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Rotary
Club of San Antonio
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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 Amy Hone. Amy is the Executive Director of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. Amy has had a productive career as an Executive Director and Development Director in her more than 25 years working in the nonprofit industry.



Prior to her time in nonprofits, Amy served as an officer in the US Army, deploying to Operation Desert Storm with the VII Corps. As a 1LT during that deployment, her platoon was attached to the Corps AG, coordinating all the casualty information for the Army's VII Corps.

Led by the desire to be a servant leader, Amy has made significant contributions to charitable organizations throughout the country, but most recently in Texas.



SAN ANTONIO
PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION

Serving as the Executive Director at The San Antonio Public Library Foundation, Amy plays a major role in programs, fundraising and advocacy, both on behalf of the Library system and for the Foundation's internal programs.

Prior to her current role at the Library Foundation, Amy worked as the Director of Hope for the Future, an organization that awards scholarships to families in underserved areas for their children to attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Before joining the Hope for the Future team, she was Chief Development Officer at Make-A-Wish Central & South Texas for 7 years. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association.

A graduate of the University of Dayton and an Army veteran, Amy has called San Antonio home for the past 18 years. Her children Caitlin (31) and Nicholas (23) live in Washington DC and Dallas, respectively.

Thanks go out to Trina Forcey for arranging for Amy to be our speaker tonight.

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's 38th Annual Installation Dinner and Awards Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, July 9th**, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Cottage Irish Pub, 3810 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (across from the Witte Museum). Please contact Russell Sturgeon at (361) 816-1388 or Russell.Sturgeon@frostbank.com if you have any questions.



We were very happy to install Thomas Brainard as our newest club member at our meeting last week. Thomas is a vehicle inspector with Carvana (Adesa Auto Auction). If you have not had the opportunity, please introduce yourself to Thomas and get to know him.



Welcome to the club Thomas.



JOIN ROTARY

ARE YOU AN ESTABLISHED PROFESSIONAL WANTING TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD?

Our club members are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship.

Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back.

- Discuss your community's needs and discover creative ways to meet them
- Expand your leadership and professional skills
- Catch up with good friends and meet new ones
- Connect with leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations

Have you invited your friend to join Rotary?

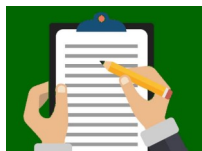


How do you invite someone to join Rotary?
Just ask

UPCOMING ROTARY MEETINGS / EVENTS

June 26th	Rotary District 5840 Installation Old San Francisco Steakhouse
July 2nd	To be announced
July 9th	San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club Installation The Cottage Irish Pub
July 10th	Volunteer event at Alzheimer's Association
July 16th	Rotary District 5840 Governor Kristen Salazar
July 23rd	Dan Van Syoc and Jane Hill Rotary's Fight to End Alzheimer's

Jossi Clark has applied for membership in the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Jossi is being sponsored by her husband, Dan Clark. If there are no objections, Jossi will become our first new member in the upcoming Rotary year.



Club Treasurer Becky Robles has e-mailed out the Rotary dues invoices for the time period of July through December 2024. **Club Membership payment is due no later than June 30, 2024.** Please notify Dan Clark - danclark@ibc.com and Rebecca Robles - rebeccarobles@ibc.com - if you will not be continuing your membership with the club **no later than June 28th, 2024.**



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Honorary member Kristine Guzman will be celebrating her birthday on July 1st. Some of you might recall that Kristine and her husband Randy, were our pickleball instructors when we held our social event at the Walzem YMCA. Happy Birthday, Kristine.



Where does your \$6 go?
Many club members pay \$6 each week for our meeting. But not everyone know where the \$6 goes.
\$1 for our raffle
\$2 to pay for our guest speaker's meal
\$3 to your Paul Harris



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$524. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$262.

Our speaker last week was Richard Galik. Richard is the Chair of the Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee of the Alamo Heights Rotary Club. He gave a very interesting and passionate talk about tonight is Measuring Positive Peace. After his talk, Richard was presented a speaker's certificate of appreciation from club president Dan Clark.



With our speaker today being the Executive Director of the San Antonio Public Library, we thought it might be an appropriate time to share with you the article below about a Chicago Public Library employee that turned out being a very important part of Rotary's history.

Chesley R. Perry: Rotary's first general secretary

Chesley Reynolds Perry, a Spanish-American War veteran and former *Chicago Public Library employee*, served as Rotary's first secretary and is known as "the builder of Rotary International." While Rotary's president changes every year, only 12 people have served as general secretary, a role that's equivalent to a chief executive — and at 32 years, Perry served the longest.

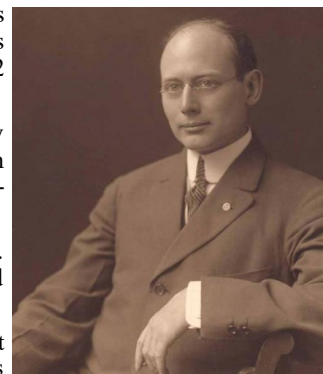
In August 1910, the newly formed National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International) unanimously selected Perry for the role then known as secretary. He accepted the part-time position at \$100 per month, with an agreement that the amount of time he'd devote would remain unspecified. By 1912, the job had evolved into a full-time executive role, and Perry's pay was increased.

