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Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant
14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247
Social at 5:30 p.m. - Meeting from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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 speaker this evening is our own Jan King, Rotarian and Aspiring Boomer Minimalist. "Know what you own, need what you own, love what you own!" In this time of almost instantaneous consumption available from almost every source – Amazon, retail giants, Etsy, and independent small businesses – it's easy to find yourself drowning in the sea of "organizing" your belongings.



In other words, "The things you own end up owning you"! (Borrowed from Chuck Palahnuik, author of "Fight Club"). In almost 70 years of living, Jan has collected WAY more than her share of "things" and is now on a mind-expanding quest to pare down her collections of possessions. Being an uber-sentimentalist has not helped her in this gargantuan task.

Tonight, Jan will share with you several ideas and resources to inspire you (just in case you want to) to live more simply, with less, so that someday your kids won't have to sort and purge for you. And remember, the earlier you begin, the more pleasant (and uncluttered) the journey will be!

Upcoming Programs

January 14th **Dr. Emily Neff,**
Kelso Director of the
San Antonio Museum of Art

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$1,293. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$646.50.



Happy New Year District 5840! As we reach the halfway point of this Rotary year, it is a perfect time to reflect on our accomplishments, renew our energy, and focus on the road ahead.



Together, we've made incredible strides in advancing our mission of service above self, creating lasting impact in our communities and beyond.

Look at what has and hasn't worked during the first half of the year and make any necessary changes. Don't forget Paul Harris once said, "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it."

This month, we celebrate one of Rotary's core avenues of service: Vocational Service. It's a unique reminder of how each of us, through our professional skills and expertise, can make a meaningful difference. Vocational Service challenges us to uphold the highest ethical standards in our professions, recognize the value of all occupations, and use our talents to address community needs.

As you reflect on the year so far, consider how you can use your vocation to:

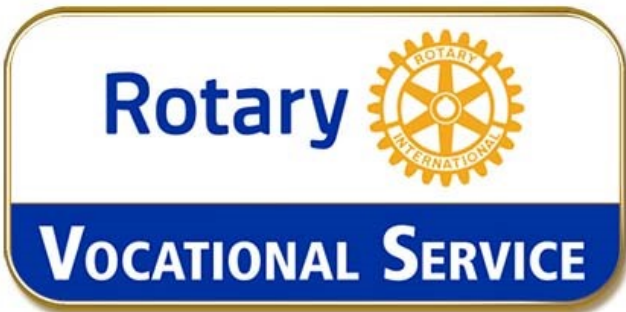
- Mentor young professionals and inspire the next generation of leaders.
- Organize vocational training programs to empower communities.
- Foster connections and partnerships that promote innovation and growth.

Let's recommit ourselves to Rotary's ideals and amplify our impact through vocational service. Together, we can ensure the second half of this year is even more remarkable than the first.

Thank you for your dedication and unwavering passion for service. Let's continue using *The Magic of Rotary to Influence Change!*

As District Governor Kristen stated above, January is Rotary's Vocational Service Month. The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.

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.



Jimmy Carter's vision for peace

By Diana Schoberg

The story below is an excerpt of an article that originally appeared in the February 2018 issue of *Rotary* magazine. To read the full article, please go to: <https://www.rotary.org/en/jimmy-carter-says-peace-must-be-fought>

It's a crisp, sunny day in late October, and school groups are touring the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta. They see the Bible that the 39th U.S. president took his oath on, a campaign ledger, and a mockup of the Oval Office – as well as his diploma in square dancing, a “Peanuts to President” game board, and a Marvel comic with the Carter family joining Captain America in saving energy. At the end of the exhibit is Carter's Nobel Peace Prize, which he received in 2002 in recognition of his decades of work advancing peace and human rights. “This is the biggest award in the world,” one of the field trip leaders explains to the elementary school students. Then she puts it into terms they will understand: “This is bigger than the Super Bowl MVP, believe it or not.” Perhaps she should have mentioned his two Grammys.



