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3/5—Seth Hopkins, Executive Director for the Booth Western Art Museum

3/12 AND 3/19—NO MEETINGS AT ST. DAVID'S BECAUSE OF SXSW AND SPRING BREAK!!!

3/19—Semi-Annual Cluster Meetings (Various Locations)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

2/28—RCA North Breakfast Cluster Meeting, Waterloo Ice House (on Burnet Road), 7:00 a.m.

3/1—EAFK Knighting Ceremonies, Pecan Springs Elementary (3100 Rogge Lane), 8:15 a.m. AND Dawson Elem. (3001 South 1st), 1:30 p.m.

See the Social Circle Update (on page 3) for additional dates

This Week's Program



RICK TIMMINS

Opportunity Zones and Residential/Multi-Family Development in Austin

Rick is a resident of Austin, Texas and is heavily involved in the Austin start-up community. He is the former Board Chairman (six years) and member of the Central Texas Angel Network (CTAN), the most active angel network in the country. He has personally invested in 44 start-up companies since 2009 and has assisted many entrepreneurs with insight and recommendations through mentoring and formal participation on Boards, accelerators and incubators. Rick is also one of the two partners in Mid-City Development, a development and construction business in Austin which specializes in the development of mixed use apartment/condo/townhome communities in Austin neighborhoods. Mid-City currently has nine projects in various stages of development.

He brings with him 35 years of experience in financial management and strategic guidance from two Fortune 50 technology companies. Rick served as Vice President, Corporate Controller and Assistant CFO of finance at networking technology leader Cisco Systems from 1995 to 2007. There he was instrumental in developing and implementing an e-culture of financial reporting across all of Cisco's worldwide operations. When he arrived in 1995 it took Cisco 21 days to close its monthly reporting books. Under his leadership that task was reduced to less than 1 day worldwide.

Prior to Cisco, Rick served as Vice President of finance for Motorola for 23 years. He had worldwide financial responsibility for the MOS Semiconductor Group for several years. He also was also the CFO for Motorola Japan living in Tokyo for 6 years and assisted in helping to develop Motorola's cellular and semiconductor operations in Japan, which experienced high growth from \$200 million to over \$2.5 billion. *Story continues on page 3.*

RECAP FROM LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Glenn Hager — Texas State Comptroller

February 19, 2019

Reported by Bobby Brown

Aloha! **Bobby Brown** here, February's *Rotary Reminder* reporter. Today is February 19, 2019, and it is a fantastic day to be a Rotarian! It may not seem like Aloha weather, yet the lakes are full, and there's no drought. We may not see the Super Snow Moon (biggest and brightest moon of the year) tonight, but happily we don't have to deal with the heavy snow and white-out conditions happening up north.

Today is also National Iwo Jima Day. February 19, 1945, brave soldiers entered one of the most brutal battles of WWII. God bless all who sacrifice to keep the world free, peaceful and safe! That is what Rotarians do!

Our super **President Julie Benkoski** called the meeting to order. **Past President Meade Bauer** led the pledges, **Reggie Nisbett** gave a beautiful invocation and **Jim Bryce** led us in the *Four-Way Test*. Our Host, **Myron Burse**, introduced our wonderful guests; **Harold Benkoski** was our Greeter; **James Gavin** was the official photographer; and last, but not least, **Josue Limon** was our Sergeant-at-Arms.

Jim Bryce sponsored our newest member who we are so pleased to have in our ranks, **Jack Lubben**. Jack is a native Texan, veteran, long time-time attorney and as **President Julie** said, "A man with a heart for service". Welcome aboard Jack!

Ann Marie Ellis gave an absolutely incredible *Membership Minute*. Think of an adventurous woman all alone in 1985 at the base camp of Mount Kilimanjaro with a mountain to climb deciding at that moment "Someday I'm going to join Rotary". Now that's a documentary I would want to see! Ann Marie even brought a purse with her that was made and given to her by disabled men working through a Rotary-sponsored program during her Kilimanjaro Adventure.

After a long career at Texas State University working in various titles, including Dean, Ann Marie continues to work doing good deeds for Rotary including *Rise Against Hunger* (this Saturday from 8-1 at Tarrytown United Methodist Church).

Jon Yates reminded us to volunteer to read for the children of Pecan Springs Elementary School during the Books For Me Program on April 1-5, 2019. Lives change for the good when you help children develop a love for reading!