Perry's own office on LaSalle Street in Chicago, Illinois, USA, served as the first headquarters of the association. By 1911, Rotary had established an office in the First National Bank Building at the intersection of Dearborn and Monroe in Chicago.

Perry concurrently served as editor and business manager of *The Rotarian* from 1911 to 1928, and he opened Rotary's first international office, in Zurich, Switzerland, in February 1925. He oversaw the expansion of Rotary as it grew during his tenure from 16 clubs in the United States to more than 5,000 worldwide. His title was officially changed to general secretary in 1941-42, his final year in office.

Perry had announced his plans to retire in 1940, but agreed to remain in his post while the organization trained his successor, Philip C. Lovejoy. A number of clubs sought to nominate Perry for RI president in 1942-43, but he declined, saying, "I am gratefully conscious of the high compliment thereby being paid to me."

After retiring, Perry remained a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, which he'd joined in 1908. But he wasn't done being a leader, and served as club president in 1944-45. In 1954, Rotary offered him the title "secretary emeritus" to honor his years of service, but he again declined, preferring the role of ordinary Rotarian. Perry died on February 21, 1960 at the age of 87.



Rotary clubs engage with refugees by training teachers, organizing medical care, and offering other assistance

by Etelka Lehoczky

When people think of refugees, they may imagine a group that is utterly without means and dependent on others. But that's a misleading assumption, says Quentin Wodon, chair of the Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration.

"There are studies suggesting that refugees actually contribute more to the economy than the value of the services provided to them," says Wodon, a member of the Rotary Club of Washington Global, Washington, D.C. "Refugees often have amazing skills. They're often very driven. And they can be assets for a country as opposed to liabilities."

World Refugee Day on June 20th puts a spotlight on this misunderstood group, many of whom have fled war, persecution, or violence. More than 117 million people around the world were forcibly displaced at the end of 2023, according to UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency.

That includes refugees who fled their home nations, people who were displaced within their countries, people who weren't recognized as citizens of any nation, and others. The countries with the most refugees protected or assisted by UNHCR are Syria, Ukraine, and Afghanistan.

The Rotary action group coordinates projects worldwide, such as promoting social entrepreneurship in the Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Uganda, delivering meals and other necessities to Venezuelan refugees in Colombia, and sponsoring webinars about refugees in the United States who have become successful entrepreneurs.



Wodon says Rotary members can help refugees by applying for global grants to fund projects and engaging the power of Rotary at the local level. "Rotary clubs can mobilize the community," he says, suggesting that clubs first learn which organizations are active in their area. "You can be involved either in the provision of education or skills, or in helping people find jobs. There are so many things that you can do, and the personal connection you can have is very important."

Rotary clubs around the globe have implemented a wide variety of projects involving refugees. Some examples:

A Medical trip to Cambodia

The Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, collaborated with the local Vietnamese community to bring medical care to Vietnamese refugees in Cambodia. More than 30 volunteers from Australia, Cambodia, and Vietnam traveled to rural Cambodia to treat people in the province of Kampong Chhnang and the village of Kampong Luong. They provided care to 1,300 families and vaccinated 92 girls against human papillomavirus (HPV). Of the 180,000 Vietnamese people who live in Cambodia, many are stateless and thus face significant barriers to obtaining health care.

A training program for teachers in Malaysia

Some schools for refugees in Malaysia don't have the funding to train teachers. The Rotary Club of Bukit Kiara Sunrise, Malaysia, collaborated with Veritas University College to offer a training program to teachers in refugee schools. The four-month, online program included practical sessions and modules about learning and cognition, curriculum development, and measurement and evaluation. Teachers who completed the program received proficiency certificates. The club also conducts a leadership training camp for refugee students and organized a concert to benefit Afghan refugees. About 189,000 refugees and asylum-seekers are in Malaysia, most from Myanmar.

A shelter that helps Ukrainian refugees

Members of the Rotary Club of Kraków Wyspianski, Poland, worked with the nonprofit Challenging Hope at Intervention House, a shelter that assists people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine. The members contributed financial support and maintained contact with the residents. The shelter provided services including psychological and legal assistance and child care. About 100 people were housed in the facility, including families with children and dogs. In the two years since Russia invaded Ukraine, around 960,000 Ukrainian refugees have gone to Poland.

A medical convoy for Sudanese refugees in Egypt

The Rotary Club of Cairo Platinum, Egypt, organized a medical convoy in the Faisal area to bring health care to 170 Sudanese refugees. Medical staff distributed medicines and tested people's hearing, balance, heart health, and blood sugar levels. The convoy also provided education in early detection of uterine cancer and breast cancer. About 450,000 refugees have fled to Egypt from Sudan, where a civil war began in April.



Volunteers on a trip organized by the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, provide medical care to Vietnamese refugees in Cambodia.

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Members of the Rotary Club of Kraków Wyspianski, Poland, work with the nonprofit Challenging Hope at Intervention House, a shelter that assists people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine. April 22, 2022. Krakow, Poland.

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