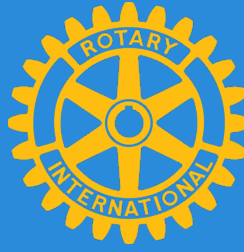


# ROTARY REMINDER

Club 63, District 5870

Rotary  
Club of Austin



## Rotary Meeting Speaker - William Cunningham

By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, June 8, 2025



William H. Cunningham



Ph.D.

24th President 1985-1992



### Club Meetings/Speakers

**June 10, 2025**  
Dr. William Cunningham, Former UT President & UT System Chancellor

**June 17, 2025**  
Changing of the Guard

**June 24, 2025**  
Katy Zamesnik, Taylor Collective Solutions "Unconventional" Center (speaking about Downtown Austin's Convention Center demolition and reconstruction)

### Other Meetings/Events

**June 8th**  
Meet the President-Elect | Social hour hosted by Cindy Brummer

**June 10th**  
June-VP/Officer Meeting

**June 11th**  
Downtown Breakfast Cluster

**June 17th**  
RCA Board of Directors Meeting

**June 26th**  
North Breakfast Cluster

### Club Officers

**Darrick Wayne Eugene**  
President

**Cynthia Brummer**  
President-Elect

**Harold F. Ingersoll Jr.**  
Club Foundation (ARCF) Chair  
President-Nominee

**Ellen P Hunt**  
President-Designee

**Sylvia Holmes**  
iPast President

**Charles Holleman**  
Club Treasurer

**Thomas Anderson**  
Club Director

**Naomi Val Bourgeois**

William Cunningham was 40 years old when the regents selected the dynamic dean of UT's College of Business Administration to lead the university.

While president, Cunningham led an effort to reduce enrollment and the student-faculty ratio. Faculty research grants grew to \$170 million annually. The administration allotted \$4.7 million annually for minority scholarships, more than any other school in the nation for that purpose. By 1992, the university had established 1,071 endowed faculty positions with a value of \$282 million. After seven years as president, he joined the UT System as its chancellor for eight years.

Cunningham holds the James L. Bayless Chair for Free Enterprise in the McCombs School of Business and teaches corporate governance at McCombs and the School of Law. Cunningham attributed his lifelong interest in business to his father, who was a senior executive at General Electric.

