



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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Rotary
Club of San Antonio
Northeast

March 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 Susan Burkholder, Lead Trainer for Prevention Education with Ransomed Life. The mission of Ransomed Life is to prevent Child Sexual Exploitation and provide holistic mental health care and restoration services for youth and families that are at-risk or have already experienced exploitation. As the leading experts in Child Sex Trafficking education in San Antonio, Ransomed Life provides both professional training and general awareness presentations for our community and surrounding areas.



Susan worked in the healthcare industry in sales, marketing, consulting, coaching, and executive management roles for 30 years. In 2013, Susan felt called to get involved in the fight against human trafficking. She served as an ambassador for Shared Hope International and became an active member of the Alamo Area Coalition Against Trafficking. Since 2015, she has served as a volunteer with Ransomed Life.

Thanks go out to Debbie Degollado for arranging for Susan to speak with us this evening.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 1st **Trivia Night Fundraiser Test Run**
April 8th **Dr. Tarah Hadley**
Senior Director of Veterinary Care
San Antonio Zoo

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anthony Strickland will be celebrating his 6th Rotary Anniversary tomorrow. Thank you, Anthony that you do for our club.

DeDe Johnson will be celebrating her birthday on March 31st. Happy Birthday, DeDe.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$25 That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$12.50.

The Texas Diaper Bank has donated to the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club approximately 4,000 disposable gowns like the one shown here. The Texas Diaper Bank received these disposable gowns and have no use for them. Former San Antonio Northeast Rotarian Linda Lopez thought that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club might be able to distribute these disposable gowns to individuals or organizations that can use them.



So far, we have distributed 600 gowns to the Fair Oak Ranch Rotary Club, who in turn have given 200 of them to the City of Boerne Animal Services, and the other 400 to the Herbst Veterinary Clinic. At this past weekend's Bi-National Conference up in San Marcos, 400 gowns each were given to the Eagle Pass Rotary Club and the Del Rio Rotary. These clubs in turn are partnering with the Piedras Negras and Ciudad Acuna Rotary Clubs respectively.



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 PORTALS 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

Celebration of Districts for Rotary District 5840 South Central Texas and Rotary District 5870 Central Texas

Join us for an unforgettable weekend on May 2-4, 2025 at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos celebrating friendship and community as Rotary Districts 5840 and 5870 come together for a special occasion. This event is dedicated to fostering camaraderie among Rotarians and friends, emphasizing the values of service and fellowship that define our Rotary spirit. Cost is \$199/per person

Highlights of the Weekend include:

Casino Night: Roll the dice and try your luck at our thrilling Casino Night. Enjoy a variety of classic games such as blackjack, roulette, and poker, all in a friendly and spirited atmosphere. Theme is speakeasy/roaring twenties.

Fellowship: Connect with fellow Rotarians and guests from both districts as we celebrate the bonds that unite us in service and friendship.

Entertainment: Delight in live music, dancing, and entertainment throughout the evening, creating moments of joy and celebration.

Join us as we come together to celebrate the spirit of Rotary and the power of friendship. See you there!

<https://rotary5840.org/events/celebration-of-districts/>

Rotary District 5870

Celebration of Districts

MAY 2-4, 2025
SAN MARCOS, TX
EMBASSY SUITES

We were pleased to welcome Madison Interactors, Ava Delavega, and Daniel Segundo, and Kaci Katsuda as our speakers last week. They all told us about their recent experience at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) which they all attended in January. Ava and Daniel are currently juniors at Madison High School, while Kaci is a senior. Kaci went to RYLA last year and attended again this year as a team leader. RYLA is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where young people can develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections. As with all of our speaker, we presented Ava, Daniel, and Kaci and speaker's certificate of appreciation along with a copy of the Rotary magazine.



Joining the Interactors was Janeen Downen, school sponsor of the Madison Interact Club. At this time, our club also presented the Madison Interact Club a check for \$1,000 for their Food Pantry.



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.



Thanks go out to Trina Forcey, Dan Clark, and the Sturgeon Family for coming out the 13th Annual March Mav Madness and cheering on the Madison High School Special Education Olympians in their basketball game last Friday against the Faculty. As you can see, the game was well attended.



Sticking with the Madison Interact Club, members of the club came along with Mrs. Downen came out this past Saturday and participated in the Rotary Day SA cleanup at McAllister Park. Hats off to these amazing young adults for all the projects they accomplish in our community.



Providing public toilets: Early Rotary service
by Rotary International

One of Rotary's earliest service projects helped to bring public toilets to Chicago, the quickly growing industrial city in the Midwest of the United States where Rotary began in 1905. Club members didn't construct the restrooms themselves, as they sometimes do today. But just as they do today, they worked with other local groups to raise awareness of the need for sanitation in this urban area and advocated to get the project funded. These public toilets, then known as "comfort stations," were typically underground structures at busy sites such as parks and public squares. Civic leaders and reformers in several American cities were noting a need for them, and Rotary members in Chicago were part of the movement. Rotary founder Paul Harris and his fellow member Donald Carter worked with other club members and other organizations to make a plan to build public toilet facilities in the city and gather support for the initiative.

In October 1907, the Chicago Daily Tribune (now the Chicago Tribune) reported that the Rotary Club of Chicago had had plans drawn for public toilets in the downtown district known as the Loop. The club held a forum on the topic later that month, noting, "the topic is many-sided and can be treated to best advantage if we start with recognition of this fact and with due appreciation of its significance." Representatives from the club, the city, and other local organizations spoke at the meeting. The discussion cited the need for Chicago to keep up with the latest practices in municipal improvements and considered who would pay for the project and what impact it might have on sanitary conditions and public health in the city. Their efforts were noticed beyond Chicago. In December, Charities and the Commons, a weekly journal about social issues that was published in New York, reported on a study that found a lack of public comfort stations in Chicago.



Entrances to public toilets at LaSalle and Washington Streets in Chicago prior to 1955. These entrances no longer exist.

The project faced opposition from the Chicago Association of Brewers and the Association of Department Stores on State Street, which represented businesses that had public toilets. In the social conventions of the time, men could use toilets in bars or their own places of business. Women's access to sanitation facilities was more limited. Often the only toilets it was acceptable for them to use were in department stores, where they were expected to make purchases.

Chicago was building a new city hall at the time, and it was suggested that public toilets be constructed there. By March 1908, at least one location had been approved, and others were being considered. The City of Chicago and Cook County each allocated about US\$20,000 for the project. As the city hall building neared completion in January 1911, the Chicago Daily Tribune reported, "In the basement are public comfort stations for men and women, entered at the Washington and LaSalle street corner of the building."

Paul Harris later recalled that additional public toilets were proposed but a lack of funding prevented the effort from expanding. Underground roads were also expected to be built in the future, and people thought that might require a different approach. Today, the outline of one of the entrances can still be seen on the outside wall of city hall, along LaSalle Street. And Rotary members continue work to get clean water and sanitation to people in communities around the world.