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

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

7/9—Harlow Russell, Millennials

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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.

6/21—Soul-stice Wine Party
hosted by Karen Collins, 6:30-
9:30 p.m. —RSVP with Karen—
see flyer on page 7 for more info!

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

This Week's Program



ANDY LOUGHNANE

Austin FC (Soccer)

Andy Loughnane (pronounced: "LOCK-nane") oversees all aspects of Austin FC's business operations including: community and supporter engagement; ticketing; sponsorships; marketing and communications; digital and social platforms; content creation; media distribution; merchandise; food and beverage; and stadium operations.

Prior to his appointment as president of Austin FC, Loughnane's sports and entertainment background encompassed leadership and sales roles with four major league sports franchises across three major leagues: MLS, NBA and NHL.

Before joining MLS' Columbus Crew SC as president of business operations in 2014, Loughnane oversaw all sponsorship and media sales initiatives as VP of corporate partnerships for the NBA's Detroit Pistons.

Loughnane previously helped launch a major league franchise as a member of the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets' inaugural front office staff. Prior to his role with the Blue Jackets, Loughnane worked for the NHL's Detroit Red Wings during the franchise's back-to-back Stanley Cup runs in 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 as a sponsorship sales executive.

Andy will be giving an update on the team and on the progress of the new North Austin MLS stadium near The Domain.

RECAP FROM LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

James L. Haley—Service Above Self in Texas History

June 11, 2019

Reported by Bobby Brown

Greetings! This is **Bobby Brown** your June 11, 2019 reporter. Today is a magnificent day to be a Rotarian! Seventy-five years ago great Americans were paying the price for our freedom. Seventy-five years ago today, five days after D-Day, marked the Battle of Normandy.

Rotarians were well represented throughout the American forces; and Rotarians' clubs in Austria, Germany, Italy, Japan and Spain were temporarily disbanded during the war. After the war the disbanded clubs rebuilt their clubs and countries.

Our fantastic **President Julia Benkoski** called the meeting to order while wishing our greeter, **Past President Gaines Bagby**, "Happy Birthday". **Buck Cole** led us in the pledges. **Sylvia Holmes** gave a beautiful invocation. **Myron Burse** introduced our many guests, including a visiting Rotarian from the Fiji Islands, who exchanged a banner with us, and **Ksenia Usanova**, a guest from Russia.

Jaime Phillips received her sixth Paul Harris Fellow Award (PHF +5). Way to go Jaime!

Following Jaime was a Blue Badge presentation to **Dr. Russell Gana**, whose sponsor is **Jill Johnson**. Congratulations, Russell!

The **Honorable Judge Lee Yeakel** gave a wonderful swearing-in ceremony to our incoming 2019-2020 Officers, VP's, Board of Directors and Foundation Board of Trustees. Sincere thanks to everyone for your *service above self!*

Lenny Krasnow gave us the *Membership Minute*. He opened with a quote from the beloved comedian Groucho Marx, "I wouldn't join a club that has me as a member". Lenny originally grew up in Beaumont, Texas; and after receiving his Bachelor in Business from UT he became a National Bank Examiner in Dallas, Texas. Four years after becoming a Bank Examiner he began to work for the Zales Jeweler Family's Foundation. Lenny, still working for the Zales family, moved to Austin to be closer to his grandchildren. We're glad you're here!

Tillery Castillo reminded us that it's not too late to register for the "Changing of the Guard Party" on Wednesday, June 26th from 6:30-9:30 pm at Matt's El Rancho. Just forty dollars buys dinner and drinks, which are sponsored by KimoSabe Mezcal. Now that sounds like a party!

The great **Mary Reynolds** reminded us that we still need volunteers for this Thursday (9-12) and for July 9, 10 and 11 (9-12) to help at Harris Elementary School with some student activities.

President Julie reminded us that there is one week left to pay your annual dues for 2019-2020. Also, this Friday is the deadline if you'd like to take advantage of the District's offer to match donations made to The Rotary Foundation. She then asked **Sylvia Holmes** to share her recent experience with the Japanese Rotarians of Tokyo.

