

San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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February 21, 2023



Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant, 14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247
Social 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 846 0937 6016 - no password required

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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 Bobby Martinez. Bobby is an Assistant Governor and a member of the Poteet Rotary Club. He will be speaking to us about the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

Since 1949, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo has grown to become one of the largest, most prestigious single events in the city of San Antonio, with approximately 1.5 million visitors entering the grounds each year. Over 6,000 volunteers give countless hours to the organization each year.



UPCOMING SAN ANTONIO NORTHEAST & ROTARY DISTRICT 5840 EVENTS

Saturday, March 4th Rotary Day SA
McAllister Park

Tuesday, March 7th Madison High School Interactors
that attended RYLA

Thursday, March 16th Greater Randolph Area Service
Program (GRASP)
Let's Go Western Night

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Russell Sturgeon will be celebrating his 3rd Rotary Anniversary on March 3rd. Thank you, Russell for everything that you have done for us since joining the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club.

Speaking of Rotary Anniversaries, back on February 23, 1905, left to right, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul Harris gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.



Happy 118th Anniversary, Rotary
Party like it's 1905



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$990. That means if your ticket is drawn and you draw the Joker, you are going to be going home with at least **\$495**.



Where does your \$6 go?

Many club members pay \$6 each week for our meeting. But not everyone know where the \$6 goes.

\$1 for our raffle

\$2 to pay for our guest speaker's meal

\$3 to your Paul Harris

District Governor Dwayne Hopkins' February message

February 27th through March 4 is Rotary District 5840 Service Project Week. Rotary clubs all around District 5840 can maximize opportunities around service projects in local communities or even combine projects with several clubs. Please use local social media to push efforts and information on all the great work Rotarians are doing in the community. This of course is centered around Rotary Service Project Day at McAllister Park that is sponsored by the San Antonio Rotary Club on March 4th. The Rotary International theme for February is *Peace Building and Conflict Prevention*. Please focus some club talks, efforts and discussions around Peace building and conflict prevention.



In my view, one of the most rewarding benefits about being a Rotarian is meeting amazing people. Just this week, I had an opportunity to visit the Rotary Club of Kenedy, Texas. The Rotary Club of Kenedy is celebrating 100 years in Rotary with the big celebration event this month. This club is a proud club with years of accomplishments in the community. During this visit, I also came across Rotarian Tobe Ricks. Toby has been a member of the Rotary Club of Kenedy for Twenty-Five years and could play the Piano very well. This was one of those singing Rotary clubs that many people talked about as I visited Rotary Clubs. When talking with Toby, I learned he played several musical instruments. I was fascinated how someone could learn several musical instruments. I quickly learned, it was not just one instruments that Toby played but four or five. During the conversation with Tobe, he mentioned that his father was also a Rotarian, and he continued to say his grandfather was also a Rotarian. Later, during a telephone conversation, Tobe said his father was a Rotarian during the 1930s and his grandfather during the 1920's in Kenedy, Texas.

The grandfather worked in farming, ranching and oil while his father was in the military and lived in Alaska eventually returning to Kenedy, Texas. I started to think of the Ricks family Rotary legacy over the years and noticed important events in our history like, The Great Depression of 1929, World War One (WWI 1914-1918) and World War Two (WWII 1939-1945) that this family has endured. The Ricks family Rotary legacy has passed from grandfather to father and now to the son, Tobe. The family did experience some breaks from Rotary during difficult times in history but endured and stayed with Rotary over time.

Imagine, all the good this family accomplished over the many years with partners in Rotary such as the Rotary Club of Kenedy. Imagine, the many lives changed, opportunities for children, efforts eradicating Polio and good for all through Rotary over the years. Such an amazing gift to meet all the members of the Rotary Club of Kenedy. An extra special gift hearing the legacy of the Ricks family in Rotary. The legacy continues...**Imagine Rotary.**



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

Rotary Day SA 2023

Saturday, March 4th
McAllister Park, 13102 Jones Maltsberger Rd.
Pavilion #5
9:00 a.m. registration and breakfast tacos
Clean-up 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Rotary Club of San Antonio is inviting Rotarians from all over the district to join them for Rotary Day SA 2023. Bring your family, friends and potential members to participate in this day of service.

