



ROTARY REMINDER



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FUTURE PROGRAMS

3/19—*NO MEETING AT ST. DAVID'S BECAUSE OF SPRING BREAK!!!*—Semi-Annual Cluster Meetings Instead (Various Locations)

3/26—Claire England, Executive Director for CTAN (Central Texas Angel Network)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

3/21—RCA MasterMind Group Mtg., Mimi's Café (Arbor Walk), 7:00 a.m.

3/28—RCA North Breakfast Cluster Mtg., Waterloo Ice House (on Burnet Road), 7:00 a.m.

3/29—Wine Party hosted by Diane & Zach Ventresca — see flyer on page 6

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

This Week's Program

SPRING CLUSTER MEETINGS

NO MEETING AT ST. DAVID'S THIS WEEK —

A special thank-you to each of our Hosts!

HOSTS

Dean Murray (Helping Hand Home)

Chad Thompson

Diane Ventresca

Brad Wiewel

We'll see everyone back again at St. David's on Tuesday, March 26th!

ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

The following people are celebrating their birthdays this week:

Chris Ray (March 10th)

Ron Greening (March 14th)

Leslie Bagby (March 16th)

Don Tompkins (March 19th)

Please join us in wishing them a VERY happy birthday!

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 12 Proposed Member Applications for consideration:

John "Jay" Boisseau (sponsor is Harold Ingersoll)

Calvin "Clay" Boykin (sponsor is Tom Howard)

Rupal Chaudhari (sponsor is Mark Johnson)

Mark Ellsworth (sponsor is Jill Johnson)

Russell Gana (sponsor is Jill Johnson)

Gary Gerstenhaber (sponsor is Bruce Golden)

Courtney Hall (sponsor is Harold Benkoski)

Krystle Kelley (sponsor is Diane Ventresca)

Robert "Bob" LeBlanc (sponsor is Tarby Bryant)

Carl Mehlman (sponsor is Heather Toolin)

Francis "Nick" Hesselsweet (sponsor is Barry Curlee)

Alison Michels (sponsor is Jill Johnson)

This is the final week to notify **Jack Wolfe**, Membership Review Committee Chair, if you have anything you'd like to share about any of these prospective members.

SOCIAL CIRCLE UPDATE

***Thursday, March 21—RCA MasterMind Group Meeting
at Mimi’s Café (Arbor Walk) at 7:00 a.m.***

***Thursday, March 28—RCA North Breakfast Cluster Meeting
at Waterloo Ice House (on Burnet Road) at 7:00 a.m.***

******SAVE THE DATE!!! – Friday, March 29 – SAVE THE DATE!!!***
Wine Tasting Party hosted by Diane and Zach Ventresca
at their home (2125 Peoria Drive, Leander) at 6:30 p.m.
See flyer on page 6 for more information
and be sure to RSVP with Diane!***

***Wednesday, April 10—Downtown Austin Breakfast Cluster Meeting
at Magnolia Café (on Lake Austin Boulevard) at 7:00 a.m.***

2019-2022 AUSTIN ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION COMING UP ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH!

The election for the Austin Rotary Club Foundation Board of Trustees (serving a three-year term from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022) will be held during our regular meeting on Tuesday, March 26th.

The following five members will be on the election ballot (Club members will elect three):

**Harold Benkoski, Julie Benkoski, Vicky Lindsey
Jack Nash and Jack Wolfe**

******Remember, you MUST be present to vote (no proxy voting permitted)******

PRESIDENT JULIE’S THOUGHT OF THE DAY—FROM 3/5

***“Only a life lived for others
is a life worthwhile.”***

~~ Albert Einstein



WITH DEEP REGRET...IN MEMORIAM

We're sorry to report the loss of two more of our Rotary Club of Austin family, **David Sain**, who passed away on February 23rd; and **Nadir Abdeladim** was tragically taken from us on March 7th.

A Memorial Service in **David's** honor will be held on Sunday, March 24th at 1:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (8134 Mesa Drive, Austin, TX, 78759).

A private, family-only service was held for **Nadir**, but no public memorial arrangements have been made yet.

Please join me in keeping **Rita** (Nadir's wife) and their family, and David's family, in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of grief.

MEMORIAL DONATION RECEIVED

The **Austin Rotary Club Foundation (ARCF)** sincerely thanks **Michael Abelson** for the Polio Plus memorial donation he made in honor of **Jack Mayo**.