Carter has spent his life fighting for peace: brokering the 1978 peace talks between Egypt and Israel that led to the Camp David Accords, paving the way for a nuclear pact between the United States and North Korea in 1994, and monitoring elections in Panama, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and other places where the ballot box became an alternative to civil war. During his time in office, from 1977 to 1981, the United States was not involved in any wars. For the past 37 years, Carter has been redefining what it means to be a retired president – and the country's longest-lived one at that, having surpassed Herbert Hoover (who lived 31 years after leaving the White House). During his presidency, Carter made a commitment to human rights the cornerstone of his foreign policy; he and his wife, Rosalynn, continued that emphasis when they founded the Carter Center in 1982. The center's programs revolve around two main themes: peace and health. “We feel that there's a human right of people to live in peace,” he told *The Rotarian*. “We feel it's a human right to have a modicum of health care, to have a decent place in which to live, to have a chance to have an education, to have freedom of speech and freedom of religion and the right to elect your own leaders.”

The center has observed 105 elections, including recent contests in Liberia, Kenya, the Philippines, Zambia, and Guyana, and it has worked with the United Nations and other groups to develop standards for democratic elections. When democratic avenues fail, the center mediates armed conflicts. It is currently involved in efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as well as conflicts in Sudan and South Sudan, Syria, and Liberia; it's also working to combat the rise in violent religious extremism and Islamophobia in Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. On other fronts, the Carter Center has formed a task force on disease eradication. The only one of its kind in the world, it analyzes data to ascertain which diseases could be eradicated from the entire world. The center is focusing on eradicating Guinea worm disease and regionally eliminating five other diseases: river blindness, trachoma, schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, and malaria. “I might say if Rotary wasn't leading that fight to eradicate polio now, the Carter Center would – it's the kind of thing that would be very exciting for us,” Carter says. “We're very proud to see the progress that Rotary has had with that.”

Carter knows the power of service organizations well – he's a member of the Lions club in his hometown of Plains, Georgia, and a past district governor. And for more than 30 years the Carters have dedicated a week each year to volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Carter spoke with senior staff writer Diana Schoberg by phone from his home in Plains on Halloween. Still very involved in the community where his family has lived since 1833, he planned to go downtown that night to join other local leaders in greeting trick-or-treaters.

Q: The Carter Center describes itself as waging peace. If peace isn't merely the absence of war, describe the battle for peace.

A: We take peace not as a dormant situation, but as one to be fought for – like winning an armed conflict. We try to be aggressive in order to bring about that goal. We are not constrained at the Carter Center by policies of the United States government, although we have to comply with the law. We deal with people who are outcasts, or unsavory. I've been to North Korea three times, and I've probably spent more than 20 hours with their top leaders talking about the prospects of peace. We've also continued to deal with both Palestinians and Israelis. We have a relationship with the president of Sudan, Omar al-Bashir, who the United States refuses to deal with. We try to probe aggressively to find ways to bring about a peaceful understanding between adversaries, but I always make a point to get permission from the White House before I embark on such an adventure.



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CELEBRATION OF
DISTRICTS
MAY 2-4, 2025

SPEAKEASY
CASINO NIGHT

Rotary
District 5840
South Central Texas

Rotary
District 5870
Central Texas

Celebration of Districts for Rotary District 5840 South Central Texas and Rotary District 5870 Central Texas at the Embassy Suites, 1001 E McCarty Ln, San Marcos, TX 78666. May 2-4, 2025. We will be celebrating friendship and community as Rotary Districts 5840 and 5870 come together for a special occasion. This event is dedicated to fostering camaraderie among Rotarians and friends, emphasizing the values of service and fellowship that define our Rotary spirit. The cost is \$175/per person

There will be a Casino Night. Come out and roll the dice and try your luck. Enjoy a variety of classic games such as blackjack, roulette, and poker, all in a friendly and spirited atmosphere. Theme is speakeasy/roaring twenties.

What would a Rotary Conference be without Fellowship. Connect with fellow Rotarians and guests from both districts as we celebrate the bonds that unite us in service and friendship. There will be live music, dancing, and entertainment throughout the evening, creating moments of joy and celebration.

Go to <https://rotary5840.org/events/celebration-of-districts/> to register for the fun.

Join us as we come together to celebrate the spirit of Rotary and the power of friendship. See you there!

Have you invited your friend to join Rotary?

