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January 3, 2023

**Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant, 14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247**  
Social Half-Hour 5:30 p.m. - Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 846 0937 6016



### Rotary's Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

1.) Is it the TRUTH? 2.) Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3.) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4.) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Our guest speaker tonight is Dr. Angela Speck. Dr. Speck is the Department Chair of Physics and Astronomy at The University of Texas at San Antonio. She will be speaking to us tonight about the two major eclipses that San Antonio will experience in the next 18 months.



Her areas of specialization include Astronomy, Astrophysics, Infrared, Mineralogy and Optical Properties. She works on infrared astronomy and the study of space dust. She is a popular science communicator, and was co-chair of the National Total Solar Eclipse Task Force.

Dr. Speck was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, where she was inspired to study physics by the Apollo space program and by watching Star Trek. She studied astrophysics at Queen Mary University of London. After completing her undergraduate degree, Speck worked as a research and development technician in Lancashire. She was a graduate student at University College London, earning a PhD in astronomy in 1998 for research on the dust and molecules around evolved stars.

Dr. Speck won the University of Missouri Service Award for her Diversity work in 2016. She was named to the 2021 class of Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

### UPCOMING SAN ANTONIO NORTHEAST ROTARY CLUB EVENTS

**Tuesday, January 17th**

District 5840 Governor  
Dwayne Hopkins

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

Club Assembly

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

We do not have any birthdays or anniversaries to report this week.



Club Dues are now past due. If you have not yet paid your club dues for January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, please contact club treasurer Becky Robles as soon as possible. Please contact Becky [RebeccaRobles@jbc.com](mailto:RebeccaRobles@jbc.com) if you have any questions.



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.



### JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster":

Those objectives are:

To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, to dignify the Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. To apply the ideal of service in personal, business and community life.

To advance international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of businessmen and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

Paul Harris wrote: "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession".

Vocational Service is the way Rotary fosters and supports the application of the Ideal of Service to the pursuit of all vocations.

It is the shared responsibility of both the Rotary Club and its members.

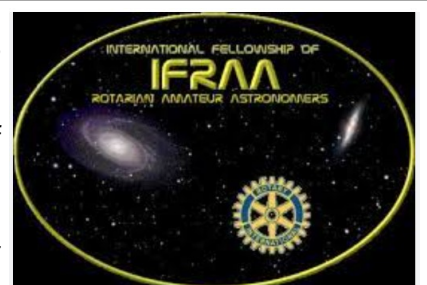
The role of the Club is to implement and encourage the objectives by its own actions in dealing with the community and by the development of projects that enable members to use their vocational talents in the service of the community. The role of members is to conduct themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary principles, and support the Vocational Service projects that the club has developed.

During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.



**At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$895. That means if your ticket is drawn and you draw the Joker, you are going to be going home with at least \$447.50.**

As many of you know, Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession and enhance your Rotary experience. The International Fellowship of Rotarian Amateur Astronomers is open to Rotarians and Rotaractors interested in sharing their common interest about astronomy, cosmology and space exploration.







You missed a great program if you were not at our December 6th meeting at Salsalito's. Our guest speaker was Brittany Elliott. Brittany is a local tattoo artist that has been tattooing since 2006. Brittany knew as an early teen that she wanted to make tattooing her career. Brittany's specialty is heavy metal imagery and band logos. When she is not tattooing, Brittany refurbishes antique furniture. She said that she loves the challenge of taking something old and worn out and turning into a new piece of art. She uses old rock n' roll posters for her tabletops and they are all 100% handmade and one of a kind. We had a great turnout for our meeting with a lot of great questions for Brittany from those in attendance.

After Brittany's fantastic presentation, club president Debbie Degollado presented her with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and the latest edition of the Rotary magazine. Thank you very much Brittany for a great program and may we say, "YOU ROCK!"



sponsor two Madison High School students to attend RYLA. Remember, the youth of today are the Rotarians of tomorrow.

The 2023 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, better known as RYLA, will take place Friday, January 13 through Monday, January 16, 2023. Open to more than 150 outstanding representatives of clubs throughout District 5840, the RYLA Conference will be held at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels.

The RYLA program is designed for outstanding high school students to help develop qualities of leadership skills and good citizenship, as well as to emphasize the advantages of the free enterprise system. Young men and women, selected by their local Rotary clubs, are invited to participate in leadership training meetings organized and run by Rotarians.

