

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?

# **CLUB ASSEMBLY**

Our meeting this week will be a Club Assembly. A Club Assembly is a very important meeting for the club. This is where all club members are encouraged to participate in topics such as membership, service projects, fundraisers, public image, and many other topics. Remember that this is YOUR club. Let you voice be heard.

#### **UPCOMING ROTARY MEETINGS / EVENTS**

August 6th Speaker from Ronald McDonald House

August 13th Speaker from Carver Cultural Community Center

August 20th

To be announced

August 27th

Marion Thomas

Blessed Angels

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Trina Forcey will be celebrating her one-year Rotary Anniversary on August 1st. Congratulations, Trina.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$667. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$333.50





### **WORLD POLIO DAY**

OCTOBER 24, 2024

How Will You Celebrate?

- Host Rotary Night: Arrange with your local ball clubs and host a Rotary Night at the ball game. Both major and minor league teams have pitched in to help Rotary "strike out Polio".
- Organize a walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon or skate-a-thon: Find Rotarians, Rotarian Fellowships, athletic groups or other community members who want to participate and ask them to solicit pledges for miles or kilometers walked, pedaled or skated.
- Pints for Polio Event: Arrange with a local pub/winery to host a Pints Night with portion of proceeds going to Polio.
- Pies for Polio Event: Challenge your members, Club sponsors to build awareness for Polio by holding a fundraiser to "Take a Pie for Polio".
- Restaurant Fundraiser: The way it works is you plan the fundraiser and estimate a certain number of people to fill the restaurant for lunch or dinner. The receipts go into a box and the restaurant pays your organization a certain percentage of the take, typically 15-20%
- Purple Pinkie Promotion: Arrange with a local bakery or some members to make donut bars and ice them as shown with a "purple pinkie." Sell to your members, at the grocery store, at the bakery, anywhere - and Raise money and awareness of PolioPlus and Rotary.

One Day, One Focus, Ending Polio



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Saturday, October 26th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at

Astro SuperBowl,

3203 Harry Wurzbach Rd. at Austin Highway

Funds raised from this event will go to

Awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior at James Madison High School
Supporting the James Madison Interact Club Food Pantry

Supporting other humanitarian causes that will help serve our co

We are asking folks to come out in the finest HALLOWEEN costumes.

\*\*\*\*\* There will also be a Silent Auction \*\*\*\*\*

with items for bowlers and non-bowlers to bid on.

Cost is \$25 per bowler

Bowling will consist of 3 games or 3 hours, whichever comes first.

Shoe rental is included with the cost.

\* Please try to arrive by 11:45 a.m. to get your shoes and your lane assignment \*
For more information, please contact Dan Clark at danclark@ibc.com or (210) 799-4474

## OCTOBER 26TH WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

Only 88 days until our 14th Annual Halloween Bowling & Silent Auction Fundraiser. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Astro SuperBowl, 3203 Harry Wurzbach Rd. at Austin Highway. We need all club members to participate in order to make the event a success. Remember that the funds raised from this event will be used to award a scholarship to a graduating senior at James Madison High School, supporting the James Madison Interact Club Food Pantry, sponsoring two students to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), along with other humanitarian causes that will help serve our community. Please contact Dan Clark at danclark@ibc.com

Please contact Dan Clark at <a href="mailto:dankle.con">dankle.con</a> or (210) 799-4474 if you have any questions.











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

#### Rotary in Paris, France



Since the 2024 Summer Olympics, officially the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, are taking place in Paris, France, we thought we would share some information with you about Rotary in the City of Light. First off, with a population of over 2.1 million, it is not unusual that there are over 45 Rotary clubs that call Paris home. The clubs are in Rotary District 1660.

The oldest of the Rotary clubs in Paris is the Rotary Club of Paris , which today has some 180 members , was founded on April 1, 1921. It is thus the father, grandfather or grandfather of French Clubs, but also of clubs abroad such as Brussels (1923) or Zurich (1924). It founded the Rotaract of Paris (in 1969) under the presidency of Guy CRESCENT.

The "prehistory" of the club began with the prospecting undertaken in 1913 by the American Rotarian Frank L. Mulholland in concert with the Englishman Thomas Stephenson with a view to establishing a Club in France and this with the support of the founder Paul Harris. These first contacts were interrupted by the First World War. But the arrival of American forces in France with many officers who were members of American clubs provided a new opportunity. At the armistice in 1918, an "Allied Club" was created in France to allow Rotarians from the Armed Forces to meet at the Continental Hotel.

In 1921, two years after the armistice, at the end of the so-called "Spanish" flu epidemic, proved to be a disappointing year for pacifists and those who wanted the First World War to be "the war to end all wars".

Indeed, in Eastern Europe (in Poland, Hungary, in the new USSR), in Asia (former Ottoman Empire) the war continued... The ideal of Peace therefore remained very essential... This ideal of Peace through understanding between peoples then found a favorable echo and encountered a strong pacifist current in France, particularly among those who had suffered from the war or had seen its effects in hospitals. On the other hand, trade favorable to negotiation between partners from all over the world also allowed for concrete and friendly meetings between the allies.

