in Arbor Walk) at 7:00 a.m.***

***Saturday, May 18 — Spring Fling for New Members  
hosted by Julie and Harold Benkoski (at their home)  
from 4:00-6:00 p.m.***

***RSVP with Tillery Castillo***

***See flyer on page 4 for more details!***

***\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* Wednesday, June 26 \*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\****

***End-of-Year Changing of the Guard Party  
at Matt's El Rancho (on S. Lamar) from 6:30-9:00 p.m.***

***More details soon—but for now, SAVE THE DATE!!!***

## IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR CLUB

We'd like to take a moment to recognize and thank the hard working members of our *Hospitality Committee* who helped us before our last meeting (on April 23, 2019).

***Myron Burse, Maxie  
DeBlanc, Russell Gana,  
Alison Michels and  
Mary Reynolds***

Thank you all for your service! If you'd like to assist the Hospitality Committee at any of our weekly luncheons, please contact **Myron Burse** (or Jennifer Olsen).

**PRESIDENT JULIE'S THOUGHT OF THE DAY—FROM 4/23**

*“Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities!  
Without a humble but reasonable confidence  
in your own powers you cannot be  
successful or happy.”  
~~ Norman Vincent Peale*



**ROTARY BIRTHDAYS**

*The following people are celebrating their birthdays this week:*

*Russell Gallahan (April 30th)*

*Scott Rider (May 1st)*

*Please join us in wishing them a VERY happy birthday!*

**CONGRATULATIONS (FROM 4/23/19)!**



**TODAY WE HONOR**

**Tom Anderson (PHF-Initial)**

**Vlad Bahrencu (PHF +1)**

**Rich Fikani (PHF +2)**

RCA SPRING FLING FOR NEW MEMBERS —  
COMING UP ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH



# Rotary Garden Party

The Home of Julia and Harold Benkoski  
2300 Barton Creek, #3  
Austin, TX 78735

Saturday, May 18, 2019  
4:00pm to 6:00pm

Please Bring a Prospective Member and your  
Favorite Beverage

*\*Family Friendly*

*\*Application Fee Reduced: \$250 to \$100*

*\*RSVP by May 13<sup>th</sup>, [tillery@austincityrealty.net](mailto:tillery@austincityrealty.net)*



## JEFF MOSELEY — CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

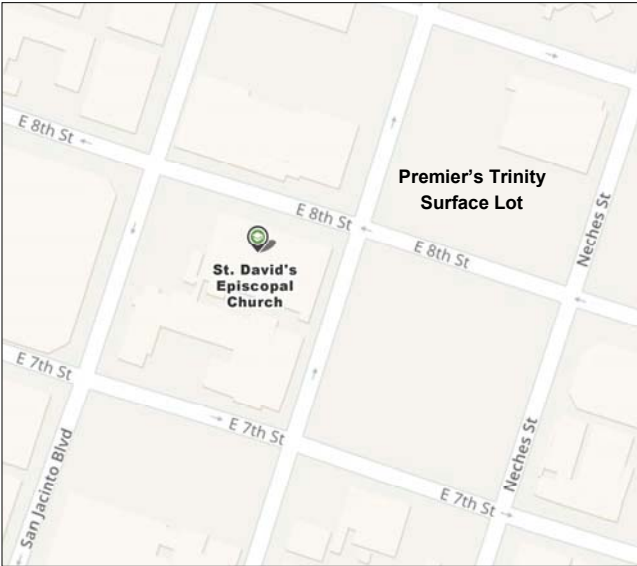
Prior to joining the GHP, Moseley was Chief Executive Officer of the Office for Economic Development and Tourism for the state of Texas and served as the Executive Director of the Texas Department of Economic Development (formerly the Texas Department of Commerce). Under his direction, the Department was instrumental in bringing the Toyota Tundra manufacturing facility to San Antonio and the move of CITGO to Houston. He was a strategic team member in the launch and administration of the \$295 million Texas Enterprise Fund. He also reestablished formal trade missions to Mexico with an emphasis on oil and gas.

