



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**
February 27, 2024

Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant, 14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247
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 Dr. Daniel P. Martinez. Dr. Martinez holds the esteemed position of Executive Director for the Greater San Antonio Chapter of the American Red Cross. In this pivotal role, he orchestrates comprehensive operations for a region serving nearly 3 million individuals, exercising exceptional leadership and fostering community engagement. His strategic vision has elevated the organization's visibility, expanded partnerships, and propelled impactful development initiatives.



In addition to his entrepreneurial endeavors, throughout his tenure, Dr. Martinez has been instrumental in cultivating strategic relationships crucial to the chapter's mission objectives. His leadership acumen is exemplified by the recruitment and mentorship of leaders, empowering them to represent the American Red Cross effectively. His involvement in the Elected Officials Liaison Network, contributing to national disaster responses, underscores his commitment to community resilience on a broader scale. Notably, Dr. Martinez spearheaded the creation of a comprehensive strategic plan from inception, profoundly impacting the organization's trajectory. His dedication to fostering inclusivity led to the recruitment of the 1st Latina Board Chair in the chapter's history, enriching board diversity to better mirror the community.

UPCOMING CLUB CALENDAR

Thursday, February 29th Annual GRASP Western Night
Thursday, March 14th Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House
Saturday, March 23rd Rotary Day SA 2024

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Russel Sturgeon will be celebrating this 4th Rotary Anniversary on March 3rd. Congratulations Mr. President-Elect.

Where does your \$6 go?

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

\$1 for our raffle

\$2 to pay for our guest speaker's meal. While all three of the items listed here are voluntary, we greatly encourage all to donate towards our speaker's meal.

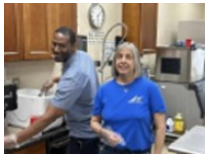
\$3 to your Paul Harris



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$94. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, who will leave with at least \$47.

14TH ANNUAL GRASP WESTERN NIGHT

will be taking place **THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH.** 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 going around the room one final time tonight.



Rotary Exchange Students attend San Antonio Rodeo

Members of the District 5840 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee took our eight inbound students to the San Antonio Rodeo on Sunday, February 11, 2024.



Message from DG Monica

This International Women's Day, March 8, 2024 let's come together to celebrate the incredible strength, resilience, and achievements of women worldwide! We invite all Rotarian women to participate in our special campaign by sharing a photo of themselves proudly wearing their Rotary shirts. Let's showcase the power and unity of women within the Rotary family!

How to Participate:

1. Put on your favorite Rotary shirt.
2. Strike a pose that reflects your strength and passion.
3. Snap a photo and share it on your social media with the hashtags #D5840ServiceStrong #RotaryWomenRock
4. Share it with the District (pblankenzee@rotary5840.org) so we too can promote District 5840 Women in Rotary!



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PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION

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At our meeting last Tuesday, we talked about some possible fundraising ideas. These ideas included:

- Chocolate Candy Sales
- Popcorn Sales
- Pickleball event at Walzem Y.M.C.A.
- Wine Tasting
- Cane’s Chicken
- McIntyre’s Bar
- The Hoppy Monk
- Purse Bingo or Purse Raffle
- Raffle of various gift baskets prizes
- Tiff’s Treats



Please be prepared to discuss these fundraising ideas in more detail at our meeting tonight. Please also be thinking of other fundraising ideas that our club might try.

There will be a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from 8:30AM to 4:30PM at the Spring Creek United Methodist Church, 28970 Old Fredericksburg Rd, Fair Oaks, TX 78015. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The cost of RLI \$50 and is open to all Rotarians.

NOTE: The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club will reimburse for any club member that would like to attend RLI.

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RLI is a very informative and fun day. You will be enjoy a program that is well-planned and presented by district leaders There is great inter-action amongst attendees and you will learn quite a bit about leadership qualities and the "nuts and bolts" of Rotary. This program will prove invaluable in preparing you or your fellow Rotarians for leadership positions within your club and district.

RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation and to those identified by Rotary Clubs as having a potential in club leadership. These educational opportunities will teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service.



Cancellation policy: Must cancel 48 hours in advance to receive a refund. No shows will not receive a refund nor credit for a future class.

For questions, contact PDG Kathy Hubbard at: monk7105@gmail.com

What is Rotary Leadership Institute?

It is a joint project of over 350 Rotary Districts worldwide. The Rotary Leadership Institute is offered in District 5840. It is a development program using facilitation in small groups to engage Rotarians and strengthen clubs through quality leadership education.

RLI’s Part 1 is a great start for new Rotarians, as well as a good summary for experienced ones. It is suggested all members who are “new” to Rotary attend at least Part 1.

Parts 2 and 3 build on the foundation – completing all three parts is a great idea for incoming club presidents and board members. It builds action and sustainability in your local club!

Resource Materials with coffee/lunch/dessert are included – each Part is to be taken in order, and only one part per Saturday is allowed.

Join Us for Rotary Day SA 2024

Saturday, March 23
McAllister Park
Pavilion #5

Service Opportunities:

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



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

Registration Required:

- 9:00am: Check in, breakfast tacos, orientation
- 10am - 2pm: Service Hours
- Volunteers must be 10 or older
- All volunteers must sign a waiver
- Wear your Rotary shirts, appropriate shoes and bring gloves

Scan the QR code to register



District 2232 is working to identify needs, connect with Rotary clubs worldwide, and support those affected by the war

by Arnold R. Grahl

Two years after Russian forces invaded Ukraine, Rotary members around the globe continue to raise funds and send medicine, fuel, and other essential supplies to those affected by the conflict. A special relief fund created by The Rotary Foundation, now closed to contributions, raised more than US\$17.4 million from donors around the world and has funded 375 grants that have allowed Rotary members to provide different kinds of help.



In addition, many Rotary clubs and districts have organized local humanitarian response initiatives. Guided by District 2232 (Ukraine), these efforts have directed shipments of medicine, medical equipment, ambulances, generators, heating fuel, winter supplies, and other relief to communities in need. Mykola Stebljanko, a past governor of District 2232, says the huge response since the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022 has strengthened Rotary in Ukraine. “We have become more active, more effective. We are a more solid organization now,” Stebljanko says. “We receive a lot of requests from our communities. Lots of outside clubs want to help us. People see this and ... want to join Rotary.”

Stebljanko says clubs in Ukraine have added more than 500 new members in the past two years. The growth has been so rapid, in fact, that the district spends comparatively little time on intentional efforts to attract members. It uses that time instead to help new members understand what it means to be a member of Rotary so they will remain engaged.

The increased service efforts have also drawn media attention. “Before the war, the media did not want to mention us in the news,” Stebljanko says. “At the moment, they like to tell about Rotary because of the help we are giving and because our activities are very impactful.”

Myron Uhryn, 2023-24 governor of District 2232, has spent months collecting detailed reports from all regions of Ukraine to document and guide the relief efforts. These analytics, he says, will help his district collaborate with members outside Ukraine who want to help — but may not know how. District 2232 has also formed a committee to help organize the efforts of clubs and districts outside the country, connecting them with clubs in Ukraine to support those affected by the war.

Uhryn says he receives dozens of letters every day from people all over the world offering their assistance. On a recent video call, he held up a stack of mail he had received just that morning. “It is why we started collecting analytics,” he says. “It is very useful to understand the total situation and exchange information. It makes us more effective, more able to have an impact. We want to continue our network and partnership with other Rotary clubs and districts.”