



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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Club of San Antonio
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May 13, 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 Mitch Andry, with Cool Crest Miniature Golf Course. The earliest records of Cool Crest's existence, according to city researchers, suggest that the golf course initially opened its doors for business in 1929 just as the country's first Great Depression began.



Harold Metzger, a retired trucker, and his wife Maria, leased the property from the original owners in 1937. At that time, there was only one 18-hole course on the property, built mostly of wooden rails lining its fairways. The Metzger's quickly went to work refurbishing the course. No doubt due in part to its expertly terraced setting on a gently sloping hillside, and the lush tropical landscaping and stylish Art Deco look the Metzger's gave it, Cool Crest quickly became one of the city's most popular recreational venues, hosting many a party attended by the city's social elite.

In 1959, the Metzger's re-engineered the original 18-hole course that runs alongside Fredericksburg Road. Now using concrete as its structural foundation, the business was also expanded at the same time with the addition of a second 18-hole course.

Following Harold's death in 1998, Maria Metzger ran the business until failing health forced her to close its doors around 2008. After her own demise in 2010, the Metzger estate sold the business in early 2013 to the Andry family, life-long San Antonio residents who wanted to restore the golf course to its original beauty and place as one of the city's most cherished and family-friendly entertainment destinations. Recognizing its rich history and cultural significance, San Antonio's Historic and Design Commission voted in 2009 to designate Cool Crest a historically significant site. The following year, the city's Zoning Commission and City Council unanimously approved the re-zoning of the golf course as a historically significant property. The Andry family has also added the Metzger Biergarten next to the 1959 course. The large area feature a bar, pads for food trucks, plenty of picnic tables, and a live music space with a stage and dance floor.

Text courtesy of Cool Crest Miniature Golf website

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

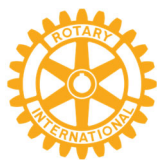
- May 20th Colleen Swain,
San Antonio World Heritage Office
- May 27th Justin Moore,
Airborne Aerial Photography
- June 3rd William Philips,
Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
University Health
- June 10th Jesse Diaz,
General Manager, Texas Pickle Hall



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$188. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$94.



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club will be celebrating its 38th Anniversary on May 19th.



Since the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club will be celebrating its 38th Anniversary, that means Charter Member Bob Barron will be celebrating his 38th Anniversary in Rotary. Thank you, Bob for everything that you have done for our Rotary club over the years.

DeDe Johnson will be celebrating her 1st Rotary Anniversary on May 21st.

**Rotary Night at Missions
aka Flying Chancas 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 Chancas" 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>

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



Wrap up of last week’s meeting

We were pleased to welcome 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. The San Antonio Yellow Roses have grown over the years from 15 members to 320 and raised \$220,000 in 2025 for the steer kids. After her presentation, Club President Russell Sturgeon presented Traci with a Speaker’s Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine. Thanks go out to Tracy Needs for arranging for Traci to be our speaker last week.



The Madison High School Interact Club held its final meeting of the school year. Congratulations go out to club sponsor Janeen Downen and all the Madison Interactors for their hard work in the community during the 2024-2025 school year. The club has already selected its officers for the 2025-2026 school year.

What is Interact?
Interact is a service club for young people aged 12-18, sponsored by Rotary International. It provides a platform for youth to engage in service projects, develop leadership skills, and foster international understanding. Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting, with Rotary club sponsors providing guidance and support.

Great Work Madison Interact Club



Join us for a night of celebration and camaraderie as we welcome the new District 5840 Governor, Craig Hardy and install the District Leadership Team and Club Leaders on Saturday, June 28th. Enjoy an evening of fellowship with Rotarians and guests from across the district! Ticket pricing \$65/per person; \$500 for table of 8.

Click the following link to register for the Governor’s Installation:
<https://rotary5840.org/events/2025-governor-installation/>

Mardi Gras-Themed Festivities
Cocktails & Dinner
Networking & Fellowship

Sponsorships Welcome!

For details, contact Craig Hardy at (361) 946-9603

A portion of proceeds will benefit Zapatos Inc., a non-profit organization that provides shoes for children walking toward a better future.

Nearby Hotels:

Staybridge Suites – 808 N Loop 1604 E

Residence Inn San Antonio Stone Oak – 1115 N Loop 1604 E

Drury Inn and Suites Stone Oak – 801 N Loop 1604 E

Get ready to Let the Good Times Roll!



Thank you to those who joined us at the Celebration of Districts! Your energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to service truly made the event a memorable one. It was inspiring to see so many of you come together to reflect on our accomplishments and look ahead with renewed purpose. I'd like to extend a public congratulations to the following who were recognized at the event:

Roll of Fame Recipients

District Secretary, Jan King

District Interact Chair, Mike Canales

District Executive AG, Dan Clark

District Youth Exchange Chair, Stephen Finch

PDG, Stephanie Macchia

PDG, Kristy Vandenberg

PDG, Monica Gutierrez

AG, Kyle Emmons

Club President, Doug McKenzie (Rotary Club of Blanco County)

Club President, Reg Cully (Rotary Club of Boerne Sunrise)

Club President, Scott Dixon (Rotary Club of Medina County)

AG of the Year, Ron Hubbard

Club President of the Year, Susie Smith

Club of the Year, Rotary Club of Blanco County

Congratulations to everyone and thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to Rotary!

As we move into the final stretch of the Rotary year, I encourage each of you to keep working hard toward your club goals. Let’s finish strong and ensure that our impact continues to grow across our communities. Don’t forget to update the progress towards achieving your goals in Rotary Club Central so you can receive recognition from Rotary International for your hard work.

Finally, a special reminder: May is Youth Service Month - a time to celebrate and invest in the next generation of leaders. Let’s use this opportunity to empower youth through mentorship, engagement, and meaningful service projects. Be sure to highlight the work that our Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange students are doing!

Kristen Salazar

District 5840 Governor

