

PRESIDENT Julia Benkoski

# ROTARY REMINDER

## ROTARY CLUB OF AUSTIN



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## **This Week's Program**



## **JAMES L. HALEY**

Service Above Self in Texas History

Award-winning historian and novelist **James L. Haley** grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Texas at Arlington with a B.A. in

Government-Pre Law. He attended the UT Austin School of Law for two years before resigning to pursue a literary career.

He is the author of some twenty books, including ones on the history of Texas and the American West. Critically he is known as a practitioner of what they call "narrative history," presenting a subject that some might find dry or academic in a lively and compelling way.

Among several prizes he has won are the *Western Writers of America Spur Award* twice and the *Texas Historical Commission T. R. Fehrenbach Book Award* twice. He is a member of the Texas Institute of Letters and a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Society.

Most recently, he has become a novelist again, as the distinguished house of G. P. Putnam's Sons is publishing an important new naval adventure series, the third of which comes out next fall; and he is now working on the fourth.

On Tuesday, he'll speak on "Service Beyond Self: An Authentic Texan Ideal"; and he'll have copies of his latest nonfiction, *The Handy Texas Answer Book*, available for purchase.

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

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#### **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

6/18—A+ Program/Presentation

6/25—End-of-Year/Annual Changing of the Guard Program

7/2—Lt. General James M. Richardson, U.S. Army Futures Command

#### **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

6/12—Downtown Austin Breakfast Cluster Meeting, Magnolia Café (on Lake Austin Blvd.), 7:00 a.m.

6/18—RCA Executive Committee Meeting, Vestry Conference Room (St. David's), 1:30 p.m.

6/20—RCA MasterMind Group Meeting, Mimi's Café (Arbor Walk), 7:00 a.m.

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



### **RECAP FROM LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM**

### Paul Bielamowicz – Capitol Complex/Texas Mall (Downtown Austin)

### June 4, 2019

#### **Reported by Brad Wiewel**

**President Julia** called the meeting to order. **Sergeant-at-Arms Jon Yates** led the pledges and **Past President Gaines Bagby** gave our invocation of the day. **Bob LeBlanc** led us in saying the *Four Way Test.* **Karen Collins** greeted each member and guest as they arrived and **Gary Gerstenhaber** introduced our guests and visitors.

Paul Harris Fellowship Awards were presented to **Ann Marie Ellis** (PHF +1), **Brad Winegar** (PHF +2) and **Lee Yeakel** (PHF +8). Congratulations and thank you for your continued generosity and support of The Rotary Foundation!

**President Julie** and a lovely couple from the Rotary Club of Big Bear Lake in California exchanged Club banners, then **Karen Collins** announced the Summer Soul-stice Wine Party she's hosting at her home on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. This sounds like one of THE events of the summer so be sure to RSVP with Karen that you're coming!

**Tillery Castillo** reminded everyone of the Changing of the Guard party at Matt's El Rancho on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. She also announced that the drinks are being sponsored by KimoSabe Mezcal (so plan to Party Down and Uber Home!)!

**Mark Kapner** gave our *Global Awareness Update* with the help of **Samira Farahani**. Samira is our Club's sponsored Rotary Peace Fellow, and she's recently returned from her studies in Thailand.

**Vlad Bahrencu** gave the *Membership Minute* and noted how he is a better person because of the Rotary projects that he participates in (He's already a pretty good person but we are happy to have an "improved" Vlad, too!).

**Mary Reynolds** persuaded and pushed us to volunteer to help in the Andy Roddick Foundation's Summer Camps this summer, in partnership with AISD. Opportunities like this are ALWAYS a good thing to do! Please let her know if you'd like to help out!

After only a couple of presidential announcements and plenty of Fellowship time, **Edis Oliver** introduced our speaker, **Paul Bielamowicz**, who shared with us the Master Plan for the new Texas Mall on the north side of the Capitol Complex.

Paul described some of the phases this project will go through and the public spaces it will create, and he showed us many images of what it's expected to look like when it's finished. Very Cool! Hopefully, we'll all live long enough to see it completed!

Next Week's Speaker is **James L. Haley** who will be speaking with us about Service Above Self in Texas History.

**President Julie** acknowledged and thanked this week's newsletter sponsors (**Mark Johnson**, IBC Bank, and **Mike O'Krent**, LifeStories Alive) and gaveled the meeting to end right at 1:00 pm.



### SOCIAL CIRCLE UPDATE

Wednesday, June 12—Downtown Austin Breakfast Cluster Meeting at Magnolia Café (on Lake Austin Blvd.) at 7:00 a.m.

> *Thursday, June 20—RCA MasterMind Group Meeting at Mimi's Café (Arbor Walk) at 7:00 a.m.*

*Friday, June 21*—*Wine Party hosted by Karen Collins* 533 Caddo Lake Drive (in Georgetown) from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Theme is: Summer Soul-stice — Bring your favorite summer wine, cider or craft beer that will taste good on the longest day (or the shortest night)

Appetizers and dessert will be provided — get ready for some SOUL food! RSVP with Karen (ka\_cey@hotmail.com) See flyer on page 7 for more information

Wednesday, June 26—End-of-Year Changing of the Guard Party at Matt's El Rancho (on S. Lamar) from 6:30-9:00 p.m. RSVP's will begin on Monday, June 10th! See flyer on page 8 for more information

*Thursday, June 27—RCA North Breakfast Cluster Meeting at Waterloo Ice House (on Burnet Road) at 7:00 a.m.* 

\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* Saturday, July 27 \*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* ANNUAL Back-to-School Splash Bash at the Helping Hand Home for Children from 8:30-1:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed!! If you'd like to help out, or if you have questions, please contact Dean Murray , Mark Johnson or Mary Reynolds \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE!!! \*\*\*



## PRESIDENT JULIE'S THOUGHT OF THE DAY—FROM 6/4

"Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway." ~~ Earl Nightingale



## 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 June 4, 2019).

## *Myron Burse, Karen Collins, Gary Gerstenhaber, Pauline Gubbels & Ken King*

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).

