

# ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

Rotary  
Club of Austin



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## Club Meetings/Speakers

**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)

**March 12, 2024**  
Spring Clusters (NO  
MEETING AT BEN HUR  
& NO ZOOM)

## Other Meetings/Events

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

March 13th  
Downtown  
Breakfast Cluster

March 19th  
RCA Board of  
Directors Meeting

## Club Officers

**Sylvia Holmes**  
President

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**Eugene**  
Club Foundation  
(ARCF) Trustee  
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Club Secretary  
Club Treasurer

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Club Director

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Club Director

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Club Director

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Club Director

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Club Service VP

**Sharon Francia**  
Club Service VP

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Avenue VP

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Avenue VP  
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Chair

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Community Service VP

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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

Rotary Reminder (2/20/24) - Emily Ball Cicchini, BookSpring

EMILY BALL CICCHINI  
BOOKSPRING



bookspring



Rotary  
CLUB OF AUSTIN

Emily Ball Cicchini

2023 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
LITERACY AWARD WINNER

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

Edis Tilden Oliver  
February 19th  
Michael Abelson  
February 20th  
James Y. Bryce  
February 23rd



As the Executive Director of BookSpring since 2015, Emily has stewarded the organization to triple the number of children served, secure a new permanent home, and win recent recognition of the Greater Austin Business Awards for Nonprofit Innovation and the US Library of Congress Literacy Awards.

She's inspired by the important work of BookSpring to get a steady stream of the right books to the right kids at the right time. She has over 20 years of experience in non-profit and educational management, including leadership roles with The University of Texas at Austin, VSA Arts of Texas, Austin Script Works, Texans for the Arts, and Zach Theatre.

What drives all her work is a sense of social justice for equal access to knowledge and a deep passion for language and stories. Emily holds an MFA in creative writing as a James A. Michener Fellow and a doctorate from UT's Moody College of Communication.

As a former teaching artist and award-winning children's playwright, she loves words and likes to read and play together with her family.

#### Club Meeting Details: Join us in person or on Zoom

**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.

Did you miss last week's meeting or want to view the presentation? Here is our recording of [Vlad Bahrencu - 2024 Financial Outlook, Navigating the last mile...](#)

Join Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

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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)).

### ROTARY CARES

Strained relationships?

Finding it hard to think positively?

Feeling under pressure?

Less time for things you enjoy?

Wishing things could be different?

Not performing your best at work?

Life feeling hard?

Have a lot on your plate?

Lacking motivation?

Finding it hard to think positively?

Have a lot on your plate?

Strained relationships?

Feeling stressed?

Not performing your best at work?

Life feeling hard?

Feeling under pressure?

Less time for things you enjoy?

Wishing things could be different?

**Are you OK?**

## A Rotary Minute: Rotary in Texas



### ROTARY IN TEXAS

The story of Rotary in Texas parallels the story of the entire Rotary movement, which began when Chicago attorney Paul Harris invited a few friends to meet him after work on February 23, 1905, for what is now regarded as the first meeting of the first Rotary club. Just 8 years later, civic leaders in Austin and Waco, a thousand miles south of Chicago, received club charters from the National Association of Rotary Clubs (now known as Rotary International).

Without social media in those horse-and-buggy days, it was unusual for a new concept like Rotary to become viral, but the world's first service club was a fresh and exciting concept. Chartered in 1913, our Austin and Waco clubs are older than the very concept of Rotary Districts.

In August, 1910, Rotary's first national convention was held in Chicago, home of the original Rotary club. There were only 16 clubs but by August, 1911, when the second annual convention convened in Portland, Rotary had grown to 27 clubs. Texas had nearly 6,000 members in about 125 clubs in 1926 when San Antonio's Harry H. Roger became the first Texan to serve as president of Rotary International.

~from PDG Rich Kaye's *How We Became 5870*

### 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.**