Dear South Austin Rotary,

It is with immense gratitude that I write this thank you note. Over the difficult 4 years of Steve's illness, you have supported us in so many ways. The sense of friendship and the sense of family prevailed as times became more difficult. Always, South Austin Rotary was there to lend a hand, to offer a hug, and show support towards us as we worked through pressures at hand.

Mickie and Awad gifted us with a memorable afternoon that will remain with me always. Amber was always available for advice and guidance. Patrick gave promises of a martini in waiting whenever available. Jim was always just a few blocks away for drop-offs and pick-ups. Lisa was always present to do whatever was asked of her. Many times I never asked, she just knew what to do and did it. When able to come to club meetings, always each of you would ask about Steve, and what could be done to help. Shirley showed amazing patience as I became MIA during the final months of Steve's life.

Finally, on the day of Steve's Celebration of Life, not only did South Austin Rotary members show up in respect for Steve but were a major part of the celebration. Mavi from the Cosmo Rotary Club was an usher. Julie Martin from Westlake Rotary was a reader. Lisa Killough was the chalice bearer among many other positions. Past District Governor, Ruth Allison and wonderful Mickie ran the kitchen and set up the amazing buffet for the reception. Linda Voight delivered the most amazing food items thanks to the kindness and generosity of South Austin Rotary. Then there was the amazing donations made in Steve's name to Mickie's Soup Kitchen, life changing for so many less fortunate.

Words fall far short of expressing my immense thankfulness for all each of you have done. Truly, in every sense of the expression, South Austin Rotary has not simply expressed in words "Service Above Self," but lived the words through their actions. I am truly blessed to be part of such an amazing Rotary Club.

With much love and gratitude,

Allison Batlin