A portion of the money raised at our bowling fundraiser in October was for our club to



There is still time to enjoy the Rotary Ice Rink sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Antonio. The outdoor ice rink is in Travis Park, located at 301 E. Travis St, San Antonio, TX 78205. The Rink will be open through **January 16, 2023**. Since 2019, nearly 200,000 people have enjoyed the rink and the beautiful winter festivities. Admission pricing is \$14 for all ages. For more information about hours and pricing, please go to <http://rotaryicerink.com/hours-and-pricing/>. HINT: The link will also tell you about special skate nights.



The Rotary Ice Rink is back!  
Mark your calendars for November 18 - January 16



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## 5 Easy-and-Free Ideas for Club Vocational Service by Mitty Change, Rotary District 5170 Vocational Chair, 2020-2021

Vocational Service is at the core of Rotary's objectives, and calls upon Rotarians to encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all useful occupations, and dignifying each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. Whether your club has a Club Vocational Service Chair or someone else overseeing current and new initiatives for Vocational Service, here are five easy and free to implement ideas to consider acting on to help grow your club's vocational service.

### 1: Setup a Recognition Program for Local Business Owners

Consider creating a recognition program that recognizes local business owners for pledging to commit to practicing the Four-Way Test, and for committing a small portion of their time to have their employees do community service during the year. Part of Vocational Service is spreading the ideals of the Four-Way Test in business. Consider awarding these local businesses who qualify for your own recognition program with a framed certificate, and with a placement in a list of locally recognized businesses that your club shares. Bonus: Create a sticker they can stick on their place of business, or a digital sticker graphic they can place on their business website.

### 2: Create a "Rotarian-owned" Business List

Both during and outside of pandemics, Rotarians love supporting each other. As our members do well in their businesses, we often see incredible dividends that help with the health of our clubs. An easy idea to implement is to create a list of Rotarian-owned businesses, and to share that with your local Rotary area club presidents, your own club members, and to the Rotary District. Participation to be listed is recommended as an opt-in, and members may enjoy knowing the club is trying to help their livelihood. Once the list is shared, your membership committee may also decide that being listed may be considered a perk of membership.

### 3: Host a Small Business Owner Zoom Huddle

Every savvy business owner knows that keeping in touch with local business owners helps fosters success. During the pandemic, business owners may be experiencing hardships that other owners are experiencing, but may not know who to discuss these with. Considering hosting a virtual Zoom Meeting to invite local business owners to discuss relevant current issues they're facing. Some topics to consider are Tips for Successful Online Sales, Tips for Receiving COVID19 Aid, etc. Ask one of your members who is a small business owner to host this session.

### 4: Set up an Interclub "Coffee with a Rotarian" Program based on Affinity

Rotarians love meeting other, especially when they find common shared interests and hobbies to discuss. Consider fostering mentorship and friendships between your members, and members of another Rotary Club by creating an opt-in Coffee with a Rotarian program, where members share what their hobbies and interests are from a list of affinity choices you create. Then setup "Coffee Sessions" per affinity by pairing individuals with another Rotarian from another club who shares that affinity. It will be up to each pair of Rotarians to find a time to meet on Zoom to talk. There's no commitment needed past the first coffee session. If they want to stay in touch, they should organically setup their own follow-ups.

### 5: Create a Professional Development Recognition Program

We want our members to be better versions of themselves year-after-year. Consider creating a recognition program within your club that recognizes members who complete a certain number of hours per year for professional development. The recognition could be a printed certificate, or even a digital slide during a club meeting that recognizes them. With this program, members are encouraged to consider learning new skills or improving on existing skills through e-learning platforms such as LinkedIn Learning, Udemy, IDEOU, or through an accredited credential program. Consider providing additional recognition points for members willing to learn skills in areas that your club needs, such as website management or social media marketing.

Follow-up: These are just five ideas to get you started. There are an endless amount of old and new ideas that work. At the end of the day, it will be up to you to find the right idea that works with your club. If you think you have a good idea, try running an experiment with just a handful of people to see if it gains traction. If there is some success, consider bringing it to your club's board for formal adoption. An experiment is a great, quick way to test ideas and gather facts.