Sylvia said that members of the Tokyo Club gave her a gracious reception even though she was the only woman Rotarian to visit them and was wearing a colorful dress, to boot, in a sea of men in black suits. Another point of interest about our Japanese Rotarian counterparts is that a female instructor leads them, during the meeting, for stretch exercises. A "seventh inning stretch" always feels good! *Story continues on page 4.*

SOCIAL CIRCLE UPDATE

***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!!! ******

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)

This is the final week to notify **Jack Wolfe**, Membership Review Committee Chair, if you have anything you'd like to share about **Attila or Healy**.

PRESIDENT JULIE'S THOUGHT OF THE DAY—FROM 6/11

*“If you want to live a happy life,
tie it to a goal,
not to people or objects.”
~~ Albert Einstein*



ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

The following people are celebrating their birthdays this week:

Ladd Pattillo (June 17th)

Russell Gana (June 18th)

Steve Grauburger (June 20th)

Josue Limon (June 22nd)

Margaret Curtis (June 22nd)

Please join us in wishing them a VERY happy birthday!

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Don't forget to RSVP for the Summer Soul-stice wine party hosted by **Karen Collins**. Get ready for some good soul food at her house on June 21st from 6:30 – 9:30pm.

After several minutes of Fellowship, **Michael Portman** introduced our guest speaker and award winning author (2-time Western Writers of America Spur Award winner and 2-time Texas Historical Commission T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award winner) **James L. Haley**. Mr. Haley's most recent book is a non-fiction one titled *The Handy Texas Answers Book* although he's also the author of 20 other historical books and novels.

Very entertaining and inspirational, Mr. Haley passed around two precious old coins to remind us how important it is to remember the historical roots of mankind. He also gave a beautiful perspective of the fact that all your beliefs are a result of your personal filters of history, both your own personal history and your knowledge of history. *Story continues on page 5.*

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 11, 2019).

Gaines Bagby, Myron Burse, Russell Gana and 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).

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION



BRANDI MC DANIEL

Sponsor is Sylvia Holmes

Brandi McDaniel is a native Austinite with deep ties to the local community.

A licensed realtor for over 16 years, Brandi has been named a Platinum Top 50 REALTOR in Austin and runs a successful real estate investment business with her daughter, Chantel, managing over 14 personal residential and commercial properties.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Mr. Haley is a 43-year Austin resident, and he reminded us of the early beginnings of Texas. Texas was founded through the *service above self* of many well-known historic figures including: Moses Austin, Stephen F Austin, Sam Houston, and all the brave men and women of the Alamo. These brave founding fathers and mothers gave everything they had, in many ways, even the ultimate form: giving their own life for the greater good of others.

Relaying statistics Mr. Haley observed that we still have a long way to go in the education of Americans and their reading levels. He noted that being able to read and understand the history of mankind is paramount to the concept that history, and service above self, is the key to guiding one's moral compass. *Story concludes on page 9.*

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

SHARON FRANCIA

Sponsor is Sara Pantin

Sharon Francia has more than 15 years of non-profit experience in the Austin community and 16 years as an executive in the high-tech industry.

Philanthropic involvement includes leadership positions with Girlstart where she served as Board President and Strategic Planning Committee Chair from 2011 – 2014. Ms. Francia led a team to complete the organizations first-ever three-year strategic plan. She also served as Board Treasurer from 2007 – 2011 as well as a member of the Capital Campaign Committee from 2008 – 2010.



Ms. Francia has served on the Board of Directors for the Paramount and State Theatres since 2006 (taking a year off in 2014 due to term limits, rejoining in 2015), and served as Board Treasurer for five years and annual Anniversary Gala Co-Chair for eight years. Sharon has been a member of the Finance Committee for twelve years. Ms. Francia has served as Chair of the Education Committee since 2016, and led the team to create a five-year strategic plan, including defining the mission, vision, and focused strategic priorities.

