



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club

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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



February 4, 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 speakers this evening are Russell, Ana, and Maria Sturgeon. They will be sharing with us their experiences when they visited England, Belgium, and The Netherlands on vacation last year. Russell has put together a PowerPoint presentation of their European vacation.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- February 11th** Kristen Gusman
Program 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

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



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$26. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$13.

Starting tonight, club members can bring non-perishable food items for the Madison Interact Club's Food Pantry to our first Rotary meeting of the month. Our club does donate funds to the Madison Interact Club's Food Pantry once a year, but we wanted to open it up for club members to individually donate non-perishable food items if they wish. If this is something that you would like to participate in, please bring your items to our meeting this evening.



Suggested items to bring include:

- Canned Meats/Proteins** - chicken, ham, tuna, beans, peanut butter, and almond butter.
- Dried/Canned Fruits and Vegetables** - raisins, beans, applesauce, oranges, corn, green beans, and peas,
- Snack Sized** - breakfast bars, crackers, jerky, fruit snacks, and Pop-Tarts,
- Ready to Eat/Just Add Water** - pasta/sauce, rice (flavored or regular), mac-n-cheese cups, ramen, soup, stew, boxed meals, microwaveable means (not frozen), and Chef Boyardee,
- Paper Goods** - toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues, paper plates, plasticware, and paper cups.



District Governor Kristen's February Message

Get ready for an incredible lineup of events in District 5840! First, let's cheer on DGE Craig as he heads to the International Assembly. This is his final step in preparing to lead as District Governor, where he'll experience the global spirit of Rotary firsthand.



Later this month, it's time for the President Elects and President Nominees to shine at PETS! This dynamic event will bring together leaders from 10 districts for inspiring learning sessions and invaluable networking opportunities.

Closer to home, mark your calendars for the Foundation FUNdraiser on April 4th at Aggie Park! Join us for an evening of games, surprises, and plenty of fun—all to support The Rotary Foundation and help us reach our fundraising goals.

Then, from May 2nd to 4th, we're teaming up with District 5870 for the Celebration of Districts at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. With exciting activities for Rotarians, family, and friends, this promises to be a can't-miss event full of fellowship and memories.

Don't wait - register for the Foundation FUNdraiser and the Celebration of Districts today under the Events tab at www.rotary5840.org.

February is a special month in the Rotary calendar as we focus on Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. This theme highlights one of Rotary's core values: fostering understanding, cooperation, and sustainable peace across the globe.

Every day, Rotarians work to reduce conflict through education, economic development, access to clean water, and promoting dialogue. By empowering communities, we help build bridges of understanding and create pathways to peace.

This month, let's reflect on how we can contribute to a more peaceful world, both within our local communities and internationally. Consider these ways to get involved:

- Support Rotary Peace Centers – Encourage and share the work of Rotary Peace Fellows who are actively training to become tomorrow's peacemakers.
- Initiate a Local Peace Project – Collaborate with fellow Rotarians to address local conflicts or foster harmony within your community.

Promote Rotary's Message of Peace – Share inspiring stories of Rotarians' peacebuilding efforts with your networks to amplify their impact.

Rotary's commitment to peace reminds us that even the smallest actions can create ripples of change. Together, we can transform conflict into opportunity and strengthen bonds that unite us all.

Let's make February a month of action and inspiration. If you're working on or interested in peace projects, we'd love to hear about it!

Our speaker last week was Kerry Quinn. She spoke to us about the opportunity she had in April 2024 to travel with United by Friendship 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, New Mexico Rotary Club (now with Rotary Club of Santa Fe) and applied for Global Grants to meet needs she saw in Uspantán. Kerry is also a member of the Santa Fe Rotary Club. Past-president Dan Clark pinch hit for club president Russell Sturgeon and presented Kerry with a speaker's Certificate of Appreciation. Thank you, Kerry, for a very interesting program.



