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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



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 San Antonio City Councilman Clayton Perry. Clayton Perry was elected to San Antonio's City Council for District 10 in June 2017. Councilman Perry will be speaking to us about the trail he was instrumental in connecting the Perrin Homestead and Lady Bird Johnson Park. The Perrin Homestead was designated by the Texas Historical Commission as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1968, Marker Number 13380. The Perrin Homestead is also designated as a Landmark by the City of San Antonio.



In 1875, Alphonse "A.W." Perrin and his wife, Nina purchased from John W. and Betty (Bettsie) Judson, 540 acres of land near the Salado Creek in San Antonio from the David J. Davis survey. They established Hope Farm, building their home from original plans drawn by Alphonse. Early census records indicated their farm was located on the Austin Road. Historical records (census and deed records) have also referred to the name as Perrin Road, Beitel-Perrin Road and now Perrin-Beitel Road. The Perrin Homestead is located at 4101 Swans Landing, San Antonio, TX 78217.



Councilman Perry began his journey in Giddings, Texas. His father, Hays Perry owned a plumbing company where the younger Perry worked after school and during summers. After attending Giddings High School, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Building Construction from Texas A&M University in 1979. During his time at Texas A&M, Councilman Perry was a part of the Corps of Cadets in the Fight'n Texas Aggie Band. After receiving his degree, Councilman Perry began his career in the military as an Air Force Civil Engineer. He served almost 21 years and retired from Headquarters, Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2000. During this time, Councilman Perry earned his Master's Degree in Aerospace Technology from Embry Riddle. His most memorable accomplishment was in Europe where he programmed, designed, and oversaw construction of the facilities in support of the first Ground Launched Cruise Missile Wing at RAF Greenham Common in England.



DG Kristy Vandenberg's April Message



April's theme is Maternal & Child Health! I know that many of you are already involved with organizations in your communities providing programs and services in this area. When I look at the theme each month, I think about all the programs and services offered by our clubs that make us so relevant today.

Continuing our fight against Polio definitely falls under the category of Child Health. Many clubs all over the world also help fight other childhood illnesses such as measles and chicken pox. During a recent trip to Guatemala, in talking with a nurse practitioner, it was clear that information on nutrition and self care is necessary for overall family health. Providing clean water is a critical area of concern too!



Recently I have been sharing, during my club visits, information about girls experiencing a menstrual cycle who did not have the materials to cope with this situation. According to a recent study, 1 out of 5 girls in the USA do not have hygiene

materials for their period. This astounds me, as there are materials available and yet a certain population does not have them.

Now is a great time to work with organizations in your community such as the schools, food banks and other social service agencies to see if they have these types of supplies for this summer and the upcoming school year. They need to publicize their availability to their clients/students. No one should have to make a choice whether they purchase food or these materials.

Let's develop partnerships now to insure that no girls have to miss a day of school, an event, or opportunity to get out of the house! I believe that a lack of these supplies in our communities is a problem where Rotary can again #ServetoChangeLives!

Upcoming Programs

- May 3rd** Lilly Gonzalez, Executive Director, San Antonio Book Festival
- May 17th** San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's 35th Anniversary Celebrations (more details to follow)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

We have a special birthday to announce this week. Rotary Founder was born on this date in 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin.

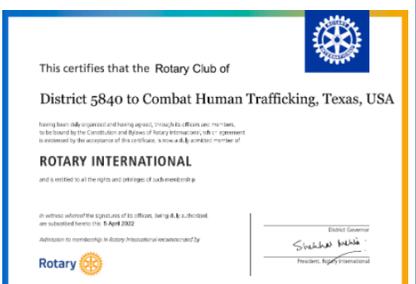


Ally Morales will be blowing the candles out on her birthday cake on April 24th.
Happy Birthday, Ally.

Dennis Heath's wife, Mary, will be celebrating her birthday on April 25th.
Happy Birthday, Mary.

On May 1st, Bob and Celeste Barron will be celebrating their 57th Wedding Anniversary.
Happy Anniversary Bob and Celeste.

District 5840 and the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks Ranch would like to announce our district's newest and greatest club. The Rotary Club of District 5840 to Combat Human Trafficking was chartered by RI on April 5th, 2022.



This is our district's first cause based club.

These club members are 'on fire' to combat human trafficking in all aspects of society. They know the issues and are prepared to share all their knowledge and strategies with other Rotary clubs. A charter party is in the works.

Congratulations to this awesome Rotary club. We cannot wait to see what these members accomplish.

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club was honored to have Ukrainian native Oksana Deiter as our guest speaker last week. We had a full house in the room where we meet at Salsalito Cantina & Mexican Restaurant. Oksana showed us a very informative, compelling, passionate, and thought provoking PowerPoint presentation of what the war has done to her home country. Oksana traveled to Ukraine when the war started and visited her brother. She gave us a first-hand report on what she saw while in Ukraine. In her presentation, Oksana showed us photos of beautiful Ukrainian cities the way they looked before the war, and how the cities look like now. She showed us heart wrenching photos from the cities of Mariupol, Bucha, Irpin and Borodyanka. She told us how the very brave and strong Ukrainian people are defending their homeland.



