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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: 883 2825 5254 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 Maria Cansino with BCFS Health and Human Services, Human Trafficking Interdiction Division. She serves as an Allies Peer Support Specialist. Maria has been part of the BCFS family for six years and has previously served as a Community Advocate with the Common Thread program and Facilitator for the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education program. Allies Peer Support connects local San Antonio area volunteers with survivors of human trafficking to enrich and strengthen the lives of both allies and survivors.



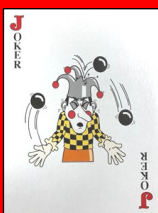
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Maria graduated from the Universidad Autonoma de Tamaulipas with her undergraduate degree in Psychology. She attended the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, where she graduated with her master's degree in Special Education.

Maria is involved in her community and is currently a charter member of the D5840 to Combat Human Trafficking. Maria previously worked as a teacher and psychologist at different centers in Mexico and has gained a lot of experience working with at-risk youth and families. She is passionate about making a difference in the community and advocating for youth and families.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mayra Rivero and her husband Antonio will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on August 9th.

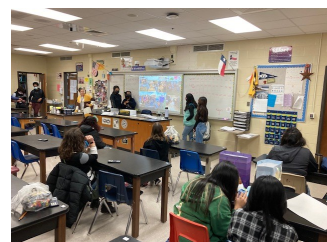


At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$562. That means if your ticket is drawn and you draw the Joker, you are going to be going home at least \$281 richer.

The first day of school for Madison High School is on Wednesday, August 10th. That means that the first meeting of the James Madison Interact Club is right around the corner.

James Madison
Interact
Club

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club sponsors the James Madison High School Interact Club. Whenever the Interact club holds a meeting, we encourage club members to please attend to see what these amazing young people do for our community. You will not be disappointed.



James Madison High School is located at 5005 Stahl Road, San Antonio, TX 78247. If you have questions, please contact Madison High School Interact Sponsor Janeen Downen at jdowne@neisd.net

Did you know?

Rotary International District 5840 lies deep in the heart of Texas, covering an area of 52,466 square miles encompassing 44 counties. There are nine Rotary districts in Texas, with District 5840 having a membership of 2,300.

Rotary first came to Texas in 1912 when clubs were chartered in San Antonio, Dallas and Houston. Rotarian Herbert J. Hayes organized the San Antonio Rotary Club, the 52nd Rotary club to be chartered, in June 1912 with 11 men. Today, the San Antonio club is one of the largest clubs in the world with a membership of more than 400. The Cuero Rotary Club was the second club formed in the District and was sponsored by the Victoria Rotary Club in District 5930. The Cuero Club's charter number 907 was issued May 1, 1921. The Beeville Rotary Club, the third club in the District, was sponsored jointly by the Victoria Rotary Club and the San Antonio club. Beeville holds charter number 955, issued on May 1, 1921.

Please find below some photos from the Rotary Club of San Antonio archives, provided by Anne Swift, Executive Director of the club. Thank you very much Anne for sharing this history of Rotary with us.



Members of the Rotary Club of San Antonio on their way to the 1914 International Association of Rotary Clubs, as the convention was known at that time.

The Rotary Club of San Antonio donated 15 burros and saddles to Brackenridge Park back in 1916. In the 1920's children enjoyed the simple pleasure of a ride on the trail through the park on the back of a donkey.



In the 1930's, the club had a softball team. The women pictured in the photo for the Rotary club at the time.

The Rotary Club of San Antonio erected a Christmas tree in Alamo Plaza in 1913.



Photo of the members of the Rotary Club of San Antonio taken in 1919.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 23rd. Alamo Heights Rotarian, and former San Antonio Northeast Rotary club member Scott Sitterle is working on a joint club social between his Rotary club and ours. More details to follow.

Our speaker from our last meeting

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club welcomed fellow Rotarian Sandy Liwang as our guest speaker on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Sandy is the club president of the San Antonio Sunrise Rotary Club. Sandy spoke to us about her grandfather Charles C. Leonard, Sr. He was a volunteer ambulance driver in France during World War I. While in France, he kept a diary and took photos of his experiences. Sandy's sister Judy Brucker took the diary and the photos and created a book titled "Memories of a WW1 Ambulance Driver". Sandy shared some photos in the book with all those that were in attendance. She also had copies of the book for purchase with her. The book is amazing.



After her very interesting presentation, San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club president Debbie Degollado presented a certificate of appreciation to Sandy. As with all of our speakers, a donation will be made in Sandy's name to the Madison High School Interact Club's Food Pantry. Thank you Sandy for a great presentation.

