# The Sunriser

# Arlington Sunrise Rotary

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*Today's Program*

## Greg Gerendas

### Trauma Support Services of North Texas

Greg Gerendas is the Executive Director at Trauma Support Services of North Texas (TSSNT). He joined the agency in December of 2012. TSSNT is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization founded in 2007 which provides affordable therapeutic and support services to victims of trauma through a caring network of licensed social workers, counselors, Board Members, advisors and agency staff. The agency is dedicated to providing affordable therapy and support services for people who have been victims of traumatic events such as suicide, homicide, rape, abuse, assault, robbery, vehicular crashes, identity theft, human trafficking and natural disasters. The goal of TSSNT is to help children and adults rebuild their lives after trauma, doing "whatever it takes, for as long as it takes" to overcome trauma and return to healthy, productive lives.

A resident of the DFW area since 1986, Greg has held leadership positions in the nonprofit community for over 30 years. In addition to providing counsel to individuals and their families, Greg has directed organizations with programs helping 1) older adults live independently; 2) people with developmental disabilities; 3) battered women and their families; and 4) economically disadvantaged Hispanic children and families. Prior to joining TSSNT, he also served as the Executive Director at Senior Adult Services, a nonprofit serving older adults in North Texas, and Sequoia, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to helping people with developmental disabilities. Greg was also the Executive Director for The American Association of Lutheran Churches, a small church body of about 80 churches. Greg is an ordained Lutheran Pastor and has served in various churches in Texas, Illinois, Missouri and Michigan in the LC-MS, The ELCA and the AALC.

Greg graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO in 1982 with a Master of Divinity degree. His undergraduate degree is in Business from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Greg lives in Valley Ranch and is married to Dr. Carol Johnson-Gerendas, a professor at Texas Wesleyan University. He is a drummer and also enjoys playing golf whenever possible.

- Please join us in a ***Warm Sunrise Rotary Welcome*** for Greg Gerendas

**Programs**

**September 13** Trauma Support Services of North Texas - Greg Gerendas
**September 20** Chief Will Johnson - Arlington Police Chief
**September 27** ADA Requirements - Denise Wilkerson

**Greeters**

**September 13** Dwayne Lee(1), Craig Lidell(2), Shane Madsen, Chip May
**September 20** Tom McGrew(1), Chris McLucas(2), Rick McVay, Bill Miller
**September 27** Don Mims(1), Mike Nix(2), Curt Osiek, Larry Riggall
**(1) Prayer and Pledge (2) Introduce Visitors**

**Fine Program**

**September 13** Bill Verkest
**September 20** Steve Willey
**September 27** Samir Ahuja

**Upcoming Events**

**District 5790 Institute for Leadership**
American Airlines Training Center
Oct 04, 2013 06:00 PM - Oct 06, 2013 04:00 PM

**District 5790 Rotary Foundation Banquet**
Texas Motor Speedway - Oct 25, 2013

A MISER sold all that he had and bought a lump of gold, which he buried in a hole in the ground by the side of an old wall and went to look at daily. One of his workmen observed his frequent visits to the spot and decided to watch his movements. He soon discovered the secret of the hidden treasure, and digging down, came to the lump of gold, and stole it. The Miser, on his next visit, found the hole empty and began to tear his hair and to make loud lamentations. A neighbor, seeing him overcome with grief and learning the cause, said, "Pray do not grieve so; but go and take a stone, and place it in the hole, and fancy that the gold is still lying there. It will do you quite the same service; for when the gold was there, you had it not, as you did not make the slightest use of it."