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April 5, 2022

Rotary
Club of San Antonio
Northeast

Salsalito Cantina & Mexican Restaurant, 14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247
Social Half-Hour 5:30 p.m. - Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Zoom: Meeting ID: 843 6914 9790 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 Oksana Deiter. Oksana was born in the USSR, Ukrainian SSR, now Ukraine. Since 2004, Oksana has lived in the United States. When the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine, Oksana flew to visit her family and friends and stayed there for almost two weeks as a volunteer. Even though the fact that Oksana has been living in the USA for almost 18 years, she has close ties with Ukraine - her brother and his family, many cousins and friends still live in Ukraine.



Upcoming Programs

April 19th Clayton Perry, San Antonio City Councilman
New trail at Perrin Homestead
May 3rd Lilly Gonzalez, Executive Director,
San Antonio Book Festival

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ally Morales and her husband John will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on April 11th.



2nd Publication

Daniel Hernandez has applied for membership in the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Daniel's classification would be Insurance-Commercial Sales. Daniel's sponsor is Dennis Heath.



A reminder that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club sponsors the James Madison High School Interact Club. Whenever the Interact club holds a meeting, we encourage club members to please attend to see what these amazing young people do for our community. You will not be disappointed. The upcoming meetings of the Madison Interact Club will be held on April 18th, May 2nd, and May 16th.

James Madison High School is located at 5005 Stahl Road, San Antonio, TX 78247. If you have questions, please contact Madison High School Interact Sponsor Janeen Downen at jdowne@neisd.net



Austin Riley has set up a club social / trivia night / fundraiser at Second Pitch Beer Company for us on Thursday, May 12th. Second Pitch Beer Company is located 11935 Starcrest Dr, San Antonio, TX 78247. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. More details to follow.

Thanks to all those that came out to our club social this past Friday evening at Gather Brewing in Universal City. In addition to San Antonio Northeast Rotarians, we were also joined by some of our Rotary friends from the Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club.

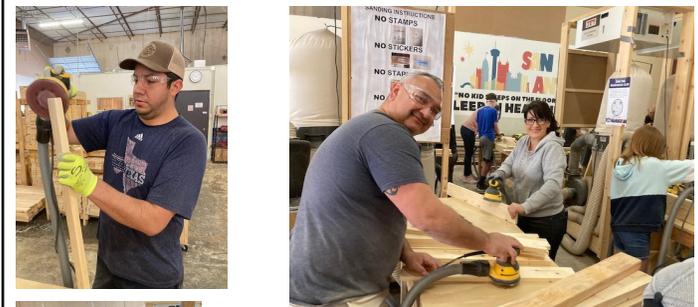


Dennis Heath and Cheri Armstrong

Thanks go out to Russell Sturgeon, Patricia McNicholas, Josh Gomez, and Dan Clark for volunteering at Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) on Saturday, March 26th. SHP believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. The San Antonio Northeast Rotarians contributed by sanding, assembling, and branding the different pieces that make up a bunk bed. In addition to building the beds, SHP members and volunteers also deliver the beds to those in need.



A community bed build is held once a month at SHP's warehouse located at 10616 Sentinel. Volunteers from the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club have participated in the community bed builds several times over the past year. For more information about Sleep in Heavenly Peace, please go to their web site: www.shpbs.org/chapter/tx-san-antonio



HELPING CHILDREN IN NEED SLEEP BETTER

Rotary's network enables rapid humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees

By Rotary International

Kim Widlicki and Claudia Brunner contributed to this article.

The war in Ukraine is having devastating consequences on civilians as families flee their homes. According to the United Nations, more than 3.5 million people, most of them women and children, have sought refuge in neighboring countries and across Europe, while about 7 million more people have been displaced within Ukraine.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Europe and around the world have taken swift action and are working with members nearby to provide food, water, medical equipment, and shelter for refugees.

The Rotary Foundation has created an official channel for Rotary members and other donors around the world to contribute funds to support relief efforts underway by Rotary districts. The Foundation has designated the Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for this. <https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund> The fund, to date, has received more than \$6.5 million in contributions.

Below are some of the latest projects as of April 1st

Clubs in Rotary District 2231 (Poland) are using a \$50,000 disaster response grant to provide transportation, accommodations, food, and medical assistance for refugees who crossed the border from Ukraine.

Rotary District 2240 in the Czech Republic is purchasing \$50,000 worth of sleeping bags, medicine, food, and defibrillators, EKGs, and oxygen concentrators to victims.

District governors in Germany created a national task force to coordinate member initiatives and relief efforts on an online platform. A liaison office for government agencies and nongovernmental organizations has been established in Berlin.