STORYBOOK HEROES LITERACY LUNCHEON—APRIL 26TH



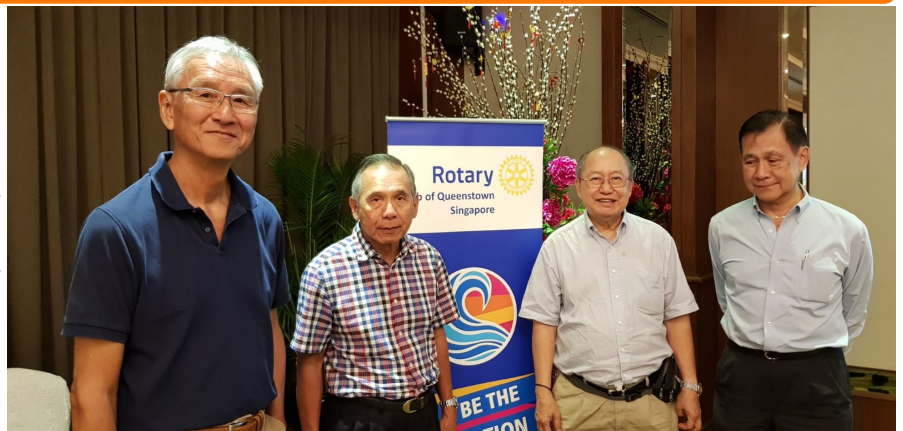
BookSpring's 2019 Storybook Heroes Literacy Luncheon is on **Friday, April 26** from 12-1:30 at the Renaissance Hotel at the Arboretum.

We still have a few seats available on our second Rotary Club of Austin table, and tickets are \$150 each.

Checks can be written to ARCF and sent to Jennifer in the Rotary Office, but reserve your seat now with **Mary Reynolds**. Come join us in support of literacy in Austin!

TRY VISITING OTHER ROTARY CLUBS WHEN YOU TRAVEL!

Joseph Hang (*second from the left*) recently returned from an anniversary trip with his wife Cheng (*not pictured*), and while he was traveling he visited his former Rotary Club in Singapore and was able to reconnect with his initial Rotary sponsor, Chris Chen (*second from the right*)!



VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR DAWSON ELEMENTARY'S EARLY ACT FIRST KNIGHT (EAFK) PROGRAM!!!



VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE DAWSON ELEMENTARY EAFK KNIGHTING COMMITTEE!!
It's an easy assignment—Just show up for the knighting ceremonies and be a role model for the kids! That's it!

The ceremonies are on **Friday, April 16** and **Friday, May 17** from 1:30-3:00.

Primary grades are from 1:30-2:15 and Intermediate grades are from 2:30-3:15. Both are held in the cafeteria at Dawson Elementary School (3001 S. 1st).

You can help with one or both time frames for each ceremony. It's a fun event

watching the kids and their parents being recognized for outstanding character traits and meeting a real knight! If you're interested in helping, please contact **Mary Reynolds**.

