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THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY

February 18, 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 Past District Governor John Hutcherson. He will be speaking about estate planning, the need to know our demographic, and how that folds into serving our community through Rotary's endowment and major gifts programs. PDG John recently sold his wealth management business, continues as a hospital board member, is past president of the Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Club and was Rotary District 5840's District Governor in 2019-2020. He will also speak about the Rotary Foundation products as the District Rotary Foundation Chair for Endowment and Major Gifts.



John is a huge advocate for Rotary's polio eradication program. He and his wife, Judy, have participated in National Immunization Days in India and Pakistan, chaired our District Polio Plus committee for several years, and often shows up wearing some kind of Rotary End Polio gear (as pictured). John currently is the District Major Gifts and Endowment coordinator for The Rotary Foundation.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- February 25th** Roxey Sowell, Why you should visit Ireland Program arranged by Preston McKinney
- March 4th** Alamo City Roller Derby, formerly Alamo City Roller Girls
Our meeting on March 4th will also be a **Mardi Gras Themed 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 \$77. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$38.50.

On February 23, 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office in Chicago, IL for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.



Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

- Paul Harris



Rotary District 5840

FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, APRIL 04, 2025 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
AGGIE PARK EVENT CENTER
6205 WEST AVE. SAN ANTONIO, TX 78213

52 CARD DRAW | HEADS OR TAILS | WINE RAFFLE
DONATION BOARDS TO INFLUENCE CHANGE
\$50 PER PERSON | \$400 PER TABLE (8)

FREE ADMISSION FOR MAJOR DONORS AND ENDOWMENT DONORS THAT GAVE \$10,000 IN RY24-25

PROCEEDS TO FUND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Starting with our first meeting in February, club members can bring non-perishable food items for the Madison Interact Club's Food Pantry to our first Rotary meeting of the month. Since this is a new project, we will be collecting food items at all of our February meetings. 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.

Do you have an idea for a guest speaker for one of our upcoming meetings? If so, please contact Dan Clark so we can schedule this person on our calendar. We would like to have input from all club members.



Our speaker last week was Kristine Gusman, Association Director of Counseling & Well-Being with the YMCA of Greater San Antonio. Kristine presentation focused on the importance of self-care in maintaining physical, mental, and emotional health. Kristine let us know that the YMCA now offers counseling inside of eight YMCA Greater San Antonio locations providing free and low-cost counseling to youth to seniors.

Kristine is a former Active member of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club and is still an Honorary member of the club. After her very interesting and informative presentation, club president Russell Sturgeon presented Kristine a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the *Rotary* magazine.



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 Donalán 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.

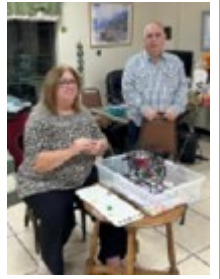
Dinner catered by Bluebonnet Palace
Dancing, Games, Bingo, and More Activities
Music by Carlos Barrera

(Western Attire Preferred)
RSVP 210-658-6351

\$15 per plate

Time to volunteer partner

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 Donalán. Converse, TX 78109. A sign-up sheet will be passed around this evening for those club members that would like to volunteer.



2025 ROTARY DAY SA

Join your fellow Rotarians in a district-wide day of service.

Registration Required:
Scan the QR code to register

- 9am: Check in, breakfast
- 10am - 2pm: Service Hours
- Volunteers must be 10 or older
- All volunteers must sign a waiver
- Wear your Rotary shirts, appropriate shoes and gloves

Service Opportunities:

- Tree ring mulching
- Litter pick up
- Invasive species removal
- Dog park mulching
- Painting picnic tables
- Repainting posts and cable

Waiver Required:
Scan the QR code to access the waiver

SAT, MARCH 22

MCALLISTER PARK PAVILION #5

As announced at our meeting last week, Madison High School Interact Club's sponsor, Mrs. Janeen Downen would like to invite all club members to attend the 13th Annual March Mav Madness Olympians vs Faculty game, on Friday, March 21, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the DEMAC. If you schedule allows, please come out and show your support for the members of the Madison Special Education department.



At our meeting last week, our resident Dad Joke expert Anthony Strickland received a potty humor book from Debbie Degollado. Anthony texts a few Dad Jokes to club members each morning. Now he can add Toilet Jokes to his inventory.

BATHROOM JOKES

For Kids & Adults

FUNNY TOILET JOKES



It's still a few months away, but we wanted to let you know that Rotary Night at the Missions will be held on Thursday, May 8th. More information to follow. Mark your calendar.

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CELEBRATION OF DISTRICTS
MAY 2-4, 2025

SPEAKEASY CASINO NIGHT

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 through February 29th.

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. **Don't Wait!** Early Bird Pricing of \$175 ends on **February 29th!** After that, registration increases to \$199.

If you want to stay for the weekend, you can book your hotel room at the Embassy Suites Hotel for \$187 per night using the following link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?cityhcn=SNMESES&arrivalDate=2025-05-02&departureDate=2025-05-04&groupCode=948&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink>

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