Rotary clubs throughout France have mobilized to collect and distribute necessities to refugees. District governors are coordinating donations from French clubs to help Rotary clubs in Ukraine as well as to assist refugees traveling through Poland and Romania or taking refuge in those countries. The needs are determined by the France-Ukraine, France-Poland, and France-Romania-Moldova intercountry committees.

District 1910 in Austria is using a \$25,000 disaster response grant to provide accommodations, baby supplies, medicine, hygiene materials, psychological care, food, and appliances to Ukrainian refugees in Austria.



Members of the Rotaract Club of Klagenfurt-Wörthersee, Austria, collect medical supplies, food, sleeping bags, and generators for transport to the Polish-Ukrainian border to assist people displaced by conflict in Ukraine.

The European Rotaract Information Centre, a multidistrict information organization that serves Rotaractors all over Europe, created a United for Peace site that compiles information for refugees and volunteers. The site offers information about free rail, bus, and air transportation available to refugees and lists details about what's needed and how to help at specific national borders. It also has fundraising details for hospitals in the western Ukraine city of Lviv, as well as for clubs that are helping in various places and for other organizations in the region. The site lets Rotaractors coordinate shelter for refugees stranded at the border. Volunteer hosts can sign up through an online form and specify how many people they can house and for how long. Begun as an initiative to help

fellow Rotary members leaving Ukraine, it's now being used by Rotaract and Rotary members all over Europe to offer help. A tool on the site links a demand for goods with available supplies. It was created within 48 hours after a team of 60 members from 10 countries met by videoconference about how to meet the most urgent needs.

Ukraine has 62 Rotary clubs and six satellite clubs with about 1,100 members, and 24 Rotaract clubs with more than 300 members. District 2232 (Ukraine and Belarus) formed a committee to help people affected by the crisis. It has launched an appeal to Rotary members worldwide for funds to provide basic necessities. The city of Lviv has had an influx of people displaced from other cities around Ukraine. The Rotary Club of Lviv International, working with local authorities and major hospitals, created an online spreadsheet of relief items that can be accessed by people who want to help. Members arrange for the donated items to be delivered to hospitals and coordinate storage with local warehouses.

Poland has taken in more than a million refugees, and Rotary clubs all over the country created a central account for contributions. The Rotary Club of Olsztyn, Poland is collecting and managing donations for more than 150 Ukrainians who are staying at Ostróda Camp, a conference and recreation center. Most of the occupants are unaccompanied children whose parents stayed in Ukraine. Four cars full of supplies including food, clothes, toiletries, and toys were donated hours after the center began accepting refugees.

Members of the Rotary Club of Zamosc, Poland worked with a member of the Rotary Club of Wolsztyn, who owns a medical supply distribution company, to coordinate a partnership with other organizations to collect supplies and equipment. The Rotary Club of Gdansk Centrum is providing accommodations for four refugee families, and members who own businesses are offering them work.

The Rotary Club of Kiszvárd, Hungary, is coordinating contributions and mobilizing members to donate necessities and deliver the items to where they're needed. Rotary members in Romania and Moldova have created a central fund for contributions and set up WhatsApp groups that organize food donations and coordinate shelter for refugees. In Slovakia and the Czech Republic, clubs have partnered with a railway and cargo company to offer transportation to nearly 2,300 refugees.



Madison Interactors participate in Rotary Day SA

Members of the James Madison Interact Club participated in the Rotary Day SA clean-up event held at Brackenridge Park on Saturday, March 26th. Thanks to Madison Interact sponsor Mrs. Janeen Downen and all the Interactors that volunteered and came out to remove litter, paint park benches, mulch and perform other tasks to make historic Brackenridge Park ready for Spring.



The Interactors of today are the Rotarians of tomorrow

ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKET SALE!!

BENEFITING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
DRAWING HELD: MAY 21, 2022



The Rotary District 5840 – Annual Share Fund raffle tickets are now available! If you're familiar with this amazing raffle, then you know how much our annual go-to fundraiser is to The Rotary Foundation's mission. The money raised during this time comes back to our District and funds our District Grants. There will be 7 drawings total of the 7 prepaid \$1,000 Frost Bank Cards available. The third ticket drawn will go to the seller of the ticket.

Club president Preston McKinney has received the tickets and will be passing them out at our meeting tonight. There are 10 tickets in each book. Tickets are \$10 each. The drawing will be held on May 21, 2022. The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. Your gift to the Annual Fund helps Rotary clubs take action today to create positive change in communities at home and around the world.