DAWSON & PECAN SPRINGS' EAFK KNIGHTING CEREMONIES

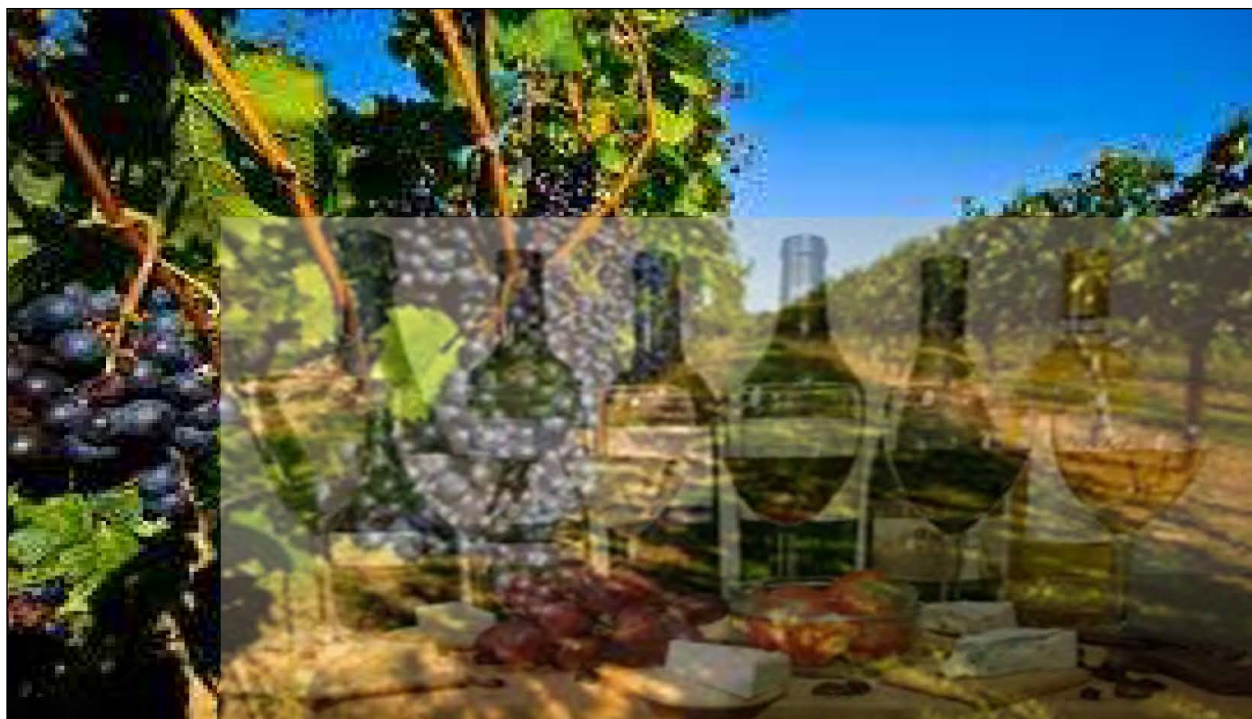


Students at Dawson Elementary School were knighted by Sir Cass for the monthly character traits (*photos on the top left*).

Pecan Springs Elementary School students were told a story about perseverance by Sir Cass at their EarlyAct FirstKnight (EAFK) Knighting Ceremony and then received medallions for that trait (*photo on the bottom right*).



WINE TASTING PARTY HOSTED BY DIANE & ZACH VENTRESCA COMING UP ON FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH



Pick Your Favorite Wine

(any wine!)

and bring it to *Diane and Zach Ventresca's* house at

6:30 PM Friday March 29th

RSVP:

Preferred://evite.me/mCEtebxZuT

or: diane.ventresca@gmail.com

It's a Rotary Wine Party!

Join your friends at

2125 Peoria Drive

Leander, TX

Gate Code: 4565

Phone: 512-550-4083

There will be appetizers to pair.

ST. DAVID'S PARKING GARAGE MESSAGE/INSTRUCTIONS

A message from President Julie about parking: Premier Parking/St. David's garage manager, Angel, will provide 50 parking spaces in the garage every Tuesday for our use. 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, which may or may not have 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 very steep.) You may also start there, if you'd like. If you park there, go to the kiosk on that 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 the 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.

I am deeply sorry for the frustration that many of you have felt, and we all continue to feel, due to the lack of sufficient parking. I'm open to any suggestions for alternative parking arrangements and hope we can focus on our weekly fellowship and continue to positively change our community and the world.

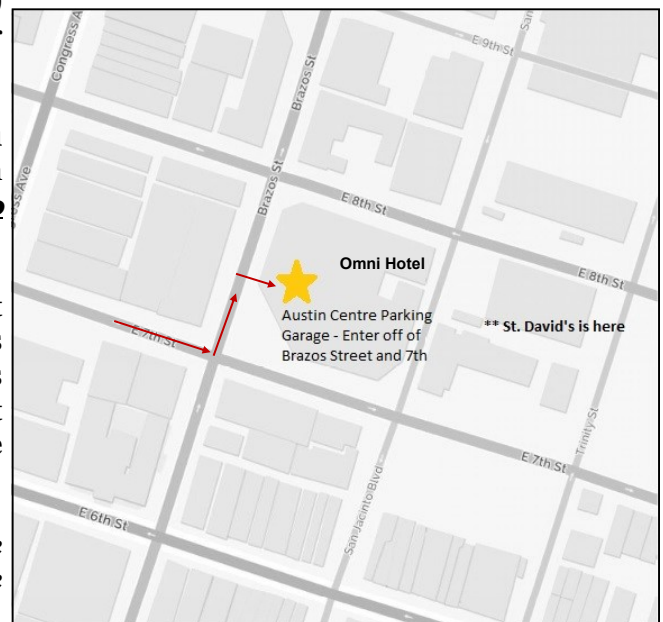
AUSTIN CENTRE—OVERFLOW PARKING REMINDER

As a reminder — 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*) 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, however, since they charge us in 20 minute increments (not a flat rate). **So please try to park at St. David's first.**

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** for a few hours each Tuesday (you can't park your car there all day for free nor can you park there for free 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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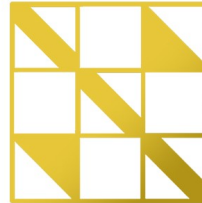
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