**New member Matt Peterson**

Club Director

**R. John Fox Jr.**

Club Director

**Mark D. Johnson**

Club Director

**Teresa R. Taylor**

Club Director

**Paul Roger**

**Williamson**

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**Ann Marie Ellis PhD**

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Avenue VP

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Trustee

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**Michael Abelson**

Club Programs Chair

**W. Gaines Bagby**

Rotary Foundation

(TRF) Liaison

**Jennifer Olsen**

Club Executive

Secretary

Club Secretary

Executive Director

## Birthdays

Patricia Von Dohlen

June 11th

W. Gaines Bagby

June 12th

Josue Limon

June 22nd

Cynthia Brummer

June 23rd

Charles W. Doty

June 24th

Teresa R. Taylor

June 28th

Robert Brown

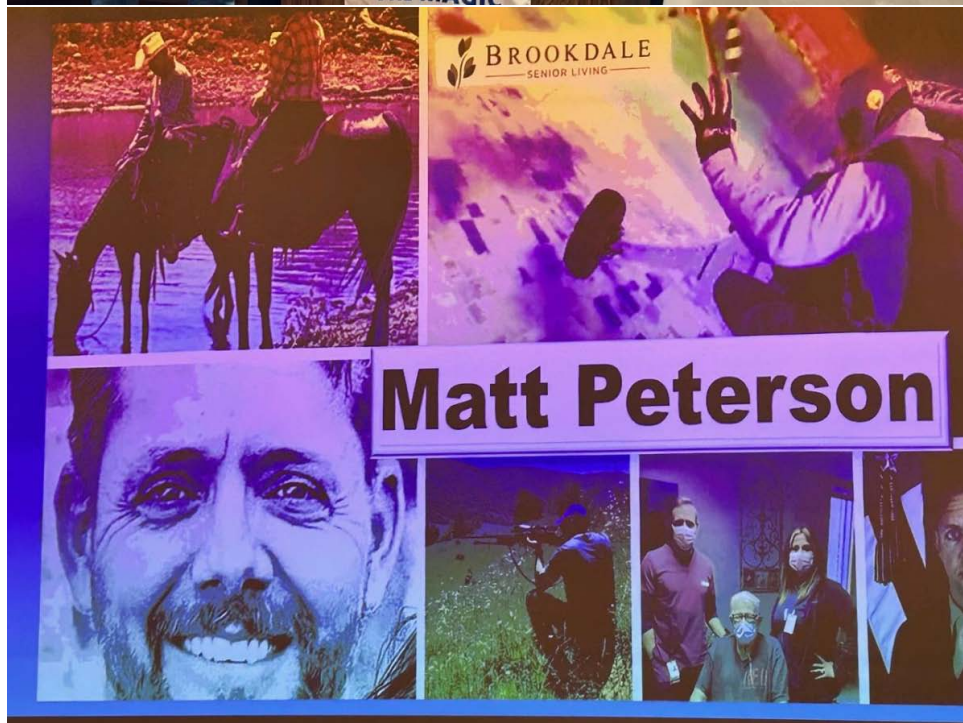
June 30th

Robert H. Bowman





July 1st  
Jacob Vasquez  
July 3rd  
Sharon Francia  
July 5th  
Laraine Kentridge  
Lasdon  
July 6th  
Myron Burse  
July 8th



Rotary Serving & Media Weekly Update







The Rotary Clubs of Austin and Killeen hosted the Mercado military family from Ft. Cavazos for a special R&R weekend in Austin as a thank you for SPC Mercado's military service. Thanks to our sponsor, Stephen F. Austin, for the Grand Sonesta, they enjoyed being in the center of downtown Austin for a complimentary Gary two-night stay and took advantage of exploring the beauty of our city. The kids loved our museums and parks and the Saturday night dinner was hosted by our sponsor, County Line on the Hill, with all the bbq they could handle. The Rotary Clubs of Killeen arranged a free car rental from Toyota and gave them gas money. Our club, the Rotary Clubs of Austin, packed new backpacks for every member of the family with Austin gifts, T-shirts and clothes, toys, stuffed animals, snacks and fast food gift cards for the weekend. We appreciate our military.

Rotarian Tom Anderson joined Mary Reynolds to welcome the family.



In a powerful display of support and investment in the future, the Rotary Club of Austin awarded over \$89,000 in scholarships to outstanding high school seniors during a heartfelt luncheon held on April 29th at the Ben Hur Shrine Temple.

The annual event marked the culmination of months of collaboration between the Rotary Club's Scholarship Committee and high school counselors across the Austin area. This year, 33 applications were submitted by students with diverse backgrounds and bright ambitions. After a rigorous selection process, 16 candidates were invited for interviews, and ultimately, 18 scholarships were awarded to deserving students.

Each scholarship averaged approximately \$5,000, with funding made possible by the generosity of Rotary Club members and the Austin Rotary Club Foundation. Many of the awards were tied to named endowment funds established by longtime club members and supporters, allowing donors to create a lasting legacy while empowering the next generation.

"These scholarships are about more than financial support," said a member of the scholarship committee. "They are a vote of confidence in the dreams and determination of these young leaders."

The luncheon was filled with emotion and celebration, as Rotarians, students, families, and school representatives gathered to honor achievement and affirm the

club's commitment to service above self. From aspiring engineers and educators to future doctors and diplomats, the recipients reflected a broad spectrum of goals—but shared a common thread of drive, resilience, and the desire to give back.

With the rising costs of higher education, the Rotary Club of Austin's scholarship program truly makes a difference in these young lives. It not only helps students take the next step in their academic journeys but also reinforces the club's ongoing mission to support youth, education, and community development.

### Next Week's Speaker/Program Preview - Changing of the guard

By Matthew Dargis on Sunday, June 8, 2025



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

This week's meeting will be held in-person at Ben Hur Shrine Temple (7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin, Texas) and also live-streamed on Zoom!! **Note: A link to last week's Zoom meeting recording is included below.**

For those of you who can't join us in-person, you're invited to LIVE-STREAM our 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.\*\*\***

#### QuickLink:

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

**IMPORTANT STEPS TO CONNECT TO OUR WEEKLY MEETING, USING THE FOLLOWING MEETING ID & PASSWORD TO LOGIN:**

**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**)

**IMPORTANT:** We'll have complimentary cookies, coffee, tea or water available at the meeting. If you'd like a full meal, however, please bring your own lunch with you, or you can order from Jack Allen's Kitchen on Anderson Lane and have it delivered. Click [HERE](#) for instructions on ordering.

### Join Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

Join

## Proposed RCA By-Laws Change/Update

The Rotary Club of Austin's Board of Directors is recommending the following change to our club's By-Laws, with a vote by members conducted IN-PERSON on Tuesday, June 17, 2025:

*To strengthen RCA's leadership structure and develop a more effective continuity of leaders, the current Board of Directors proposes a By-Laws change to **ARTICLE V – Election of President and Directors, Sections 1 – Nominations and 2 – Elections:***

**Section 1**–Minimum qualifications for President-Designee (“P-D”) shall be a member in good standing in the Rotary Club of Austin for at least five years by the time the P-D begins his/her term as President-Elect and served as an officer or director prior to their nomination.

