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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast

May 3, 2022



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 Lilly Gonzalez, Executive Director of the San Antonio Book Festival. The 10th Annual San Antonio Book Festival will take place on Saturday, May 21st at the San Antonio Central Library located at 600 Soledad Street and the neighboring Southwest School of Art. The inaugural San Antonio Book Festival was presented in April 2013 as a program of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation (SAPLF) with the Texas Book Festival, the Central Library, and the Southwest School of Art as founding partners. A free, open, and all-day event, the Book Festival features over 110 national, regional, local and emerging authors and welcomes more than 20,000 visitors. In December 2019 the San Antonio Book Festival, LLC was merged into a new nonprofit corporation and the Book Festival separated from the Library Foundation. The San Antonio Book Festival's mission is to unite readers and writers in a celebration of ideas, books, libraries, and literary culture.



Lilly joined the Book Festival team in September 2015 as Communications Director. Born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley, in the under-developed colonias of Pharr, Texas, Lilly is the daughter of Mexican immigrants. Her first love was books and she has been reading ever since. Prior to moving to San Antonio, she spent 14 years living in Chicago, where she worked in public affairs at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. She earned both her MFA in creative writing and BS in journalism from Northwestern University. Her favorite book is Caramelo by Sandra Cisneros.

Upcoming Programs

May 17th San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club 35th Anniversary Celebration



Birthdays & Anniversaries

LaVonna Stewart's husband Terrance will be celebrating his birthday on May 9th.
Happy Birthday, Terrance.



Austin Riley has arranged a club social / trivia night / fundraiser at Second Pitch Beer Company for us on Thursday, May 12th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Second Pitch Beer Company is located 11935 Starcrest Dr, San Antonio, TX 78247. Funds raised from this event will be donated to Ukrainian San Antonio.



May is Youth Service Month when Rotary clubs around the world focus on youth service programs such as Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange.



INTERACT

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club comprised of 14-18 year old's. Interact gives young people the opportunity to take part in fun, meaningful service projects. Along the way, Interactors develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends. Members exchange ideas, opinions and plans with other talented, energetic people, in an atmosphere free from negative pressures and distraction. The word Interact stands for "international action" and today there are more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries.

ROTARACT

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 18-30. Rotaract clubs are usually community or university-based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club, making them true "partners in service" and key members of the Rotary family. Young adults augment their knowledge and skill and also address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service. Rotaractors follow the motto "fellowship through service".

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary Youth Exchange is an excellent and inexpensive way for high school age students to travel and study in a foreign country. Youth exchange gives the participant the opportunity to improve their language skills and school and family experiences will teach them the culture of their host country. They also act as ambassadors for their home country. Accepting a youth exchange student into your club, community and household can be a very rewarding experience. It's an opportunity for you, your family and your fellow Rotarians to learn about a different culture and also help a young person understand your culture. The goal of Rotary Youth Exchange is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace at the person to person level.

RYLA

Each year thousands of young people take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programs worldwide. Young people are chosen for their leadership potential to attend a seminar, camp or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. RYLA aims to Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth; provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders; encourage leadership of youth by youth; and recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

Started in Queensland, Australia in 1959 and officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, the RYLA program enables young people to debate issues of professional responsibility and human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, learn about businesses or institutions and meet Rotarians, while having fun and making friends.



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots coalition of Rotary Districts implementing a leadership development program for potential leaders of Rotary clubs. Established in 1992, RLI has become a worldwide organization with divisions in every Continent of the world. Rotary District 5840 will be holding a RLI seminar on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Spring Creek United Methodist Church, 9200 Dietz Elkhorn Rd, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015. The cost of the seminar is \$50, but club members will be reimbursed by the club if they would like to attend. Click [HERE](#) if you wish to register for this seminar.



HAPPY
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8th



The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club welcomed San Antonio District 10 City Councilman Clayton Perry as our guest speaker on Tuesday, April 19th. He spoke to us about several topics pertaining to the northeast part of San Antonio. In particular, Councilman Perry told us about the planned walking, hiking, and biking trail that will connect the historic Perrin Homestead with Lady Bird Johnson Park. Councilman Perry has been instrumental in making this trail come to fruition.

After a very interesting and informative presentation, president-elect Debbie Degollado presented Councilman Perry with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation. A donation in his name along with all of our guest speakers, will be made to the James Madison High School Interact Club's Food Pantry.



European Rotaract clubs organize to help Ukrainian refugees
by Ryan Hyland

Within hours of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February 2022, Iryna Bushmina fled her home in Kyiv. Along with her sister and her three-month-old nephew, she journeyed to Vienna, Austria, staying with Rotary members along the way. Their generosity inspired Bushmina, a member of the Rotaract Club of Kyiv-City and the District Rotaract representative for Ukraine, to organize a larger-scale relief effort — and now, an online platform she created has helped Rotaract and Rotary members find shelter for thousands of Ukrainian refugees.