Mary Reynolds reported that we have two tables we need to fill at the BookSpring Luncheon on April 26, 2019, from 12-1:30 pm at the Renaissance Hotel. So buy your tickets now and represent our Club! Send your \$150 checks to Jennifer Olsen, in the Rotary office.

President Julie thanked everyone who attended **Jack Mayo's** memorial service and funeral. She also announced that our annual Austin Rotary Club Foundation (ARCF) Celebration Dinner is March 7, from 6-8:30pm at Chez Zee.

Ann Graham led today's *Thank Goodness Basket* by thanking **James Gavin** for his tenure as photographer and reported that we need a new photographer volunteer for the upcoming year. **Jack Wolfe** thanked the Austin Classical Guitarist for putting on a show on March 2, at the Performing Arts Center. Jack has free tickets if you're interested! **Ellen Hunt** says that there are now two buses in Iraq that Rotarian donations have sponsored through the Iraqi Children Foundation. These buses transport children to and from school safely. *Story continues on page 5.*

SOCIAL CIRCLE UPDATE

***Thursday, February 28—RCA North Breakfast Cluster Meeting
at Waterloo Ice House (on Burnet Road) at 7:00 a.m.***

***Friday, March 1—EarlyAct FirstKnight (EAFK) Knighting Ceremonies
at Pecan Springs Elementary (3100 Rogge Lane) at 8:15 a.m.***

AND

at Dawson Elementary (3001 South 1st) at 1:30 p.m.

******RSVP NOW!! — Thursday, March 7 — RSVP NOW!!******

***Our annual Austin Rotary Club Foundation (ARCF) Celebration Dinner
from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Chez Zee (5406 Balcones Drive)!***

***Reservations are required for this special evening,
so RSVP with Jennifer or via the online Club calendar!***

See flyer on page 6 for more information!

***Wednesday, March 13—Downtown Austin Breakfast Cluster Meeting
at Magnolia Café (on Lake Austin Boulevard) at 7:00 a.m.***

***Thursday, March 21—RCA MasterMind Group Meeting
at Mimi's Café (Arbor Walk) at 7:00 a.m.***

******SAVE THE DATE!!! — Friday, March 29 — SAVE THE DATE!!!******

***Wine Tasting Party hosted by Diane and Zach Ventresca
at their home (2125 Peoria Drive, Leander) at 6:00 p.m.***

MEMORIAL DONATION RECEIVED

The **Austin Rotary Club Foundation (ARCF)** sincerely thanks **Ellen Hunt** for the Polio Plus memorial donation she made in honor of **Jack Mayo**.

RICK TIMMINS—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In addition to his operational experience, Rick has also worked with numerous top tier venture firms from across the country, including as Venture Partner at G51 in Austin.

Rick is currently a Board member in five companies/organizations: one public, one private and three non-profits. Rick previously served on four other public company Boards and six private company Boards. He holds a B.S. degree in accounting and finance from the University of Arizona, an M.B.A. degree from St. Edward's University and was previously a Certified Public Accountant.

ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

The following people are celebrating their birthdays this week:

Arnold Garcia (February 25th)

Chris Wike (February 25th)

Grant Sparks (February 28th)

Mike O'Krent (March 1st)

Please join us in wishing them a VERY happy birthday!

JERRY JOHNSON MATCH PROGRAM — ONE-TIME MATCHING CONTRIBUTION FOR YOUR 1ST PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP (PHF)



**District 5870
Central Texas**

Have you achieved your first Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) with Rotary International yet? If not, would you like to?!?

The Jerry Johnson Trust Matching Program, offered through District 5870, will match any one-time single donation made to Rotary International's Annual Fund-SHARE account, as long as it meets the following three criteria:

1. Rotarian making the contribution must be an active member in District 5870.
2. Rotarian making the contribution must NOT already have a Paul Harris Fellowship.
3. One-time single donation must be a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$500 and MUST be designated to **ONLY** The Rotary Foundation's (TRF) Annual Fund-SHARE account. While contributions to PolioPlus, the Endowment Fund, Rotary Peace Centers, Global Grants, etc. are important, they fall outside the parameters of this offer.

*Remember, this match is limited to **ONE PER DONOR** and will not be for more than it actually takes to achieve the PHF. If you're interested in taking advantage of this generous offer, please contact Jennifer, in the Rotary office, for assistance **BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR DONATION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.***

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 last week's meeting (on February 19, 2019).

