



**San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club**  
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April 8, 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 Dr. Tarah Hadley, Senior Director of Veterinary Care with the San Antonio Zoo. Dr. Tarah Hadley received her veterinary degree from Tufts University. After graduation, she completed a small animal internship followed by a residency at the University of Tennessee and Zoo Knoxville focused on avian, exotic animal, and zoological medicine. During her residency Dr. Tarah became board certified in avian practice.



In 2006, Dr. Tarah moved to Georgia where she established a specialty exotic animal hospital, worked part-time at Zoo Atlanta, and served as a consultant for a veterinary diagnostic lab. After she closed her practice, Dr. Tarah became Executive Director of AWARE Wildlife Center in GA. Under her leadership, AWARE became the state's largest wildlife rehabilitation center, providing care to thousands of native species each year.

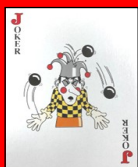
In 2019, Dr. Tarah decided to pursue her passion for zoo medicine full time and joined San Antonio Zoo as an assistant director of veterinary care. In 2024, she was promoted to Senior Director of Veterinary Care and Nutrition. Along with her staff of 18 dedicated and talented zoo professionals, she is actively involved in the care and conservation of all species.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Trina Forcey's birthday is tomorrow. Happy Birthday, Madam president-elect.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

May 6th Traci Brodbeck,  
Yellow Roses  
May 20th Colleen Swain,  
San Antonio World Heritage Office



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$68. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$34.

We continue to distribute the 4,400 disposable gowns given to the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club from the Texas Diaper Bank.



**Texas Diaper Bank**

Our friend Carmen Maglievaz, who works at Natalia High School, distributed 500 gowns to the school's phlebotomy class, who used them to practice drawing blood. The class was very grateful, and we are very thankful for sharing these gowns with her school.



**Celebration of Districts, May 2nd - 4th in San Marcos**

The Celebration of Districts will be held May 2nd - 4th in San Marcos. The hotel has agreed to extend access to the room block rate until today, April 8th, so make sure you book your room before then. You can register for the event, book your room, and view the program at: <https://rotary5840.org/events/celebration-of-districts/>

Members from District 5870 and 5840 have been working hard on this event for several months now and we can't wait to celebrate with so many of our AMAZING Rotarians! 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.

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!



**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S** | PROUD NATIONAL TEAM  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



**Why We Walk:** We are Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors that have extensive leadership experience around Alzheimer's including Alzheimer's education, patient care, prevention management, research for a cure and strategic partnership. We have chosen to band together as a Rotary Action Group to meld our passion and energies and direct them to supporting this wonderful effort. This is why we are proud to support the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's, the world's largest fundraising event for Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. We share a vision of a world without Alzheimer's and we are inviting all Rotarians to walk with us in solidarity in more than 600 communities across the country. The funds raised will help fight Alzheimer's disease through vital research, advocacy efforts and essential support programs and services in your communities. Your team donations will play an important role in improving the lives of people living with Alzheimer's, their families, and caregivers.

Join San Antonio's Rotary Team Today!



Team Rotarians Unite For Good





## Rotary's 7th Area of Focus - Supporting the Environment

Courtesy Rotary District 7030

April is Rotary Environmental Month. On June 25, 2020, Rotary International President Mark Maloney announced that the Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: Supporting The Environment! This now becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Rotary's first project was an environmental one in Chicago. Now the 7th Area of Focus enables Rotarians to strive to make our world a healthy place for all life to live.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

How did Rotary come to this decision, and what happens next? Rotary's leadership created a task force in 2019 under the leadership of Past President Ian Riseley to decide how to handle environmental projects in Rotary grant-making.

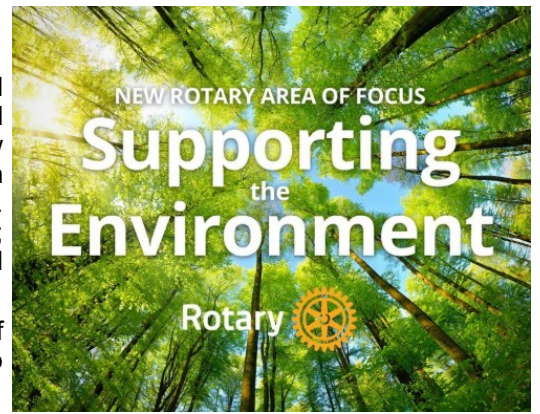
Leaders from the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) submitted a position paper recommending that environmental sustainability be named a distinct Area of Focus rather than a subset of the original six. Working with RI staff, ESRAG developed a questionnaire which was submitted to Rotarians and youth in Rotary programs around the world at the end of January 2020. Almost 6,000 people responded in just over one week.

Over 94% said that Rotary can have a significant impact on environmental issues, that it's important for Rotary's reputation to be active on this, and that their friends would be interested in joining Rotary if Rotary got involved. 62% supported the creation of a new environmental Area of Focus.

ESRAG's Communications Director Karen Kendrick-Hands was invited to speak to the Task Force at the start of its February meeting and presented updates and further justifications. Then, as COVID-19 upended the world, Rotary in-person meetings were cancelled, and the Foundation Trustees and Rotary Board held confidential discussions.

Finally, at 12:00 p.m. (EST) on June 26, the closing day of RI's 2020 Virtual Convention, news of Rotary International's decision to add a new area of focus dedicated to the environment was released. Within 8 hours, over 2,000 Rotarians had liked and shared RI's announcement on Facebook.

On June 26th 2020, Rotary Past President Ian Riseley commented about the new area of focus "The Trustees and Directors have unanimously accepted our recommendation to create a 7th Area of Focus of our Rotary Foundation, being the Environment. As Chair of the Task Force that put together and argued for this decision, I'm enormously proud today. We still have lots of work to do, including finalizing the Area of Focus statement and getting the fundraising going to support the grant applications that are sure to come flooding in after 1st July 1, 2021. Congratulations, team, we just made Rotary history!"



**THANK YOU to all who participated in our D5840 Foundation FUNdraiser on Friday night. It was a great time for fun and fellowship while raising funds for our Rotary Foundation.**

**Congratulations to all the clubs and individuals who were recognized for their significant contributions to our Rotary Foundation.**

**Our Fun Activity winners to receive a \$1000 Paul Harris Fellow from D5840 include:**

- 52 Card Draw (Blue) - Donna Baggerly, RC of Fair Oaks Ranch
- 52 Card Draw (Red) - Bill Fusco, RC of Fair Oaks Ranch
- Heads or Tails - Tom Riley, guest of RC of San Antonio North Central

**Our Punch Out Polio winners to receive 25 Foundation points from D5840 include:**

- Will Winslet, RC of Fair Oaks Ranch
- Phyllis Rumsey, RC of San Antonio North Central
- Jane Burton, RC of Fair Oaks Ranch
- Jerry Hardy, RC of San Antonio West
- Rebecca Goering, RC of San Antonio Northeast
- Martin Hoenic, RC of San Antonio North Central
- Doug McKenzie, RC of Blanco County

**Special thanks to the RC of Beeville for donating ALL the wine, beer, and spirits. Thank you to RC of San Antonio Pearl for sponsoring the wine raffle. And thank you to all the volunteers that got there early and stayed late.**

**Early numbers show we donated \$10,000 to our Rotary Foundation in one night! D5840 Rotarians are People Of Action.**

Thank you,

PDG 2004-2005 Monica Gutierrez  
Rotary District 5840 Foundation Chair