Moseley was elected to county office and served as Denton County Judge and Justice of the Peace before joining the Governor's office. During his time as County Judge he successfully secured more than \$70 million in funding from TxDOT, including a \$27 million bridge and road package, a historic first for the county. He was elected to three terms as County Judge and managed to reduce the ad valorem tax rate while piloting one of the fastest growing counties in the nation.

## PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM ON APRIL 23RD



## ST. DAVID'S PARKING GARAGE MESSAGE/INSTRUCTIONS



Premier Parking/St. David's garage manager, Angel, will provide 50 parking spaces in St. David's garage every Tuesday for our use, although they may or may not be roped off for us. Once those spaces are taken and there are no other parking spaces members should either try to find parking on the surface lot on the church property, if there are any spaces available, **OR**..

Drive over to Premier's Trinity surface lot which is on Trinity and 8th, catty-corner to St. David's parking garage. (It's the corner lot that is steeply slanted — *see map image to the left*.) You may also start there, if you'd like. If you park in this surface lot, go to the kiosk (on the lot) and punch in the numbers, **1905**. You will not be charged for parking in either the small, surface lot on the church campus nor this

Trinity surface parking lot.

Please continue to use your laminated barcode to enter the parking garage and don't punch the button for a paper ticket. Our code is read by the parking system and an accurate count of members will be reported. If you have a guest coming, they *will* take a paper ticket and then they will need to ask the Hospitality Team, when they check in, for a one-time use QR code to exit the garage. If any of your guests park in Premier's Trinity surface lot then they will need to punch in the numbers **1905** at the kiosk, too.

***Club leaders continue to try to identify alternative parking solutions for us and welcome any suggestions from members.***

## AUSTIN CENTRE—OVERFLOW PARKING REMINDER

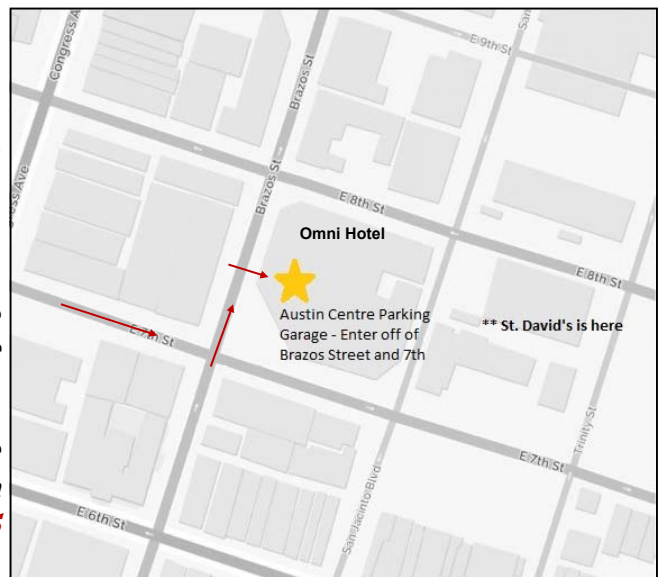
Don't forget that we still have an agreement with Austin Centre (the building right across San Jacinto from the Church...think the Omni, but not — *see map image to the bottom right*) where they will try to provide overflow parking in their garage on (most) Tuesdays during our weekly lunches!

This garage is MUCH more expensive for us than when you park in St. David's garage (or in the Trinity Surface Lot), however, since they charge us in 20 minute increments (not a flat rate).

If you park in the Austin Centre garage, you **MUST** request a validation ticket from one of the Hospitality members when you check in at the meeting! Please note that this is **ONLY AVAILABLE** from 11:00-2:00 each Tuesday and is unavailable on any other day of the week.