WANTED
"LET'S GO WESTERN NIGHT"

Benefits
Congregate Meal Program, Seniors and their Guests

Hosted by
The Greater Randolph Area Services Program, Inc.
GRASP COMMUNITY CENTER
250 Donalan Drive
Converse, Texas 78109

SPONSORED AND PRESENTED BY:
Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club
Northeast San Antonio Rotary Club

Thursday March 6, 2025
6p.m. to 9:30p.m.

Dinner catered by Bluebonnet Palace
Dancing, Games, Bingo, and More Activities
Music by Carlos Barrera

(Western Attire Preferred)
RSVP 210-658-6351

\$15 per plate

Volunteer Opportunity

Our fellow Rotarian Jay Higginson with the Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club paid us a visit last week to let us know that the 15th Annual GRASP Western Night will be taking place on Thursday, March 6th. As in years past, we will be volunteering with our fellow Rotarians in the Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club. As volunteers, will be serving dinner to the seniors in attendance, clean-up the kitchen and tables after dinner, and assisting with the bingo game and distribution of prizes. The event will be held at the GRASP Community Center located at 250 Donalan. Converse, TX 78109. A sign-up sheet will be passed around this evening for those club members that would like to volunteer.



Big Game on Sunday

As we have done in the past, with the Big Game taking place this Sunday, we thought we would share with you some information regarding Rotary's presence in the two cities being represented - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Kansas City, Missouri.



Kansas City is home to no less than six Rotary clubs. The oldest of the Kansas City Rotary clubs is the Rotary Club of Kansas City. In May 16, 1910, a group of 57 Kansas City leaders met for the first time to officially begin Rotary Club 13, the thirteenth oldest Rotary Club in the world. These leaders of Kansas City believed in the vision of Rotary's founder, Chicago attorney Paul Harris, who imagined a club where members formed friendships, supported each other in business and served their communities with distinction. Today, this vision is shared by the over 200 men and women of Rotary Club 13. One of the claims to fame for the Kansas City Rotary Club is the Rotary Youth Camp. The original founders, Robert and Clara Gees, acquired the camp's current location nearly a century ago, and in 1928, the couple placed the land in a trust, granting the Rotary Club of Kansas City exclusive use of it, in perpetuity, for activities that serve youth in need.

The Rotary Club of Kansas City continues to work tirelessly to raise money to maintain and improve the camp facilities, always keeping the needs of the campers - and the legacy of compassion Mr. and Mrs. Gees instilled—a priority. Today's summer sessions continue the steadfast commitment to groups that serve the physically, emotionally, and mentally disabled youth of Greater Kansas City, many of whom might never otherwise have shared the joy of this unique camping experience.

In addition to Club 13, the Kansas City International Airport, Kansas City South, Waldo Brookside-Kansas City, Kansas City-Plaza, and the North Kansas City Rotary Clubs call K.C. home.

Like Kansas City Philadelphia also has six Rotary club. The Rotary Club of Philadelphia is the 19th oldest Rotary club in the world, being chartered on April 30, 1911. Five years after the founding of Rotary, in 1910, there were five bachelors living together in Philadelphia. One of them, W. Warren Shaw, music instructor, had been a classmate of Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, at the University of Vermont. That was the connection and the reason for the start of the Philadelphia Club which joined the family of Rotary Clubs, soon to be known as Rotary International. The club has been the home to two Rotary International Presidents—Glenn Mead, the first International President (1912-1913) and Guy Gundaker (1923-1924). Soon after the Club began, the very active Philadelphia members had founded other clubs in Harrisburg, PA; Washington, DC; Baltimore MD, and Camden, NJ. Decades later, many of the more than 50 clubs in the Greater Philadelphia area can trace their roots back to the Rotary Club of Philadelphia.

Other Rotary clubs in the City of Brotherly Love include the Frankfort-Northeast Philadelphia, North Philadelphia, Chestnut Hill, Southwest Philadelphia-Eastwick, and Northeast Philadelphia Cheltenham Rockledge Rotary Clubs.

EMBASSY SUITES
SAN MARCOS, TX

CELEBRATION OF DISTRICTS
MAY 2-4, 2025

SPEAKEASY CASINO NIGHT

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!