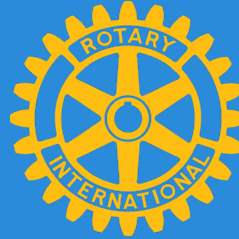


# ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

Rotary  
Club of Austin



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

## Club Meetings/Speakers

**February 13, 2024**

Vlad Bahrencu --  
Behavioral Finance

**February 20, 2024**

Emily Ball Cicchini --  
BookSpring (RCA  
Community Partner)

**February 27, 2024**

Rev. Chuck Treadwell--  
Malawi Girls (RCA Global  
Partner)

**March 05, 2024**

Adrian Moore & Shana  
Fox, CARY (Council on  
At-Risk Youth)

## Other Meetings/Events

February 13th

**Feb-VP Meeting**

February 14th

**Downtown  
Breakfast Cluster**

February 15th

**DEI Virtual  
Committee Meeting**

February 17th

**Rise Against Hunger  
(SAVE THE DATE)**

February 20th

**RCA Board of  
Directors Meeting**

February 21st

**EAFK - Wayside  
REAL Academy**

February 23rd

**EAFK-Pecan Springs  
Elementary**

February 28th

**ARCF Board of  
Trustees Meeting -  
Virtual**

February 29th

**North Breakfast  
Cluster**

March 1st

**EAFK - Hart  
Elementary**

March 5th

**Mar-VP Meeting**

## Club Officers

**Sylvia Holmes**  
President

Rotary Reminder (2/13/24) - Vlad Bahrencu

VLAD BAHRENCU

Edward Jones | 1922 100 2022

Vlad Bahrencu

2024 outlook  
Navigating the last mile of the cycle

Rotary CLUB OF AUSTIN

Vlad™s journey toward becoming a financial advisor has been filled with life lessons. He was born in Romania where he learned the importance of family and hard work. Then, he spent most of his youth years playing competitive tennis, which ultimately led him to earn a college scholarship. Upon fulfilling his childhood dream of moving to the United States, he graduated with a business degree from Texas A&M in Corpus Christi and completed his MBA in Finance at St. Edwards University.

Vlad believes that tennis taught him the value of having a work ethic and disciplined mindset, as well as developing a long-term perspective. These values later transferred into his investment career, first in real estate investing and ultimately as a financial advisor, guiding his clients towards building and securing their wealth.

He considers himself lucky to have married his best friend and dance partner, and together they are currently raising their kids. Vlad became a Rotarian mainly because he loves to work with our youth programs, literacy and the Helping Hand Home. One of the best moments of his life was when Judge Lee Yeakel officially swore him in as an American citizen right on this stage.

Club Meeting Details: Join us in person or on Zoom

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### **Darrick Wayne Eugene**

Club Foundation (ARCF) Trustee  
President-Elect

### **Ann Graham**

iPast President

### **Charles Holleman**

Club Secretary  
Club Treasurer

### **Todd L. Coleman**

Club Director

### **R. John Fox Jr.**

Club Director

### **Ellen Hunt**

Club Director

### **Paul Roger Williamson**

Club Director

### **Cynthia Brummer**

Global Service VP

### **Teresa Finney**

Club Service VP

### **Sharon Francia**

Club Service VP

### **Gilbert Glastetter Jr.**

Vocational Service  
Avenue VP

### **Scott Rainey**

Membership Service  
Avenue VP  
Club Public Relations  
Chair

### **Mary L. Reynolds**

Community Service VP

### **Andrew Swanson**

Club Foundation (ARCF) Chair  
Club Foundation (ARCF) Trustee

### **Leslie Gwinn Bagby**

Club Foundation(ARCF)  
Vice Chair

### **Michele M Heyman**

ARCF (Trustee)  
Treasurer

### **Harold F. Ingersoll Jr.**

ARCF Trustee

### **Vlad Bahrencu**

Club Foundation (ARCF) Trustee

### **Dale Lowe**

Club Foundation (ARCF) Trustee

### **Peter R. Meeker**

ARCF Trustee

### **Jaime Phillips**

Club Foundation (ARCF) Trustee

### **W. Gaines Bagby**

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Liaison

### **Richard Rowell**

Club Programs Chair

### **Kristoffer Sterling Lands**

Sergeant-at-Arms

## **Birthdays**

Jeffrey A. Blackwelder  
February 11th

Dirk Heinen  
February 14th

John R. Boisseau  
February 14th

**This week's meeting will be held in-person at Ben Hur (and also live-streamed on Zoom)!!**

*For those of you who can't join us in-person, you're invited to our LIVESTREAM Weekly Lunch Program!*

