



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club

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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast

May 6, 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 Traci Brodbeck with the San Antonio Yellow Roses. The San Antonio Yellow Roses is a 501 (c)(3) buyers group for the Jr. Livestock Steer Auction with the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Traci is the Culinary Arts teacher at Lockhart High School, wife, mother, and grandmother of four. Also, the head cheerleader of the San Antonio Roses. In the past 13 years Traci has taken the culinary arts department from eight students to 700 with six culinary teachers.



The Roses have grown in that same time period from 15 members to 320 and raising \$220,000 in 2025 for the steer kids. Traci tackles life with enthusiasm and energy to educate young and old to make a difference in people's lives. Thanks go out to Tracy Needs for arranging for Traci to be our speaker this evening.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 13th Mitch Andry, Cool Crest Miniature Golf Course
- May 20th Colleen Swain, San Antonio World Heritage Office
- May 27th Justin Moore, Airborne Aerial Photography
- June 3rd William Philips, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer University Health
- June 10th Jesse Diaz, General Manager, Texas Pickle Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DeDe Johnson and her husband Robert will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on May 11th.

LaVonna Stewart and her husband, Terrance will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on May 9th.

Happy Anniversary Wishes go out to both couples.

At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$161. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$80.50.

Rotary Night at Missions aka Flying Chanclas Baseball

Join the Rotary Club of San Antonio for a great night at the ballpark on Thursday, May 22nd. Ticket price of \$35 includes food, beer and soft drinks. Rotary will have the private Fiesta Deck. Tickets are limited so sign up today. The San Antonio Missions Fiesta Deck is an all-inclusive, private, multi-level deck. It includes an ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT meal that includes hamburgers, hot dogs, beef and chicken fajitas, and nacho bar. Plus, snack on popcorn, cookies, and chips and salsa throughout the game while washing it down with refreshing Coca-Cola products or ICE COLD BEER!! (Food is available from 6-9 or until the 7th inning, whichever comes first.)

In case you were wondering, the name "Flying Chanclas" honors the matriarch of the Latino family, the abuelita (grandmother), and her symbol of strength, discipline and love with its on-field persona for this special series of events. The chancla has long been symbolic of the abuelita as she maintains the structure and order of the family.

Click the following link to purchase tickets:
<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/3FXRB75T3KV5A>



Madison Interact Club's Food Pantry refilled

With a \$1,000 donation from the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club, the Madison High School Interact Club was able to refill their Food Pantry. The Interact Club's officers bought the food and the club members helped unload and organize the food items in the pantry.



The last Madison Interact Club meeting of the school year will take place on Monday, May 12th at 4:30 p.m. in Mrs. Downen's room - D07. San Antonio Northeast Rotarians are encouraged to come out and show support for the amazing things that these young people do for our community.



DeDe Johnson, Tracy Needs, and Jossi and Dan Clark, I-f, playing as the Gears, "conducted research" at the Trivia Night event held last Wednesday at Sip Wine Garden in Cibolo. This "research" was in preparation for the Trivia Night fundraiser that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club will be holding in the near future. The Gears meshed well together and took home 2nd place.

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 11th.

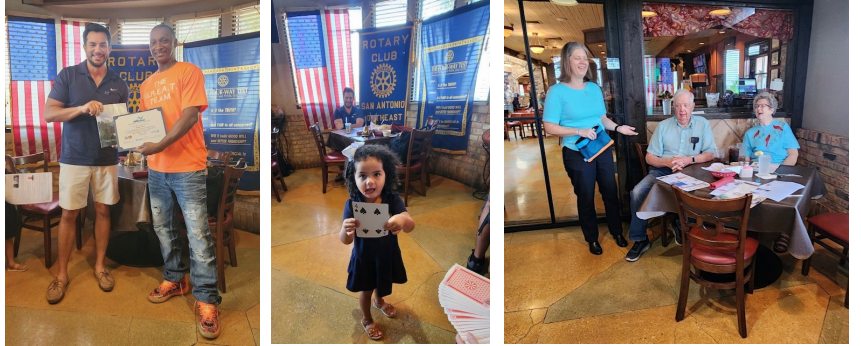


Wrap up of last week's meeting

We were pleased to welcome Bennie Price as our guest speaker last week. Bennie is the CEO and Founder of the 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, Big Mama's Safe House. The mission of Big Mama's Safe House is to combat gun violence by providing safe, supportive housing for survivors, fostering healing and stability, advocating for preventive measures, and empowering individuals and communities to rebuild their lives free from fear, ensuring safety, dignity, and hope for a brighter, violence-free future. After his very interesting and thought provoking presentation, Club President Russell Sturgeon presented Bennie with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine.

Speaking of Russell, his raffle ticket was drawn and he had his daughter Maria draw a card looking for the Joker, but unfortunately drew a 4 instead. Maybe she was just reminding her Dad how old she will be on her next birthday.

Speaking of daughters, club member Becky Goering introduced her parents Ed and Lois Goering who are visiting her.



Maddie in Switzerland

Our Global Grant Scholar Madeline "Maddie" Aguilar, which the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club is proudly sponsoring, recently went with some of her fellow classmates to Geneva, Switzerland to visit several United Nations agencies and to hear from their staff. Thanks for sharing the photos, Maddie.



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

LaVonna Stewart, far left, delivered 400 gowns to the PAM Specialty Hospital of San Antonio on Monday, May 5th. PAM Health Specialty Hospital of San Antonio officers specialized long-term acute care and rehabilitation services. Thank you, LaVonna for making this delivery.



There will be a Vibrant Club Workshop on Saturday, May 31st at the Poteet Building, 9199 N State Hwy 16, Poteet, TX 78065. The cost of the workshop is \$25



per person and runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For those of you that have been in Rotary a while, think of a Vibrant Club Workshop as what used to be called a District Assembly. This workshop is open to all Rotarians. These workshops are designed to engage club membership and officers, providing valuable insights and leadership development opportunities. You can register for this workshop at: <https://www.rotary5840.org/Events/vibrant-club-workshop-poteet>

This past weekend the Celebration of Districts was held in San Marcos. This was a joint celebration between Rotary District 5840 and Rotary District 5870. There was a Cash Bar and a Taco Bar on Friday evening, and also the House of Friendship. On Saturday, there was a Welcome Presentation featuring San Marcos Mayor Jane Hughson, District 5840 Governor Kristen Salazar, and District 5870 Governor Doug Smith. There was also the Youth Exchange Flag Presentation. There were several Break Out Sessions offered to the attendees. Later that evening, there was a Casino Night with a Speakeasy theme. Folks in attendance dressed up in their finest 1920's outfits. On Sunday, both Districts held closing sessions.

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club was well represented at the Celebration of Districts with Dan and Jossi Clark, DeDe Johnson, and Anthony Strickland in attendance. At the District 5840 session, Past District Governor Richard "Dick" Baggett presented pins and certificates to first time Paul Harris Fellows. Anthony Strickland received his pin and certificate from PDG Dick Baggett and DG Kristen Salazar. All of the first time Rotarians received their Paul Harris Fellowships from District Donor Advised Funds.

Dan Clark, who serves as Executive Assistant Governor for District 5840, and Honorary Club Member Jan King, who serves as District Secretary, also received a Roll of Fame Award Certificate from DG Kristen Salazar for their hard work and dedication to Rotary and Rotary District 5840.