The presentation of the charter to the Paris Club, already the 905th in the series, was done officially and solemnly on April 1, 1921, followed by festivities (invitation of all the Rotarians gathered at the time at the international convention in Edinburgh) such that they almost cost the Club its financial survival. But very quickly new members were admitted.

The membership exceeded 40 members in 1922 and reached 185 members in 1939.



Among the many presidents who have succeeded one another at the head of the Paris Club, Maurice DUPERREY (1928-1929) is considered the most eminent. He is to this day the only Frenchman to have presided over Rotary International, it was during the year 1937-1938. We see him here next to Paul HARRIS.

The Rotary Club of Paris quickly spread, successively sponsoring from 1923 the Clubs of Lyon, Toulouse, then Nice, Vichy, Angers, Marseille, Lille, Perpignan, Dijon, Saint Raphaël, Tours, Clermont-Ferrand, Reims, and also Zurich and Brussels. As early as 1928, contacts were made by Paris with Egyptians for the creation of the Cairo Club.

In 1924, the Paris Club published a mimeographed "weekly letter". This medium was replaced in 1926 by a "Feuille de Quinzaine". It was not until 1928 that the publication of the PARIS ROTARY bulletins began, of which our archives, now digitized, contain all the copies, except for the year 1962/1963 that we are looking for. It contains the conferences given at the Club and also sometimes amusing caricatures of members, some of whom have remained famous.



At the start of the resumption of hostilities between France and Germany, or "phoney war", the Club, whose headquarters were at the Crillon, met at the Grand Hôtel, near the Opera, where many members, mobilized, went in uniform. The German breakthrough in June 1940 left the Club's administrative secretary with very little time to take the Club's archives with him in the exodus.

During the occupation, the Club, banned by the Germans, nevertheless met clandestinely in small groups. The meetings were itinerant from restaurant to restaurant, led by Edmond Chaix, eponymous and publisher of the gastronomic guides

and the famous railway timetable. One day, at the Rotonde, sees a German officer lurking suspiciously around the tables. All the participants expect to be arrested. Maurice Duperrey then gets up and goes to meet the soldier. He was an officer in charge of monitoring the Renault factories, he was himself a ... Rotarian.

Another time, because of renovations, German officers deprived of their lunch room chose as their canteen the one where the Rotary was secretly meeting. The Club then settled in the same place because through the screen that separated the tables occupied by the Germans from those occupied by the Rotarians, one could hear Radio-Londres that the Germans were spying on while they were eating lunch. Each one, straining to catch what the other was listening to, thus learned when it was time to sit down to eat that the carrots were cooked and that the violins were sobbing long.

In 1945 the club resumed its activities and the publication of its bulletin. There were deaths and missing persons in deportation among the members who had joined the club before the war. Others returned with the glory of having resisted or participated in the battles for victory. The Club did not escape the creation of a purge committee.

The professor of public law René Cassin, an ardent pacifist activist, joined the Club in 1931. Returning from London where he had joined General de Gaulle, he wrote the founding act of Free France before participating, after the Nuremberg trials, in the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. His participation in the construction of these institutions earned him the Nobel Peace Prize, the presidency of what was to become the Constitutional Council of the Fifth Republic and the presidency of the European Court of Human Rights, in addition to the Vice-presidency of the Council of State.



In 1985/1986, club President Guy Crescent, who had suffered from polio since the age of 7, firmly committed the Club to the campaign fight against the scourge of polio initiated by Rotary International. In less than thirty years, the disease has been almost completely eradicated.

More than 2 billion children have been vaccinated worldwide. The WHO (World Health Organization) estimates that Rotary has saved at least 5 million human lives.

Rotary has long remained an "Anglo-Saxon" Club, where women were not admitted. In 1989 the decision was taken by Rotary International to allow the recruitment of women, it was in many ways a cultural revolution that Rotary has only had to congratulate itself on since.

In 1998 the Paris Club welcomed the first female member of the Club. In 2009, the Club had for the first time a woman as President.

Finally, it is a Frenchwoman, Catherine Noyer - Riveau, member of the Paris club and former Governor of a Parisian district who was the first woman admitted to the board of Rotary International.



Since its inception, the Paris Club has honored the Rotary motto: "To serve" by making donations and honorary loans for humanitarian causes. But that's not all. The Rotary Club of Paris also puts its expertise and that of its members at the service of the general interest. For example, in 1933, in the midst of the Great Depression, the Rotary Club of Paris compiled a very detailed 200-page study of the results of a survey conducted among all French Clubs on the state of employment in their members' companies and unemployment in their respective geographic areas. This study, valuable for in-depth knowledge of the economic fabric, was submitted to the public authorities to enlighten them on realities that they did not know with such a degree of precision.