



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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January 14, 2025

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 Dr. Emily Neff, Kelso Director of the San Antonio Museum of Art, where she has served since January 2022. Throughout her career, Emily has been driven by a vision to bring people and great art together in meaningful ways. Her work has further been guided by an interest in situating American art in a more expansive, global context and nurturing interest across diverse cultures and geographies.



For over six years, Neff led the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, where, among other accomplishments, she guided the decision-making process and fundraising effort to relocate the Brooks to downtown Memphis and into a new building designed by renowned architecture firm, Herzog & de Meuron. The project, which is slated for completion in 2026, will vastly improve the museum's ability to serve its community.

Neff's longest tenure was at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, where she began in 1989 as a curatorial assistant and rose to become the first head of the department of American Painting and & Sculpture, a position she held from 1997 to 2013. In her leadership role, she grew the department's collection dramatically, organized more than 20 exhibitions, authored or co-authored six catalogues and contributed essays to numerous others. She has held research fellowships at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.; the Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, MA; the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and Research Center in Santa Fe, NM, and Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens at the MFAH. She received her B.A. in the history of art at Yale University; her M.A. in art history at Rice University; and her Ph.D. in the history of art at the University of Texas at Austin, where her dissertation on John Singleton Copley formed the basis of an exhibition at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (1995).

San Antonio is world-famous for its multi-layered history, physical beauty, and cultural richness. In this illustrated presentation, Emily Neff will share unique stories about the San Antonio Museum of Art that demonstrate why our city's artistic legacy matters and what you can do to help elevate the arts in San Antonio.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



Do you have an idea for a speaker for one of our upcoming meetings? If so, please contact Dan Clark so we can get this person on our calendar.

Thank you.



The 2025 RYLA will take place Friday, January 17 - Monday, January 20,



RYLA

2025 at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, TX. Rotary clubs are encouraged to contact their local high schools early in the school year about the RYLA program to insure that the truly outstanding and deserving High School Juniors will be accorded the honor of attending this significant event. The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club will be sponsoring two Madison High School Junior to go to RYLA this month.

In 1975-76, Floyd Harriman of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton was District 5840 Governor. He asked W. Dain Higdon, a Past District Governor, to select a committee to determine the possibility of establishing a Rotary Youth Leadership Award Seminar in our Rotary District. A committee was selected which included Rotarians from several clubs. At the time, Dr. Duncan Wimpess, a Rotarian and a director of the San Antonio downtown club, was president of Trinity University. He was approached and agreed to host the meeting on Trinity's campus. Our first RYLA was May 14-16, 1976, with 55 high school students in attendance.

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.

In 1996, the RI Board of Directors adopted the following minimum standards for the core curriculum of every RYLA:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- Problem-solving and conflict-management
- What Rotary is and what it does for the local community
- Building self-confidence and self-esteem
- Elements of community and global citizenship



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$0. That is because Trina Forcey pulled the Joker at last week's meeting. Congratulations Trina!



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



Our speaker last week was District 5840 Secretary, and Honorary San Antonio Northeast Rotarian, Jan King. Jan shared with us several ideas and resources to inspire you to live more simply, with less. She gave us some amazing tips for purging and organizing. Decluttering is good for the mind, body and soul.

Special thanks to Trina Forcey and Becky Goering for staying late after our meeting last week to get our club's Facebook page back on track. There have already been two Facebook posts since our meeting last week. The link to our club's Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1Ew3bmKFtc/?mibextid=LQQJ4d> You can also go into Facebook and search for San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Please take time to like and share.



California Wildfire Support



Rotary District 5280, located in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area, has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to coordinate support for those impacted by the devastating wildfires. To make a monetary donation towards this effort, please visit:

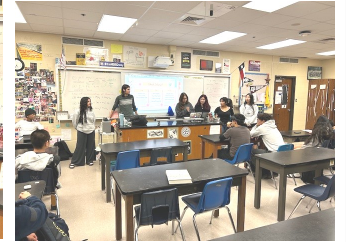
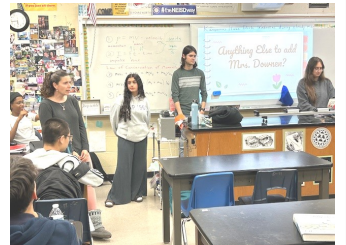
<https://rotary5280.org/page/2025-wildfire-disaster-relief/>

Have you met our future Rotary club president Lil' Miss 'M'. She is always at the ready to ring the bell to start and end the meeting. This is Maria Sturgeon, daughter of club president Russell Sturgeon and his wife Ana. She comes to many of our meetings and helps her Dad out with his presidential duties. We still have a few years yet to get an official 'yes' from her, but we're a patient group, we'll be here waiting to welcome her with open arms.



First Madison Interact Club meeting of 2025

The Madison Interact Club held its first meeting of 2025 on Monday, January 13th. There were approximately 35 students in attendance. The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club is proud to sponsor the Madison Interact Club. Interact Club Sponsor Janeen Downen reported that the Interact club completed 24 service projects in the first semester of the school year. Some of the service projects that the club has planned for the upcoming months include Trash Pick-Up at Friesenhahn Park in January, volunteering at Sleep in Heavenly Peace in February, working with the Children's Hunger Fund in March, and also volunteering at Rotary Day SA in March at McAllister Park. These students are doing a great job for their community. The Madison Interact Club meets every other Monday at 4:30 p.m. on the campus of Madison High School. Club members are encouraged to attend one of their upcoming meetings to show your support. The next Interact meeting will be on Monday, January 27th. Please contact Dan Clark if you have any questions.





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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?