Ms. Francia was a member of Impact Austin for eight years and served on the Board of Directors for three years, holding positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary, as well as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, a member of the Finance and Audit Committees, and Co-Chair of the Governance Committee. Prior to joining the Board, Sharon was a Marketing Committee member and led the agency selection process to redesign the organizations website and refresh the logo.

Ms. Francia served as a volunteer bookkeeper for five years and managed the financial reporting for Art Alliance Austin from 2004 - 2009, including three years as Board Treasurer. She was also an annual Art City Austin festival sponsor, a member of the Marketing and PR committees, and the recipient of the 2007 Austin Fine Arts Festival Honorary Chair award.

In 2005, Ms. Francia was the Investments Grants Director for, and on the Board of Directors of, Charity Partners of Austin, a non-profit organization that produced live music events and donated the net proceeds to charities focused on under-privileged youths and families.

Ms. Francia spent more than 16 years at Compaq Computer and Dell Inc. in a variety of Mobile Product Marketing, Software Procurement, and Customer Experience executive positions.

In her free time, Sharon loves to cook and entertain. She's an avid poker player, passionate about Cross-Fit and Orangetheory, and was a six-year student at Westlake Academy of Martial Arts where she holds a Second-Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo.

Ms. Francia has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Houston.

Summer Soul-stice

Rotary Wine Party

Bring a Wine (or cider or beer) that will taste good on the longest day (or the shortest night).

It's that time of year, June 21st

Appetizers and dessert

will be served

Be ready to try some soul-food!

RSVP: ka_cey@hotmail.com

If you get lost: 512.773.7130



Hosted by:
Karen Collins
June 21st 6:30 –9:30
533 Caddo Lake Dr.
Georgetown, TX



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.

**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 26th
6:30 to 9pm

\$40 per person - Dinner and Drinks

Sponsored by KimoSabe Mezcal

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM—CONCLUSION FROM PAGE 5

The brave souls of the Alamo, representing many races and creeds and including Tennessean Davy Crockett (waving his rifle “Old Betsy” – although as it turns out all his rifles were named “Old Betsy”), decided that the ideas of freedom and a nation of free people were worth more than their own lives. Now that’s history we can never let be forgotten!

Bringing a great round of applause Mr. Haley closed with, “...don’t lose touch with history; history is our basic understanding of life”.

President Julie wrapped up the meeting by thanking our great newsletter sponsors **Andy Swanson** of Centric Commercial and **Bill Koen** of Joe Koen & Son Jewelers.

Thought of the day: “If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things”. Albert Einstein.

PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM ON JUNE 11TH



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

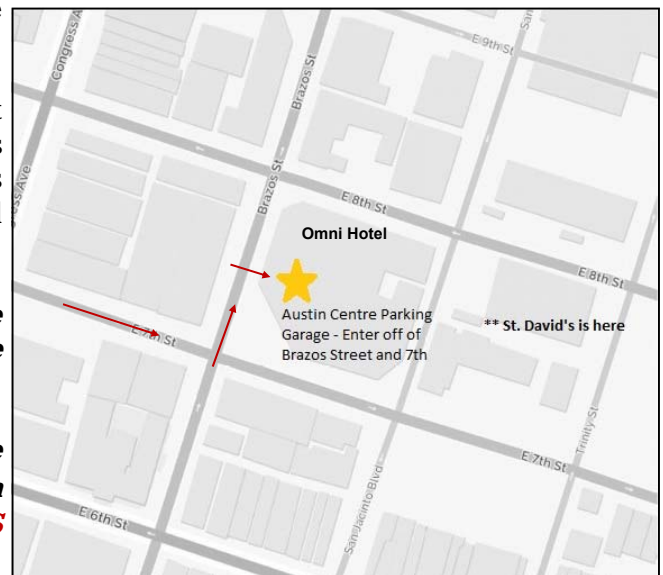
Don't forget that we still have an agreement with Austin Centre (the building right across San Jacinto from the Church...think the Omni, but not — *see map image to the bottom right*) where they will try to provide overflow parking in their garage on (most) Tuesdays during our weekly lunches!

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!******



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