**When: Every Tuesday (almost) Noon to 1 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

**\*\*\*For our Zoom guests, please clear your caches and bookmarked Zoom meeting links and check your time zone settings. Use the following Meeting ID & Password (credentials) to login:**

### **QuickLink:**

<https://rotary-austin-org.zoom.us/j/85690378301?pwd=bXMxcDBqK1drNmNqZW1ZV3JlZ2FFdz09>

### **IMPORTANT STEPS TO CONNECT TO OUR WEEKLY MEETING LINK VIA ZOOM:**

**When the Rotary year begins on July 1st, we have a new meeting link.** You should always be able to connect by **typing in the Meeting ID and password** as shown here.

1) Go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)

2) Enter the meeting ID in this box and passcode if prompted  
(Meeting ID: **856 9037 8301** Passcode: **361851**)

While we will have cookies, water or tea available at the meeting, we will not be offering a meal. Please bring your own lunch if you plan on eating.

Join Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

Enter Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

Join

Did you miss last week's meeting or want to view the presentation? Here is our recording of [Camp Enterprise Winning Team](#)

Also, here is our recording from 1/30/24 of [Texas Representative Vikki Goodwin](#).

Additionally, here is our recording from 1/23/24 of [Valerie DeBill, Texas League of Women Voters](#)

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- \* ALL PROCEEDS go toward helping CLUB OPERATIONS!
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## ROTARY CARES HOW YOU'RE DOING!!!

We've missed seeing you!

Is there anything that your Rotary Club of Austin "family" can support you with (i.e. family changes, death of a loved one, illness or other health concerns, lost a job, other professional needs, etc.) or do you know of another Rotarian who may need help?

Click [here](#) to let us know (or you can send an e-mail to [office@rotary-austin.org](mailto:office@rotary-austin.org)).



**Can we help?**

If you're going through a difficult time and want support, we'd like to help.

**ROTARY CARES**

## Prospective Member's 10-Day Notice

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 Application for consideration:

**Oliver Borg (sponsored by Scott Rainey)**

This is the final week to notify **Jennifer Olsen**, RCA Executive Director, if you have anything you'd like to share about **Oliver**.

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### Operation Vacation Honors the Guzman Family

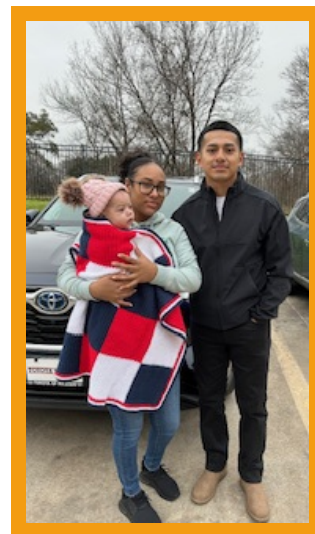
**PFC Jared Guzman** and his wife, **Jomayra**, and baby, **Celine**, had a fun, free R&R weekend in Austin at the end of January thanks to the Holiday Inn North Central, the Killeen Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Austin.

The Killeen Club arranged for a rental car from Killeen Toyota and provided gas money. The Rotary Club of Austin gave the family a backpack full of clothes, toys, snacks, drinks, fast food gift cards and passes to Austin Parks.

Luckily, Austin had great weather, so they were able to get out and explore Austin, a place they had never visited before.

**Operation Vacation** is a monthly project Rotary started 20 years ago to thank a Killeen Army (military) family for their sacrifices and to show our appreciation for their service to our country.

Way to go Rotary! Service Above Self!



### A Rotary Minute: Lessons in Rotary Geography



#### LESSONS IN ROTARY GEOGRAPHY

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

In designating World Understanding Month, the Rotary International board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs for their weekly meetings and undertake special activities to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace."

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service -- Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

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#### Club Meeting Place and Time

Austin  
Meets at Ben Hur Shrine Temple  
7811 Rockwood Lane  
Austin, TX 78757  
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

**RCA Vision Statement: To build a diverse fellowship of Austin-area business and community leaders transforming lives throughout the world.**