Rotary Fellowships amplify Ukrainian relief efforts

By Arnold R. Grahl

In the festive atmosphere of a gala dinner, Rotary members raised glasses in toasts and kindled friendships in Lviv as they welcomed a group of Ukrainians to the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians. The next day, the Ukrainian members showed visitors former Eastern Bloc aircraft at a military base that had become a general aviation field.



Just a few months later, Russian forces invaded Ukraine — and the new friendships became critical connections for support and supplies. Rotary's global network has sent millions of dollars' worth of relief and medical supplies to help the people of Ukraine. Rotary Fellowships, which bring together members who have a shared interest or hobby, have amplified the impact of these efforts.



Members of the flying fellowship leapt into action to help their fellow pilots as soon as the war began. George Chaffey, then-world president of the fellowship, says he and other members quickly contacted the Ukrainian members, who have been instrumental in identifying the most effective ways to channel the assistance.



One of them has been Olha Paliychuk, a member of the Rotary Club of Cherkasy, Ukraine. Paliychuk, who is a doctor and working toward her pilot's license, has helped coordinate response plans through



both the flying fellowship and the International Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals. Petrukh learned to fly as an activity she could do during the pandemic.

"Within a week we raised more than \$12,000 and a large volume of medical supplies, all cleared through Olha," Chaffey says. "We collect what the Ukrainians tell us they need and direct it to exactly where it is needed."



Chaffey says the fellowship members based in Hong Kong have arranged the delivery of more than \$25,000 overall in medical supplies. At one point, they raised more than \$10,000 in just four days for urgently needed medical equipment. Fellowship members worked out the details of the shipment in a message chat that spanned multiple time zones.

"Talk about speed and how technology has made the world a small place," says George Ritchie, the 2022-24 world president of the group. "I'd like to think our fellowship was one of the quickest out of the block to help."

John Philip, chair of the International Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals, says he and the group's other leaders also acted swiftly to connect with its Ukrainian members, including Paliychuk. The group quickly developed an effective approach to aid and holds weekly meetings with medical workers in Ukraine about the supplies they need.

"We only respond to the requests of medics in Ukraine, and only source and fund things through Rotary," Philip says. "Items we purchase are sent to a warehouse in Poland managed by Rotarians, who take it over the border and hand it to volunteers, who take it to the precise hospitals we specify."

One effort they've been involved with included Rotary districts in North America and Argentina that are working with a U.S.-based association of Ukrainian health care workers to ship hundreds of tons of critical medical supplies from Chicago to Ukraine.



Even sporting fellowships have joined the effort. The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians organized a benefit week in Scuol, Switzerland, in March. More than 100 skiers from 16 European countries attended, raising about €35,000 (US\$35,000) to buy clothing and other goods that were sent to a warehouse near the border of Ukraine for distribution.

The ski fellowship also collaborated with the Rotary Club of Bratislava Danube, Slovakia, and the Rotary Club of Coburg, Germany, to raise an additional €1 million (US\$1 million) from its members. Working with the District 2240 Ukrainian relief committee, the money was used to purchase and retrofit five ambulances and fill backpacks of supplies for paramedics. Miloš Kmety, head of the European chapter of the fellowship, says the group will continue its efforts, including buying more ambulances and equipment, pellets to purify water, and tourniquets.

Philip says the healthcare fellowship quickly realized that it would need a more coordinated, strategic response than a single funding effort. Fellowship members have heard in their weekly meetings about long-term problems developing because of how people have been displaced and the infrastructure that has been disrupted. This includes reports of children going unvaccinated and chronic health issues going untreated. "Given a situation where there is poor water supply and inadequate sanitation, the danger of cholera and typhoid and measles and hepatitis is lurking in the background," Philip says.

At the request of Ukrainian doctors, the fellowship formed a task force to study the prolonged effects of the war on prenatal care, chronic medical conditions, and young people's mental health. It has also developed a confidential support network for doctors in Ukraine who need to process their emotions.

"The worst thing is to see doctors crying," Philip says. "They talk to us about some of their patients who shouldn't be at risk but are at risk. They have patients whose limbs have been pulled apart. They are having to remove bones with crude instruments that were used in the first World War. They are seeing people die of bleeding."

Having to respond so quickly to the events in Ukraine, Philip says, has shown the fellowship that it can mobilize to provide long-term care in response to other conflicts and natural disasters. "We have learned so much through this experience," Philip says. "We've discovered there is a lot more we can do."