



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club

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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast

January 28, 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 Kerry Quinn. Travel, Rotary International and giving back are three of Kerry's passions. A perfect combination of these was the opportunity to travel with United by Friendship in April 2024 to Guatemala. She discovered a connection to the people and the history that firmed her commitment to help the rural communities of Uspantán, Quiché.



United by Friendship was founded in 2004 by Deborah Simon, the daughter of missionaries raised in Guatemala. Deborah was active with the Española, NM Rotary Club (now with Rotary Club of Santa Fe) and applied for Global Grants to meet needs she saw in Uspantán. UbF was founded to help with community projects that are not in the scope of funding from Rotary International. Can you say "Bricks & Mortar"? Health clinic expansions, school kitchens and school roofing are three examples. The board works in partnership with the Municipality of Uspantán to improve the health, education and economic development of its people. Volunteers visit the project sites annually to evaluate potential new projects, check on the status of past projects and celebrate the completion of current project with our community partners.

Kerry Quinn was raised in Boerne, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University and completed post-graduate work at the University of Vienna, Austria as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. In 2003, she earned a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from UTSA. Kerry has worked as a non-profit executive for the past 27 years. Kerry and her husband Chris have a blended family of four kids, three in-laws and a new grandchild. She is an active member of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe and serves as the club's foundation treasurer. She was an active Rotarian and Assistant Governor in D-5840 before moving. In May 2024, she joined the board of United by Friendship.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- February 4th Program to be arranged by Russell Sturgeon
- February 11th Program to be arranged by Debbie Degollado
- February 18th To be determined
- February 25th Roxey Sowell, Why you should visit Ireland Program arranged by Preston McKinney
- March 4th Mardi Gras Celebration

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Belated Happy Birthday wishes go out to LaVonna Stewart who celebrated her birthday on January 25th.



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Rotary's response to U.S.'s plan to withdraw from the World Health Organization by Rotary International



Rotary notes the recent announcement that the United States intends to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO), a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). We remain resolute in our mission to eradicate polio. As a founding partner of the GPEI, Rotary has for decades worked closely with all the GPEI partners, the U.S. government, and other governments to end polio worldwide. This effort has reduced the number of children paralyzed by polio by 99.9% since 1988. The global effort to eradicate polio has innovated many times over the years to come close to protecting every last child.

Although this decision creates new challenges, Rotary remains dedicated to ensuring that every child is protected from this preventable disease. We are confident that the GPEI will continue to adapt, to innovate, and to implement effective strategies to keep polio vaccines available for every child in the United States and around the world, especially those in the most challenging and remote regions. The most important decisions leading to a polio-free world are made every day by parents who present their children for vaccination.

We remain committed to working with all GPEI partners to fulfill the promise of a polio-free world. Together, we have ended smallpox, and together, we can ensure that polio becomes the second human disease to be eradicated from the planet.

We inducted Tracy Needs as our newest club member at our meeting on January 14th. Club president Russell Sturgeon pinned Tracy with her Rotary pin. Tracy's classification is Healthcare Credentialing. Her hobbies include karaoke, wineries, boardgames, and reading. Welcome to the club, Tracy!



At the start of meeting tonight, our Happy Bucks pot is back again at \$0. After going almost a year without anyone pulling the Joker as part of our 50/50 raffle, Trina Forcey drew the special card at our meeting on January 7th. Then at our meeting the next week, Russell Sturgeon pulled the Joker. We needed to make special arrangements for Russell to have an escort to his car after the meeting so that no one would try to steal his winnings of \$10.50.



We received a short note and photo from Maddie Aguilar, our Global Education Scholar studying in Madrid, Spain, Maddie (right) said that she is in her second week of the semester and getting along well. This photo is of her and her Capstone group after their UN Tourism meeting.



Due to the unusual cold weather and possibility of ice, the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club did not meet on January 21st.

The week before on January 14th, our was Dr. Emily Neff, Kelso Director of the San Antonio Museum of Art. Dr. Neff gave a very enthusiastic and informational presentation about the San Antonio Museum of Art. She reminded all those in attendance that San Antonio is world-famous for its multi-layered history, physical beauty, and cultural richness. In this, Dr. Neff shared unique stories about the San Antonio Museum of Art that demonstrated why the Alamo City's artistic legacy matters and what everyone can do to help elevate the arts in San Antonio. Dr. Neff is also a member of the Rotary Club of San Antonio. After her very interesting program, club president Russell Sturgeon presented Dr. Neff a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation.



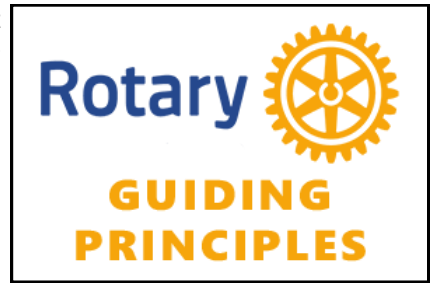
San Antonio Northeast Rotarians Russell Sturgeon, Trina Forcey, and Dan Clark attended the January 27, 2025 meeting of the Madison Interact Club. They got to hear all about the upcoming projects that the Interactors will be participating in over the next few months. Madison teacher and club sponsor Janeen Downen said that there are approximately 70 members of the Madison Interact Club. San Antonio Northeast Rotarians are encouraged to show up for one of the Interact club's upcoming meetings to show support and to see first-hand the great things that these Interactors are doing for our community.



January is Rotary 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.



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!