Oksana said that she is working with a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization called Ukrainian San Antonio whose mission is to preserve Ukrainian heritage and promote a greater understanding of Ukrainian history and culture. Ukrainian San Antonio is holding a weekly medical supply drive for those in Ukraine. For more information on the non-profit organization, please visit their web site at www.ukraniansanantonio.com The organization also has Facebook and Instagram pages.

After her presentation, club president Preston McKinney presented Oksana a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation along with the April edition of Rotary magazine, which contained several articles on the war going on in Ukraine. President Preston also presented Oksana a \$1,000 check to be used to help the people of Ukraine. Keep Calm and Pray for Ukraine.

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by Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary members in North America, Argentina, and Europe are collaborating with a U.S.-based association of Ukrainian health care workers and using their connections to collect and ship more than 100 tons of critical medical supplies to Ukraine. Two cargo planes packed with tourniquets, blood-clotting gauze, blood pressure equipment, and other items have already been flown from the city of Chicago in the United States to Europe, where members help unload the supplies and get them to Ukraine.



Rotary clubs unite across continents to collect and deliver medical aid to Ukraine

Rotary members in Ukraine, where Russia's military action has caused a humanitarian crisis, are in daily contact with hospitals to determine what supplies are needed most. "It is Rotary doing what Rotary does best," says Pat Merryweather-Arges, a Rotary International director-elect and member of the Rotary Club of Naperville, Illinois, USA. "It networks, pulls people together, and gets the job done."

North American and Argentine Rotary clubs are combining their resources to purchase items from the list of needed supplies. They're also working with contacts at pharmaceutical companies and medical equipment manufacturers to arrange donations. A hospital in Peoria, Illinois, sent an ambulance, and members in Maine, USA, secured a C-arm, a mobile imaging device that can be used to X-ray people for shrapnel.

Supplies are streaming into a warehouse operated by the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA) near O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. And more are on the way. Rotary clubs in the U.S. states of Nebraska and Iowa are collecting supplies to fill several large cargo trucks that will drive hundreds of miles to the warehouse in Chicago. Inside the warehouse, UMANA and Rotary volunteers organize, sort, and bundle the items before they are shipped. Several donors have made contributions that offset the cost of shipping. "It's amazing what one Rotarian talking to another Rotarian can accomplish," says Marga Hewko, president of the Rotary Club of Chicago.

Hewko is the spouse of Rotary International General Secretary and CEO John Hewko, who is of Ukrainian descent and is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv. The Hewkos lived in Ukraine for five years during the 1990s. Earlier this year, Marga Hewko and the Rotary Club of Chicago had been working with doctors in Chicago and Ukraine to establish a stem cell storage facility for cancer patients in the Ukrainian city of Lviv that would allow the cells to be stored longer and enable more complex research.

"We were reaching out to the Ukrainian community in Chicago to learn how we could help, and at the same time, we already knew these doctors," says Marga Hewko. "That is how I found out about UMANA." It was an ideal match. UMANA, founded in 1950, promotes education through conferences and exchanges of doctors between the U.S. or Canada and Ukraine. After the war started, UMANA volunteers began sending medical aid to Ukraine and using their network of doctors and pharmaceutical companies to get supplies and equipment. Rotary clubs soon joined the project.

Marga Hewko, who is from Argentina, used her contacts there to bring Argentine clubs into the effort, and those members are also using their connections to obtain funds and equipment. During a tour of the UMANA warehouse, Marga Hewko, Merryweather-Arges, and Jane Hopkins, the governor of District 6450 in Illinois, praised the efficiency and scale of the operation. "UMANA is simply amazing," Merryweather-Arges says. "We opted to work with them because they are well connected to the Ukrainian community in Chicago and have worked to sort and pack nearly 400 pallets of supplies."

Members in Ukraine continue to develop the list of needed supplies. Olha Paliychuk, who is a surgeon, a member of the Rotary Club of Cherkasy, and a member of the Turkey-Ukraine intercountry committee, calls hospitals each night. The delivery of the items to hospitals is coordinated by Paliychuk in Cherkasy; by Borys Bodnar, of the Rotary Club of Ukraine Unity Passport, in Lviv; and by Mykola Stebljanko, of the Rotary E-Club of Ukraine, in Odesa.

Marga Hewko says the actions of members in and outside of Ukraine demonstrate the power of Rotary's network. "In the middle of the war, when some of the targets of the Russian army are hospitals, the fact that we have volunteers in Ukraine driving supplies across their country — if that is not Service Above Self, I don't know what is," she says.

The Rotary District 5840 – Annual Share Fund raffle ticket is going on now. 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 the prize will go to the seller of the ticket. Club president Preston passed out the tickets a few weeks ago. There are 10 tickets in each book. Tickets are \$10 each. In addition, the amount of the tickets that a member sells go towards their Paul Harris.

About the Annual Fund

Your gift to the Annual Fund helps Rotary clubs take action today to create positive change in communities at home and around the world. Your contributions help us strengthen peace efforts, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, protect the environment and fight disease.