



**San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club**  
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**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**  
**March 5, 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 Past District Governor Stephanie Macchia. Stephanie was the first woman District Governor of District 5840 in Rotary Year 2010-2011. Stephanie is a member of the Alamo Heights Rotary Club and is also a Past President of the club. She has also been a Rotary Assistant Governor. Stephanie is also a Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor.



Stephanie earned her B.B.A. from The University of Texas at San Antonio in 1986, and her J.D. in 1989 from St. Mary's University School of Law. Stephanie is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Sections, the San Antonio Bar Association, the Bexar County Women's Bar Association, and the National Italian American Bar Association. Stephanie was a "San Antonio Women to Watch" nominee, and was also named one of 2021 Best San Antonio Female Lawyers.

**UPCOMING CLUB CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, March 12th** Madison High School students that attended RYLA will be our guest speakers  
**Thursday, March 14th** Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House  
**Saturday, March 23rd** Rotary Day SA 2024  
**Saturday, April 20th** Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Training

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Austin Riley will be celebrating his birthday on March 9th. Happy Birthday, Austin.

Russell Sturgeon, Becky Goering, and Dan Clark represented the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club this past weekend at Lone Star P.E.T.S. in the Dallas Metroplex. Russell will be San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's President in 2024-2025, Becky will be an Assistant Governor overseeing four clubs in Rotary District 5840, and Dan will be Executive Assistant Governor to District Governor Elect Kristen Salazar.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$117. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, who will leave with at least \$58.50.

**San Antonio Airport Rotary Club**

**CASINO Night!**

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**  
**6:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

The Petroleum Club – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
8620 N. New Braunfels Ave  
San Antonio, Texas 78217

**\$50 per Person | \$75 per Couple**

Entry includes per person: \$1000 in Chips, Cash Bar, Hors D'Oeuvres, Prize Drawings, Silent Auction, and 1 Reverse Raffle ticket

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!  
Contact us at (210) 427-9600 or  
[Kim.Rotary@yahoo.com](mailto:Kim.Rotary@yahoo.com)  
<https://san-antonio-airport-rotaryfundraiser2024.eventbrite.com>

**Proceeds Will Benefit Educational Literacy Projects for Title I School Students**



**District Governor Monica Gutierrez's Message for March**

Another month has come and gone with only 4 months left of this Rotary year. My focus now is to help our clubs reach the goals they set at the beginning of the year. We are accountable for our own success. Clubs have done a great job this year and I would like each club to receive the recognition from Rotary International through the Rotary Citation.



The constant energy from the clubs also keeps me motivated. I have really enjoyed participating in several club events and joint club DG visits this month. The joint club DG visit with the RC of San Marcos, RC of Dripping Springs, and RC of Wimberley put Rotary on the front page of the San Marcos newspaper. It was a great evening for fellowship and collaboration between clubs. The RC of Seguin, RC of Seguin Sunrise, and RC of Gonzales came together for a joint club DG visit to fold cranes. While they were not too eager about the activity at the beginning, I could tell everyone had a great time at the end.



Mental health issues continue to be present at schools and I'm glad to see my home RC of San Antonio North Central provided the ability to address mental health in different capacities. The club recently funded a Serenity room for faculty at Eisenhower Middle School. This room is set up so that the faculty can use it when they need a mental break during their day. It is the second of three Serenity rooms at NEISD middle schools sponsored by RC of San Antonio North Central.

During Mardi Gras, DGN Craig Hardy and I attended the Mardi Gras parade promoting Rotary along with other non-profit organizations in San Antonio. Thank you, Don Yeaton from RC of San Antonio Northwest, for this extraordinary and FUN opportunity to bring awareness about Rotary to our community.

Rotary's theme for February was Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution. I am proud of D5840 for supporting a Peace Leadership Academy in Corymeela, Ireland through our Global Grant program. This project introduced me to the San Antonio Peace Center, and we now have a wonderful partnership. We will help each other bring awareness of our organizations as we #CreateHopeInTheWorld together.

I'm also looking forward to March as we celebrate and recognize our members with 20 or more years of membership. The planning committee has been hard at work to make sure this is a special event for all Rotarians, and I hope to see you there.

Thanks go out to everyone that volunteered at the 14th Annual GRASP Western Night last Thursday evening.

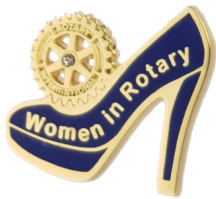


Daylight Saving Time starts this Sunday at 2:00 a.m. Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour.



History of Women in Rotary

Women are active participants in Rotary, serving their communities in increasing numbers and serving in leadership positions in Rotary. The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.



“My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world,” said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: By June 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000. The number of women members worldwide reached 195,000 in July 2010 (about 16% of Rotarians) and surpassed 277,000 in July 2020 (about 23% ).

A top priority for Rotary is growing and diversifying our membership to make sure we reflect the communities we serve. We know that our capacity to increase our impact and expand our reach is larger when more people unite with us, which is why we value diversity, equity and inclusion. Rotary celebrates and welcomes the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Our timeline highlights historic milestones and senior leadership firsts that have helped build greater diversity in Rotary. These leaders and all our female members are making positive change in communities around the world.

Timeline of women in Rotary

1950

An enactment to delete the word “male” from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 Rotary Convention.

1964

The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

1972

As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

1977

Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 Rotary Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club’s membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.)

1980

The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as “male persons.”

1983-86

In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court’s decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1987

On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

1988

In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

1989

At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

1990

As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a feature on women in Rotary.

1995

In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W. Holland, Reba F. Lovrien, Virginia B. Nordby, Donna J. Rapp, Anne Robertson, and Olive P. Scott.

2005

Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

2008

Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.

2012

Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as RI treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.

2013

Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.

2019

Brenda Marie Cressey begins her term as the first woman to serve as vice-chair of The Rotary Foundation. In April-June 2019 she serves as chair of the Foundation, the first woman appointed to this role.

2022

Jennifer Jones begins her term as the first female president of Rotary International.

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



Speaker from February 27, 2024

Our speaker last week was Dr. Daniel Martinez, Executive Director for the Greater San Antonio Chapter of the American Red Cross. Dr. Martinez gave us a very informative and interesting presentation. Thanks go out to Kathy Hamilton for arranging for Dr. Martinez to come out and meet with us.

