



# ROTARY REMINDER

## ROTARY CLUB OF AUSTIN



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# This Week's Program

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD



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President 2018-2019



**Bill Davies**

President 2019-2020

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### FUTURE PROGRAMS

7/2—Lt. Colonel Amanda Harrington, U.S. Army Futures Command

7/9—Harlow Russell, Asian vs. American Millennials — The Good, the Bad & the Ugly

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

6/27—RCA North Breakfast Cluster Meeting, Waterloo Ice House (on Burnet Road), 7:00 a.m.

7/27—*SAVE THE DATE*  
Back-to-School Splash Bash at the Helping Hand Home for Children, 8:30-1:30  
*Volunteers needed — contact Dean Murray or Mark Johnson if you'd like to help out!*

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

**Julie Benkoski's** presidential year is coming to a close so join us as we look back over her tenure and thank her for her leadership and guidance.

**Bill Davies** and his new officers and directors have already been installed (see page 5), so help us celebrate the past year and welcome in the new one!

## RECAP FROM LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

**Andy Loughnane—President, Austin FC (Soccer)**

**June 18, 2019**

**Reported by Reggie Nisbett**

Spring has suddenly and punishingly turned to summer with the temperature and humidity headed to triple digits, as the members began to gather for today's meeting. It wasn't long before the room was full of sunshine and fellowship as well over 100 members and guests came to their feet at the sound of the Rotary bell, that **President Julie** struck at noon.

We started with the pledges and they were led by **Alison Michels**. The invocation was offered by **Russell Gana**, and the *Four Way Test* was led by **Jessica Diaz**. The greeter was not at the top of the stairs today, instead **Bill Davies** headed us off at the front door and directed us to the check-in table down the ground floor hall where the lively and friendly **Karen Collins** was there as greeter. **Myron Burse** did his usual good job introducing our guests and visitors of which there were thirteen today.

Congratulations were extended to two new members today. **Sharon Francia** and **Brandi McDaniel** are the newest members of the Austin Rotary Club! Be sure to check out the bios for these new members, and welcome them when you see them! The *Membership Minute* was presented by **Bill Davies**. Bill told us about a banking career across Texas cities and of his membership in Rotary at each city. Ten years ago, it really "happened for him" as to the value of Rotary's work when he visited the Helping Hand Home for Children. An inspiring member story of embracing Rotary goals. Thanks President Elect Bill!

**Mary Reynolds** stood in for **Karen Collins** and reminded us of Karen's wine party coming up on Friday; and **Tillery Castillo** encouraged us to come out for the Changing of the Guard party next Wednesday at Matt's El Rancho. It's a wonderfully air-conditioned space, and they'll have great tequila too!

Today we had time for the *Thank Goodness Basket* and **Ann Graham** raised the basket high. We heard from **Rick Ravel** about his recent top 13 US Ranking for his Industry. That's a lotta shoe leather! **Scott Rider's** daughter has a job! Congratulations, I know the feeling. Speaking of feelings, a well-deserved expression of respect and appreciation for **Dr. Pat Beckham's** 48.5 years of practice that will be over at the end of this month when he retires. Make your appointments now if you need any work done!

***WE HAD 10 FULL MINUTES OF FELLOWSHIP TODAY!!! You should have been there.***

After a couple of bangs on the bell we came back to order for our program. Today we enjoyed a complete and detailed explanation of the world of Soccer. So much I did not know. **Tarby Bryant** introduced **Andy Loughnane**, the President of Austin FC (Soccer). He is a wealth of data and information, not only of his own team, but the soccer world in general. Some of the interesting facts that I didn't know:

- There are 26 other major league teams now and could be as many as 30 in just a couple of years.
  - Austin is the largest market in North America without a major league sports franchise.
    - Soccer is on the rise in attendance and viewership.
  - Percentage of fan base that is young and Hispanic is high compared to other sports.
    - Soccer games last two hours. Set your watch by it.
- There are 18 soccer-only stadiums in North America; and 20-25,000 is the ideal seating size.

The soon-to-open Austin FC Stadium will be at the Domain with 20,000+ seats, 25 suites (boxes), and 3 fancy clubs. There will be 17 matches + plus several concerts a year. Season ticket deposits just occurred with 32,000 reserved in 24 hours. Looks like Soccer's here to stay!

This is just another example of the presentations we enjoy each week. You really must be here to be able to soak it all up! See you next week!

## SOCIAL CIRCLE UPDATE

***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 ARE REQUIRED***

***CONTACT JENNIFER IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND!!***

***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!!! \*\*\****

## CONGRATULATIONS (FROM 6/11/19)



# TODAY WE HONOR

# Jaime Phillips (PHF +5)

PRESIDENT JULIE'S THOUGHT OF THE DAY—FROM 6/18

*“All our dreams can come true,  
if we have the courage to pursue them.”  
~~ Walt Disney*



ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

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

*Cindy Brummer (June 23rd)*

*Reggie Nisbett (June 23rd)*

*Charles Doty (June 24th)*

*Harold Benkoski (June 29th)*

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

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 18, 2019).

***Myron Burse, Karen  
Collins, Bill Davies, Russell  
Gana, Nick Hesselsweet &  
Mary Reynolds***

## THANK YOU TO JUDGE LEE YEAKEL AND OUR INCOMING 2019-2020 ROTARY CLUB OF AUSTIN LEADERSHIP!

A special thank you to **Judge Lee Yeakel** — for installing and swearing in our 2019-2020 Rotary Club of Austin officers! The new leadership of the Rotary Club of Austin pledged “To do their very best and then.... just a little bit more.”