Across Europe, Rotaract members are using digital tools to share information and coordinate to help people who have been affected by the war in Ukraine. By routing communications through the European Rotaract Information Centre (also known as Rotaract Europe), a multidistrict information organization that serves clubs in more than 40 countries, these young members are using the power of Rotary's global network to direct aid where it's needed most.

Shortly after the war began, Christiane Leitner, the president of Rotaract Europe, learned about a project that was already underway to help Ukrainians. Led by the Rotaract Club of Klagenfurt-Wörthersee, Austria, Rotaractors coordinated using the Rotaract Europe website, then packed five vans and cars full of relief supplies and drove through the night to the Polish-Ukrainian border, where local Rotaractors were waiting to deliver the aid.

"This really stood out to me as an example of how quickly our Rotary network can make things happen," says Leitner, a member of the Rotaract Club of Linz, Austria. After learning about dozens of Rotaract initiatives that started within a week of the invasion, she realized that Rotaract Europe could play a key role in coordinating communication among Rotaract and Rotary clubs and districts and facilitating partnerships that could lead to projects.

Rotaract Europe leaders have compiled information for refugees as well as for volunteers on their website under the heading United for Peace. As Bushmina worked to create a housing-specific platform called Spaces for Ukraine, she used the United for Peace webpage to post information and a form to match refugees with hosts. The page also offers updates about projects in neighboring countries, information about free rail, bus, and air transportation available to refugees, and tips for helping people at the border. There are lists of needed supplies and options for making donations as well.

"Rotaract clubs have the chance to get an overview of what's going on in and around Ukraine, and then decide what projects they can help implement," Leitner says. "We want to make it as easy as possible for our members to connect and collaborate."

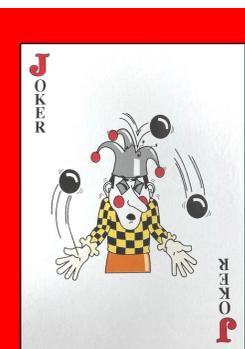
Leitner and other leaders of Rotaract Europe meet weekly over Zoom with Rotaract representatives from each European country to exchange ideas and share updates about projects. These meetings have helped foster better communication and organization, she says.

Since it began as a coalition of clubs in 1988, Rotaract Europe has focused on sharing information about Rotaract activities across borders. But the effort to help Ukrainians is different, Leitner says: "We are being much more proactive than in the past. The passion and energy of Rotaractors are really motivating us to do more."

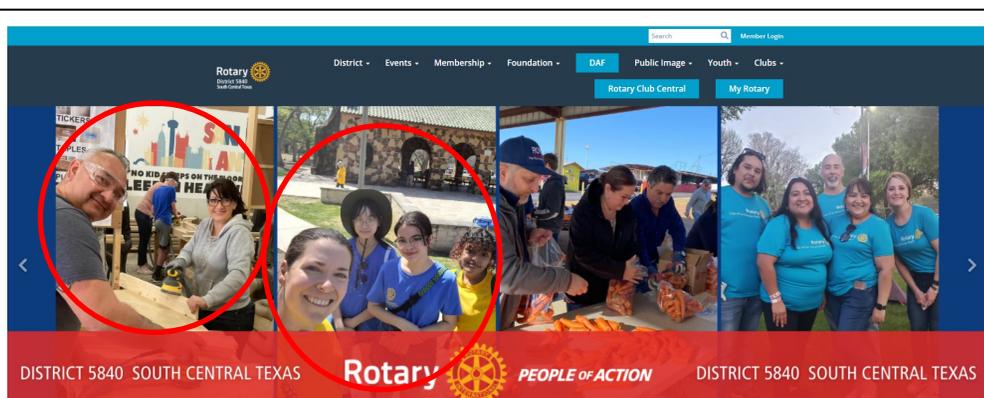


The Rotary District 5840 – Annual Share Fund raffle tickets are now available! If you're familiar with this amazing raffle, then you know how much our annual go-to fundraiser is to The Rotary Foundation's mission. The money raised during this time comes back to our District and funds our District Grants. 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.

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. Please contact club president Preston McKinney if you need tickets.



At the start of tonight, our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$429. That means if your ticket is drawn and you pull the Joker, you walk away with at least \$214.50.



Looks like some photos of our Rotarians and Interactors volunteering around town are included on the District web site. On the left is Patricia McNicholas and her husband Josh building beds at Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Second photo from the left show Madison Interact Sponsor Janeen Downen and Interactors volunteering at the Rotary Day SA clean-up event at Brackenridge Park.



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