The P-D elected in December of year one becomes the President-Nominee on July 1 of year two. After serving a year as President-Nominee, this person becomes the President-Elect on July 1 of year 3 and then becomes the President on July 1 of year four. The P-D automatically follows this cycle (Designee to Nominee to Elect to President) without additional elections required. The P-D will serve as a non-voting member of the Board.

**Section 2**–The date for the election of the P-D shall be determined by the Board of Directors...and shall not be later than the third meeting of the Club in December of the year before the year in which the President-Nominee will take office.

Please contact President Darrick if you have questions about this proposed change to RCA's By-Laws.

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## DON'T FORGET -- We have a NEW Member Incentive Plan for 2025-2026!!!

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR EXCITING NEW Membership Incentive Plan** that provides you with an easy way to earn back a refund of almost 100% of your 2025-2026 RCA Member Dues!

### NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM



- Beginning NOW – until June 30, 2026
- Bring in 2 new members - Get a rebate of ½ of your **2025-2026 local dues** –
- Local dues are \$698.50
  - Rebate is \$349.25 for 2 members
  - \$698.50 for 4 new members

If you'd like to learn more, just click the "Read More" link below... [Read More](#)

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## Prospective Member(s) 10-Day Notice(s)

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(s) for consideration:

**Tim Parker (sponsored by Carl Noble)**

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



**Tim.**

**Here's a little about Tim (from his member application):**

**Bio:** Civil Engineer with multiple degrees from Texas Tech, single, 2 children (son, 18, collegiate D2 wrestler; daughter, 16, into musical theatre).

**Hobbies:** Faith, family, fitness, friends, finance. I have designed and built several residential homes over the years and enjoy the creative process, both in homebuilding as well as the arts.

**References:** Apart from serving as DG 5520 in 2010-11, and 26 years of perfect attendance, I was invited into membership by the Rotary Club of Dubbo, Inc, Dubbo, NSW, Australia on March 8, 1999, at 28 years of age. Additionally, I served: Preston Center Rotary (Dallas, Sgt. at Arms), Roswell Sunrise Rotary (Roswell, Charter President), Albuquerque del Sol (Albuquerque, NM), and Pecos Valley Rotary (Roswell) until I moved to San Antonio, where I was invited into membership by my classmate and top reference Stephanie Macchia (PDG 5840 2010-11).

Past non-Rotary service includes board positions with Hike It & Spike It, Conquistador Council BSA, Character Counts in Chaves County among others.

**Why Did You Join Rotary?** Because I was invited. Several key people in my life were Rotarians, and at a young age I recognized it was a big deal. My resignation from Alamo Heights RC (San Antonio) is effective 6/30. To keep my 26 years of perfect attendance, my goal is (if I am deemed worthy of membership) to be on your roster by July 1st.

## RCA Sounding Board – Chat with President-Elect Cindy!



Have thoughts, ideas, or questions about our club? I'm here to listen! Whether you have suggestions for the future of RCA or just want to connect, I'd love to hear from you. [Read More](#)

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## ROTARY CARES HOW YOU'RE DOING!!!

### HOW ARE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE?!?

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

Ordering Your Tuesday Lunch For Delivery From Jack Allen's Kitchen

**YES, THE RUMORS ARE TRUE...LUNCHES HAVE RETURNED TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF AUSTIN!**



If you're planning to attend one of our regularly scheduled Tuesday Rotary meetings and would like to enjoy a meal, you can pre-order one from Jack Allen's Kitchen on Anderson Lane and have it delivered directly to Ben Hur! Or, if you're not hungry, you can skip lunch and grab a complimentary cookie and/or coffee, tea or water instead.

It's easy, and you can order from your PC or even your smartphone! ***If you've ordered before and remember what to enter for delivery, just click the Jack Allen's Kitchen icon (or go to [www.jackallenskitchen.com](http://www.jackallenskitchen.com)).***

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Lunch orders are only accepted on Tuesday mornings for same-day delivery and must be placed no later than 10:30 am!***

If you've never ordered before, or if you've forgotten how, here are the instructions (*including HOW and WHAT to specify that your order is for delivery*) --> **Steps to Order Rotary Lunch**

All meals will be "made-to-order" from Jack Allen's Kitchen on Anderson Lane (across the street from Ben Hur) and will be delivered by them, too. Each will be individually packaged and labeled with your name.

One Austin icon serving another Austin icon...Don't you just love this town?!?

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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.*