## **ROTARY BIRTHDAYS**

The following people are celebrating their birthdays this week:

Pat Von Dohlen (June 11th)

Gaínes Bagby (June 12th)

Jím Innes (June 15th)

Please join us in wishing them a VERY happy birthday!



### **PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS—OPEN REVIEW PERIOD**

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 Applications for consideration:

#### Attila Horvath (sponsor is Vlad Bahrencu)

#### *Healy Marroy (sponsor is Michael Portman)*

Please notify **Jack Wolfe**, Membership Review Committee Chair, if you have anything you'd like to share about **Attila or Healy**.

## FINAL MATCHING PROGRAM OF 2018-2019 FOR DONATIONS TO *THE ROTARY FOUNDATION* — OFFER EXPIRES JUNE 14TH!



**District 5870 Between now and Friday, June 14,** an anonymous donor in District 5870 will match any <u>one-time single donation</u> 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 be a Major Donor and matched amount must NOT cause donor to exceed PHF+8.
- 3. One-time single donation must be a minimum of \$250 (there is no maximum amount specified) and MUST be designated to <u>ONLY</u> 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, these matches are limited to <u>ONE PER DONOR</u> and <u>MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE</u> <u>FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH</u>! If you're interested in taking advantage of this generous offer, please contact Jennifer, in the Rotary office, for assistance.



## THIS IS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN BREAKFAST CLUSTER MEETING...

FROM LAST MONTH'S DOWNTOWN AUSTIN BREAKFAST CLUSTER MEETING (AT THE MAGNOLIA CAFÉ ON LAKE AUSTIN BLVD.) — THIS MONTH'S IS COMING UP ON **WEDNESDAY**, **JUNE 12**:

Put your umbrella in the car, just in case, and come out in the early morning light tomorrow to join your friends at **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**. We will be at the **Magnolia Café** on **Lake Austin Boulevard** at **7:00 am.** Come join us!

The lakes are full and everything is green; enjoy it while you can. Get your system up to speed with some Magnolia coffee and dig into an Eggscape or maybe some Salmon Lox & Eggs. The South Austin Roosters are waterlogged and a little cranky, so you may not hear them up and about tomorrow, but they should be around for the June meeting.

At the May gathering we talked about Biscuitville, Cancun, melanoma, Rotary, Fort Worth, grandkids, international medicine, Karavel, Helen Mathias, Indy 500, 30 years high school, NASA, Apollo 11, tax season, non profits, liquid nitrogen, hiking Nevada, Valley of Fire, Red Raiders, immune system, 6 months, North Carolina, John Fox, Danube, harvesting, Scott Burns, Panama Canal, Jimmy Carter, sons for a wedding, and Leonardo Da Vinci.

Who knows what will come up tomorrow? Don't miss it!

## **CONGRATULATIONS (FROM 6/4/19)!**



# **TODAY WE HONOR**

# Ann Marie Ellis (PHF +1) Brad Winegar (PHF +2) Lee Yeakel (PHF +8)



Take 183A or IH-35 North to get there. 1431 to Sam Bass (CR 175) to Parkside at Mayfield subdivision

Georgetown address but more like Cedar Park/Leander/Round Rock

# WINE PARTY HOSTED BY KAREN COLLINS COMING UP ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST!



on the longest day (or the shortest night).





END-OF-YEAR CHANGING OF THE GUARD PARTY — COMING UP ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH!

> The Rotary Club of Austin

## Changing of the Guard Annual Party

Matt's El Rancho 2613 S Lamar Blvd Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 9pm

\$40 per person - Dinner and Drinks

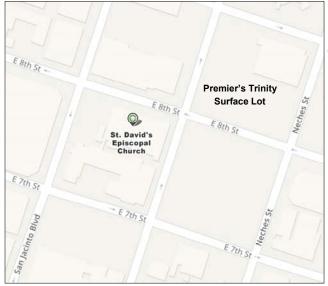
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### ST. DAVID'S PARKING GARAGE MESSAGE/INSTRUCTIONS



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, <u>**OR**</u>...

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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>don't punch the button for a</u> <u>paper ticket</u>. 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

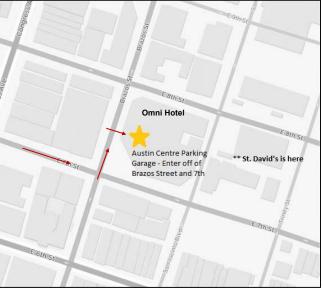
Don't forget that we still have an agreement with Austin Centre (the building right across San Jacinto from the Church...think the Omni, but not — *see map image to the bottom right*) where they will try to provide overflow parking in their garage on (most) Tuesdays during our weekly lunches!

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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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