***To enter the Austin Centre parking garage, come down 7th Street and turn left onto Brazos. The parking garage entrance is on the right.***

***\*\*\*If you park there, don't forget to ask the Hospitality Team for a complimentary validation voucher/ticket! YOUR LAMINATED BARCODES WON'T WORK IN THIS GARAGE!\*\*\****



# SUPPORTERS OF THE ROTARY REMINDER (PAGE 1)



**Rick Ravel**  
President, Certified Pedorthist

512-406-5117  
rickr@karavelshoes.com

---

Central Austin: 5501 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78756 512.459.7603  
Round Rock: 201 University Oaks Blvd. #790, Round Rock, TX 78665 512.610.3990



Hiring & Performance Solutions for Staff, Teams & Leaders

Give yourself and your organization an edge with our specialized HR services. Assessments, Training & Consulting for:

- ▲ Hiring, Team Building & Leadership Solutions & Performance
- ▲ Team Development & Consulting
- ▲ Keynotes & Other Speeches On Managing & Leadership

**Michael Abelson, MA, MBA, PhD**  
To enroll in our free eletter or for services contact Dr. A directly or email us at [succeed@abelson.net](mailto:succeed@abelson.net)  
979.696.2222  
[www.abelson.net](http://www.abelson.net)

**KIDD ROOFING**  
*Since 1982*

Commercial & Residential Roofing Professionals

All Roofing Types - Metal, Shingles, Tile, Modified, TPO, PVC, Custom Sheet Metal Fabrication, Gutters, Downspouts

**Corey Wilson**  
President

1212 East Anderson Lane, #200 Austin, Dallas, San Antonio  
Austin, Texas 78752 Main (512) 671-7791  
[www.kiddroof.com](http://www.kiddroof.com) [cwilson@kiddroof.com](mailto:cwilson@kiddroof.com)

**IT Support For Your Business!**  
LET US BE YOUR IT DEPARTMENT

- Managed IT Services
- Private Cloud Hosted Services
- IT Project Services
- Backup & Disaster Recovery
- Virtualization Solutions
- Telecom & Voice over IP



**Texas Systems Group**  
512.249.2000 | [txsg.com](http://txsg.com)

David Doran  
Direct: 512.600.6211  
[David.Doran@txsg.com](mailto:David.Doran@txsg.com)



DALLAS • AUSTIN • HOUSTON

**RIDER**  
★ CONSTRUCTION GROUP

[www.RiderCG.com](http://www.RiderCG.com)

**Scott Rider**  
Chairman & CEO  
[Scott@RiderCG.com](mailto:Scott@RiderCG.com)  
(c) 214.801.5823

Rider Construction Group, LLC.  
912 S. Hwy 183, #210  
Austin, Texas 78741  
(a) 512.330.4602

**SUPPORTERS OF THE ROTARY REMINDER (PAGE 2)**

**GREATERTEXAS  
WATER COMPANY**

**WE PURIFY ANY KIND OF WATER**



Try an alternative to the high cost of bottled water with steam distillation. Steam Distillation Fountains:

- Save you money on water
- Replace bulky bottled water coolers
- Fit perfectly in your home or office

Call for a free trial!

**472.9393 | [www.greatertexaswater.com](http://www.greatertexaswater.com)**



**Mike O’Krent**  
Founder, LifeStories Alive, LLC  
mokrent@lifestoriesalive.com  
PO Box 9322, Austin, TX 78766  
[www.lifestoriesalive.com](http://www.lifestoriesalive.com)

**JOE KOEN & SON JEWELERS**  
Since 1883

AUSTIN’S OLDEST AND FINEST JEWELER  
TREATING YOU LIKE FAMILY SINCE 1883

**BILL KOEN, III**  
Graduate Gemologist

611 Congress Ave. Phone: 512-478-2595  
Austin, Texas 78701 Fax: 512-472-6903  
[www.JoeKoenJewelers.com](http://www.JoeKoenJewelers.com) Bill@JoeKoenJewelers.com



**Mark D. Johnson**  
Senior Vice President  
Commercial Lending

**International  
Bank of  
Commerce**

500 W. 5th Street, Suite 100  
Austin, Texas 78701 (512) 397-4505 Cell: (512) 698-3527  
Fax: (512) 473-2485 Email: [markjohnson@ibc.com](mailto:markjohnson@ibc.com)



**CENTRIC  
COMMERCIAL**

**Commercial Real Estate Leasing and Sales**

Andrew Swanson  
[swanson@centric-re.com](mailto:swanson@centric-re.com)  
512-777-9916