Service Opportunities:

- Litter Removal
- Picnic bench painting
- Tree ring mulching
- Invasive species removal
- Mulch turning in the dog park

PEOPLE of ACTION



ROTARIANS
AT WORK
having fun

Thanks to the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department for their assistance.

Register today! Scan the QR code with your phone to register or click the link: [RDSA 2023](#)

All volunteers must complete a waiver. [Click Here](#)



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San Antonio Northeast Rotarians Russell Sturgeon, Dan Clark, and Preston McKinney, along with Russell's co-worker Luis Ronquillo volunteered at the Blessed Angels Community Center on Wednesday, February 15th. The four volunteers came out to judge Blessed Angel's senior Rodeo King and Queen Contest. It was tough judging because there were so many great outfits.

Russell, Preston, Dan, and Luis also called bingo while they were there. The seniors definitely enjoy their bingo. Thanks go out to Blessed Angels CEO / Executive Director Marion Thomas, and all the folks in attendance for making Russell, Preston, Dan, and Luis feel most welcome. The mission of Blessed Angels Community Center is to fight hunger in San Antonio, and surrounding communities through healthy and nutritional food distribution. We are here to provide educational programs and resources while giving hope and compassion to citizens in need of food assistance and make sure no child or citizen goes to bed hungry. We hope to attend more Blessed Angels functions in the future.

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club will also be donating 1,000 pairs of socks to Blessed Angels to be given away to children in need. The socks will be given away at the Blessed Angels Spring Break giveaway.



Rotary responds to earthquake that has devastated areas of Turkey and Syria

Turkey and Syria were struck by a devastating earthquake on February 6 that has killed tens of thousands of people, destroyed thousands of homes and other structures, and left people across the region without shelter in bitterly cold winter weather.

The Rotary world responded to this catastrophe immediately. RI President Jennifer Jones activated our disaster response efforts, communicated with the affected districts, and encouraged governors in those regions to apply for disaster response grants and share information about their relief efforts so that Rotary can amplify the calls for support.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees decided that all donations made, from now until March 31, to the Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund will be used to aid earthquake relief projects. In addition, the Trustees made available more than \$125,000 to Rotary districts affected by the earthquake through Disaster Response Grants.

Rotary's project partner ShelterBox also has an emergency response team assessing the needs in the region and how it can respond. That team is communicating with Rotary district leaders. Rotary's service partner Habitat for Humanity International is also working on its response. Many Rotary members are asking how they can help. Here's how to have the greatest impact:

[Give to Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund](#). Donations help clubs and districts provide aid and support rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. The funds are distributed to affected communities through disaster response grants. The Disaster Response Fund can accept cash contributions and District Designated Funds (DDF).

As we learn about local response efforts that are being led by clubs and districts, Rotary raises awareness about how to support them. People can then support these projects by working directly with Rotary members in the region. If you want us to publicize information about local response efforts, write to relief@rotary.org.

The District 5840 Raffle benefiting The Rotary Foundation will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Club president Debbie Degollado will pass out the tickets this evening at our meeting. The dollar amount of the tickets you sell will go towards your Paul Harris. The prizes for this year's raffle is a \$1,000 VISA Debit Card awarded to each of the seven (7) tickets drawn.

The Rotary Foundation



You're invited to
Greater Randolph Area Service Program (GRASP)

Let's Go Western Night

BENEFITS
CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM SENIORS & THEIR GUESTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023
6 TO 9:30 PM
GRASP COMMUNITY CENTER
250 DONALAN CONVERSE, TEXAS
RSVP 658-6351
\$15/PLATE
WESTERN ATTIRE PREFERRED

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DANCING, GAMES, BINGO & MORE

MUSIC BY CARLOS BARRERA

CATERED BY:
BLUE BONNET PALACE