Harold Benkoski, Myron Burse and Chris Forrest

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 2/19

*“Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.”
~~ Maya Angelou*



LAST WEEK'S RECAP — CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The good works of Rotarians also help attorneys assist Iraqi children (1,200 children to-date) who are orphaned from the wars to be released from prison and get them placed into sponsorship. God bless the innocent children and those trying to help do things we take for granted! **Michael Portman** was thankful for a recent fishing trip in Louisiana that probably "hooked" his six year old grandson into a lifelong love for fishing. Finally, **Vlad Bahrencu** was thankful for his extremely strong wife who almost passed away after giving birth to their twins. Mrs. Bahrencu continues to give hope and inspiration to other mothers-to-be as she was featured on local television for her amazing survival journey and story.

Edis Oliver introduced our speaker, **Glenn Hager—Texas Comptroller**. Now this is where the story gets legendary! Glenn comes from a long line of Texans. Six generations of ranchers and farmers since 1846 from the Hockley, Texas area.

Mr. Hager has served in both the House and Senate of Texas. He is now the comptroller of the tenth largest, I say again the tenth largest, economy in the world, the Texas economy. As Glenn joked, Russia has nothing on Texas, our economy has bragging rights! Not that Texas has ever been known to brag. Mr. Hager is also an attorney and an Aggie to boot. As Comptroller he is doing everything in his power to make Texas more efficient and prosperous with the state coffers; all the while making sure that his title as husband and father come first.

Now that sounds to me like a man who should run for President of the United States! With 1,100 new folks in Texas every day and over a \$109 billion dollar annual budget, it is going to take a mighty fine Texas Comptroller to keep things in order. Thank goodness we have Glenn Hager, an honorary RCA Spokesman!

**AUSTIN ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATION DINNER
COMING UP ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH**



You are cordially invited to
the Austin Rotary Club Foundation's
23rd Annual Celebration Dinner
at Chez Zee (5406 Balcones Drive)



Thursday, March 7th, 2019

Happy Hour begins at 6:30 p.m. (drinks are generously
sponsored by Anthony Gonzalez and Brinker Capital)

Dinner will be served around 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 per person
** cocktail attire **

Please RSVP by March 4th with Jennifer or on the Club Calendar!

PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM (ON 2/19/19)



ST. DAVID'S PARKING GARAGE MESSAGE/INSTRUCTIONS

A message from President Julie about parking: Premier Parking/St. David's garage manager, Angel, will provide 50 parking spaces in the garage every Tuesday for our use. 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, which may or may not have 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 very steep.) You may also start there, if you'd like. If you park there, go to the kiosk on that 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 the 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.

I am deeply sorry for the frustration that many of you have felt, and we all continue to feel, due to the lack of sufficient parking. I'm open to any suggestions for alternative parking arrangements and hope we can focus on our weekly fellowship and continue to positively change our community and the world.

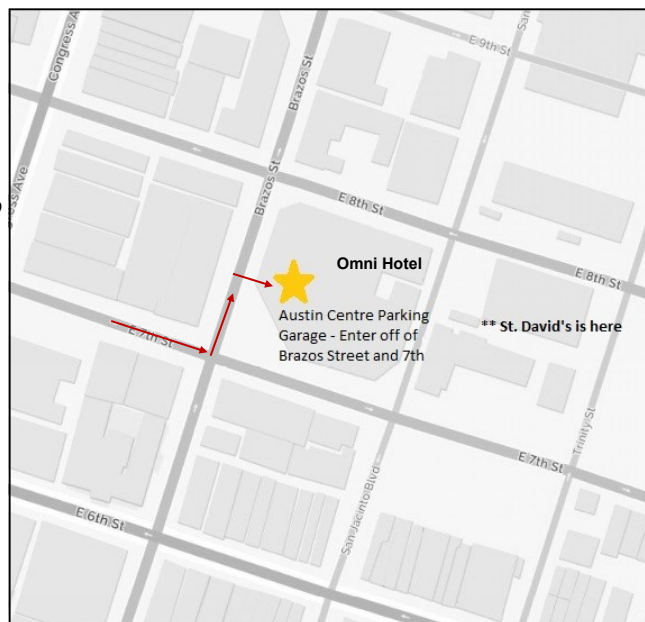
AUSTIN CENTRE—OVERFLOW PARKING REMINDER

As a reminder — 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*) 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, however, since they charge us in 20 minute increments (not a flat rate). **So please try to park at St. David's first.**

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 for a few hours each Tuesday (you can't park your car there all day for free nor can you park there for free 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!*****

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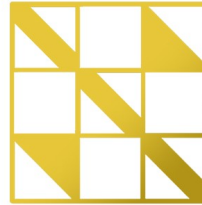


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