



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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Rotary
Club of San Antonio
Northeast

February 25, 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 Roxey Sowell. Her presentation tonight is about "Why you should visit Ireland". Roxey Sowell is a Business Development Manager for Celtic Tours. She has eight years of experience in the travel industry and has worked on both sides of the travel desk—as a Travel Advisor and as a Business Development Manager. Her travels span the globe, covering 17 countries from the Caribbean to Europe, and she has sailed on all the rivers in Europe. One country that truly captured her heart is her beloved Ireland. From its stunning landscapes to its welcoming people, everything about Ireland captivated her attention. This is why she believes that every person should experience the Emerald Isle at least once.



During her travels in Europe, Roxey also developed a keen interest in wine. This passion proved useful when she spent four years managing a wine club on the Texas Wine Trail in the Fredericksburg area. While in the Texas wine industry, she committed herself to supporting its growth by obtaining her WSET Level II certificate in wine knowledge, as well as her Certificate in Texas Wine & Terroir. Roxey loves exploring new places and enjoys independent travel, believing that you never truly know what you are capable of until you venture into foreign lands on your own. Program arranged by Preston McKinney. Thank you, Preston.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 4th Alamo City Roller Derby, formerly Alamo City Roller Girls
Our meeting next week will have a **Mardi Gras Theme**. Get your beads ready.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Russell Sturgeon will be celebrating his 5th Rotary Anniversary on March 3rd. Thank you, Russell that everything that you do for our club.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$105. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$52.50.

The RI president-elect speaks about the power of Rotary's members

by Etelka Lehoczky

Rotary International President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo asked members to Unite for Good by embracing growth, service, and connection as he outlined a plan to expand "the best-qualified team of volunteers on the planet."



"Rotary's greatest asset is not our history, our projects, or even our unmatched global reach. It is our members," de Camargo said at the organization's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, on February 10, 2025. He noted praise from one of Rotary's partners about "the extraordinary dedication" of Rotary members. "That recognition from an outsider deepened my understanding: Rotary's greatest gift to the world is its people."

De Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, emphasized the importance of seeking out new perspectives and strengthening Rotary's service to communities around the globe. He outlined three "essential pillars" for growth: innovation, continuity, and partnership.

Noting how quickly the world changes, de Camargo urged members to innovate. "Technology, social expectations, and economic conditions evolve constantly, and Rotary must evolve with them," he said. "Innovation is how we adapt to this changing world."

One important way to do this, de Camargo said, is by embracing and promoting a variety of club models. Satellite clubs, cause-based clubs, enterprise clubs, and passport clubs offer people different ways to experience Rotary. Noting that his wife helped charter a satellite club with nearly 50 members, he said, "Future Rotary members are out there. We must meet them where they are."

De Camargo also emphasized the importance of leadership continuity and said he observed its benefits during his extensive travels in the past 18 months. Districts thrive, he said, when governors build on their predecessors' efforts, ensuring that programs and strategies continue without interruption.

He cited an effort to build wells in Nigeria, an initiative in Pakistan that helped people affected by devastating floods to find a better future, and a Rotary grant-funded program in India where children get lifesaving care. "Continuity is not about uniformity; it's about alignment," de Camargo said. "When district leaders work together, envisioning Rotary beyond their 'governor year,' they set the stage for long-term success."

Rotary members working alone can achieve great things, de Camargo said, but collaborating with others makes it possible to change the world. He noted that Rotary's historic effort against polio has been undertaken with partners such as the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF. Without these partners, de Camargo said, Rotary couldn't have had the same impact. He suggested exploring other kinds of partnerships to attract members and revitalize clubs.

Partnering with business associations, professional organizations, and academic institutions can help Rotary attract members while embracing diversity in professions and perspectives, he said. "By reaching out to professionals who share our values of service and engagement, we can expand Rotary's capacity to do good in the world."

Ultimately, de Camargo said, all of Rotary's achievements and growth depend on members. By focusing on attracting and retaining them, Rotary can renew its strength as well as its ability to create change in communities for years to come. "In a world often divided, Rotary stands as a beacon of unity and hope," de Camargo said. "Our projects bring together people of all races, religions, genders, ideologies, and economic backgrounds, uniting us in a shared purpose: to do good in the world. ... Let's build a Rotary that unites for good and ensures a brighter future for all."



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

Our speaker last week was PDG John Hutcherson. He spoke to us 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.

During John's presentation, he reminded everyone about District 5840's Foundation Fundraiser taking place on Friday, April 4th. After his presentation club president Russell Sturgeon presented DPG John a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation.



Club members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Madison Interact Club's Food Pantry to our meetings.



Suggested items to bring include canned meats / proteins, dried / canned fruits and vegetables, snack sized breakfast bars, crackers, jerky, fruit snacks, ready to eat / just add water items such as pasta / sauce, rice (flavored or regular), mac-n-cheese cups, ramen, soup, stew, boxed meals, microwaveable meals (not frozen), and Chef Boyardee. Paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues, paper plates, plasticware, and paper cups are also needed.

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

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

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

SAT, MARCH 22

MCALLISTER PARK PAVILION #5

Waiver Required:
Scan the QR code to access the waiver

Madison High School Interact Club's sponsor, Mrs. Janeen Downen would like to invite all club members to attend the 13th Annual March 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.



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.

CELEBRATION OF DISTRICTS

MAY 2-4, 2025

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 28th!** 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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