### **Incoming Officers:**

Bill Davies (President, 2019-2020)  
Richard Payton (President Elect, 2020-2021)  
Jessica Diaz (Treasurer, 2019-2020)  
Josue Limon (The Rotary Foundation Chair, 2019-2020)  
Vlad Bahrencu (Sergeant-at-Arms, 2019-2020)

### **Incoming Vice Presidents:**

Ann Graham (Club Service VP)  
Mary Reynolds (Community Service VP)  
Girish Altekar (Global Service VP)  
Rich Fikani (Membership Service VP)  
Jim Gdula (Vocational Service VP)

### **Incoming Board of Directors:**

Vlad Bahrencu  
Jon Yates

### **Incoming Board of Trustees:**

Vicky Lindsey  
Jack Nash  
Jack Wolfe

### **Returning Board of Directors:**

Harold Benkoski  
Andy Swanson

### **Returning Board of Trustees:**

Michele Heyman  
Harold Ingersoll  
Sara Pantin  
Richard Payton  
Michael Portman  
Julianne Shively

## NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

### **ATTILA HORVATH**

#### ***Sponsor is Vlad Bahrencu***

Attila is a father of four with motivation to stay up on what it means to mentor millennials. He delves into reading several genres, but prefers books on individual development.

Professionally, he works as an individual consulting electrical engineer, which he's done for over the last 5 years.



Attila says, “The Rotary Club of Austin entices me to give back of my energy and characteristics.”

## NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

### **HEALY MARROY**

#### ***Sponsor is Michael Portman***

Healy is originally from New Orleans, Louisiana and graduated from Louisiana State University with a BS in Finance.

She has worked for Wells Fargo Advisors for three years in various capacities, leading her to her current role as a Financial Advisor.

In her spare time she enjoys running Town Lake, hiking and camping, and volunteering for Austin Pet's Alive.



## CONGRATULATIONS (FROM 6/18/19)



# TODAY WE HONOR

# Ron Greening (PHF +1)

## DONATION RECEIVED IN HONOR OF ELLEN HUNT

The **Austin Rotary Club Foundation** sincerely appreciates the receipt of an anonymous donation in honor of **Ellen Hunt** in recognition and thanks for all the work she does for the Global Service Avenue, especially with the Global Grants. Congratulations, Ellen!

## IN RECOGNITION OF, AND THANK YOU FOR, YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER REPORTERS

Thank you to the following Rotarians who have served as Newsletter Reporters during 2018-2019 — the weekly recaps have been FABULOUS thanks to all of you!!

***Girish Altekar***

***Bobby Brown***

***Dick Brown***

***Margaret Curtis***

***Ann Marie Ellis***

***Russell Gallahan***

***Sam Greer***

***Ray Kang***

***Reggie Nisbett***

***Andy Swanson***

***Phil Thoden***

***Brad Wiewel***

***Jack Wolfe***

And a special thank-you to **Pauline Gubbels**, who coordinated the reporter schedule for the year... we couldn't have done it without you!

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*IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER IN THE ROTARY OFFICE.*



**ANNUAL DISTRICT GOVERNOR & CLUB LEADER INSTALLATION**



District 5870's annual District and Club Leader Installation Ceremony is right-around-the-corner on **Saturday, June 29th** from 11:00-2:00 at the Austin Central Library (710 W. Cesar Chavez).

Everyone is welcome, including family members! This is a celebration of both Rotary AND incoming officers for all the Clubs in the District, especially our incoming District Governor Jim Henry!

***RSVP'S ARE REQUIRED so please visit the District's website to register now!***



## PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM ON JUNE 18TH



## PHOTOS FROM THE RCA ROTARY WHEEL INSTALLATION AT THE YMBL AUSTIN SUNSHINE CAMPS IN ZILKER PARK

On Sunday, June 2nd, **Scott Rider** and the Rider Construction Group installed the Rotary Club of Austin's very large Rotary Wheel at the YMBL Austin Sunshine Camps in Zilker Park. Scott said, "The project turned out great, and we will soon have a bronze plate from the Club in Mexico attached to the display. I understand this has been a long time coming."



## 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

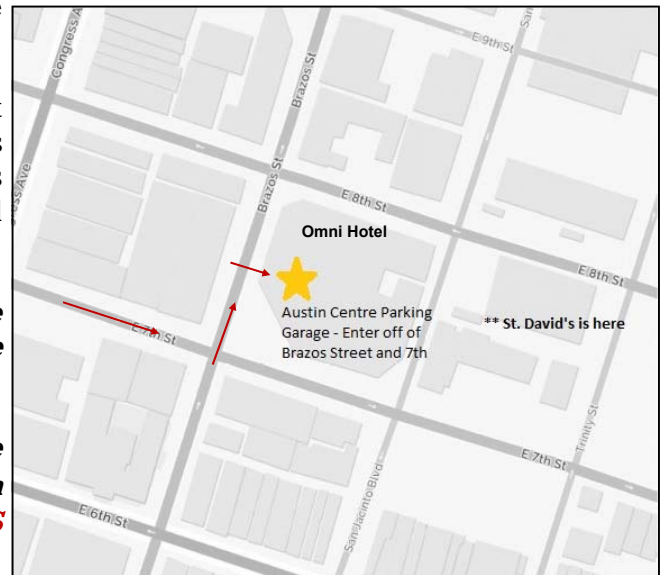
Don't forget that we still have an agreement with Austin Centre (the building right across San Jacinto from the Church...think the Omni, but not — *see map image to the bottom right*) where they will try to provide overflow parking in their garage on (most) Tuesdays during our weekly lunches!

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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