

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 Anna Schragin with the San Antonio & South Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The San Antonio & South Texas Chapter was incorporated in 1989. From our humble beginnings as a volunteer-driven organization that primarily served San Antonio and it's surrounding area, we have expanded into an organization with 12 staff members and over 200 volunteers who serve 43 counties.

ALZHEIMER'S' CASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association, San Antonio & South Texas Chapter, supports individuals living with dementia, their families and caregivers, and the professionals who care for them. The Chapter offers support groups, educational programs, individualized planning provided by licensed professionals, and community resource lists. It operates a 24-hour toll-free Helpline, Early Stage Programs, Safety Services for those at risk of wandering, training programs for health care professionals, and engages with governmental agencies and academic institutions to promote Alzheimer's research and improved care and support. Last year more than 1,000,000 individuals were reached through cumulative program and education efforts, health fairs, advocacy activities, newsletters and website contact. The Alzheimer's Association San Antonio & South Texas Chapter is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, donor-supported organization. Programs and services are made possible through contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations.

Anna is a San Antonio native and proud to call this vibrant city her home. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Texas at San Antonio. With nearly a decade of experience in the non-profit sector, Anna has cultivated a deep understanding of the importance of giving back to the community. Since 2021, Anna has been actively involved in development work, honing her skills and passion for making a positive impact. She finds joy in connecting with individuals who share strong bonds and unwavering dedication to causes they hold dear. Since 2023, Anna is thrilled to bring her expertise to the Alzheimer's Association as the San Antonio Walk Manager.

Anna's role as the San Antonio Walk Manager allows her to make a meaningful contribution to the Alzheimer's Association's vital mission. She aims to raise awareness and concern about Alzheimer's and dementia within the community and inspire people to join the fight against these diseases.

UPCOMING ROTARY MEETINGS / EVENTS	
September 10th	Service Project at the Alzheimer's Association * * This service projects takes the place of our meeting
September 17th	Speaker to be announced
September 24th	Representative from Vibrant Works, formerly known as Lighthouse for the Blind

Birthdays & Anníversaríes

Kathy Hamilton will be celebrating her fifth Rotary Anniversary on September 3rd. Happy Rotary Anniversary, Kathy.

Honorary Club Rotarian Mayra Rivero will be celebrating her birthday on September 6th. Happy Birthday, Mayra.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$835. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$417.50.

The next meeting of the Madison Interact James Madison Club meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th from 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in room D07. They will be meeting every other Monday unless there is a holiday. All Rotary club members are encouraged to attend the Madison Interact Club

members are encouraged to attend the Madison Interact Club meetings to show our support. Madison High School is located at 5005 Stahl Road, San Antonio, TX 78247.



The Rotary theme for the month of September is Basic Education and Literacy. According to the National Literacy Institute, 21% of adults in the United States are considered illiterate. This impacts their ability to not only read and understand printed material but to also communicate effectively both verbally and in writing. Education



and literacy contribute to personal growth and development, economic growth and development, and provide various social benefits.

As we think about service projects that our clubs can work on this month, try to focus on those that will make an impact on education and literacy. Many clubs in our District participated in the mini library project a few years ago and still maintain mini libraries throughout their communities today. Some of our clubs go into local schools and read to the children as an ongoing service to their community.

Our District is participating in this month's theme by encouraging attendees at the Zone Institute and Training to bring a brand new book for children ages birth to 18 that can be placed in the library at the new campus for Child Advocates of San Antonio. In addition to donating a book, attendees will be asked to write an encouraging note to be placed inside each book. Don't forget to use The Magic of Rotary to share stories about your service projects and the impact they have on our communities so we can continue to Influence Change!

Celebration of Districts

The Celebration of Districts for Rotary District 5840 South Central Texas and Rotary District 5870 Central Texas at the Embassy Suites, 1001 E McCarty Ln, San Marcos, TX 78666 on May 2-4, 2025.

Join us for an unforgettable weekend on May 2-4, 2025 at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos celebrating friendship and community as Rotary Districts 5840 and 5870 come together for a special occasion. This event is dedicated to fostering camaraderie among Rotarians and friends, emphasizing the values of service and fellowship that define our Rotary spirit.



Early Bird Pricing - August 15 through September 15 limited to 50, \$150 per person. After September 15, the price is \$175 per person

Highlights of the Weekend:

Casino Night: Roll the dice and try your luck at our thrilling Casino Night. Enjoy a variety of classic games such as blackjack, roulette, and poker, all in a friendly and spirited atmosphere. Theme is speakeasy/roaring twenties.

Fellowship: Connect with fellow Rotarians and guests from both districts as we celebrate the bonds that unite us in service and friendship.

Entertainment: Delight in live music, dancing, and entertainment throughout the evening, creating moments of joy and celebration.

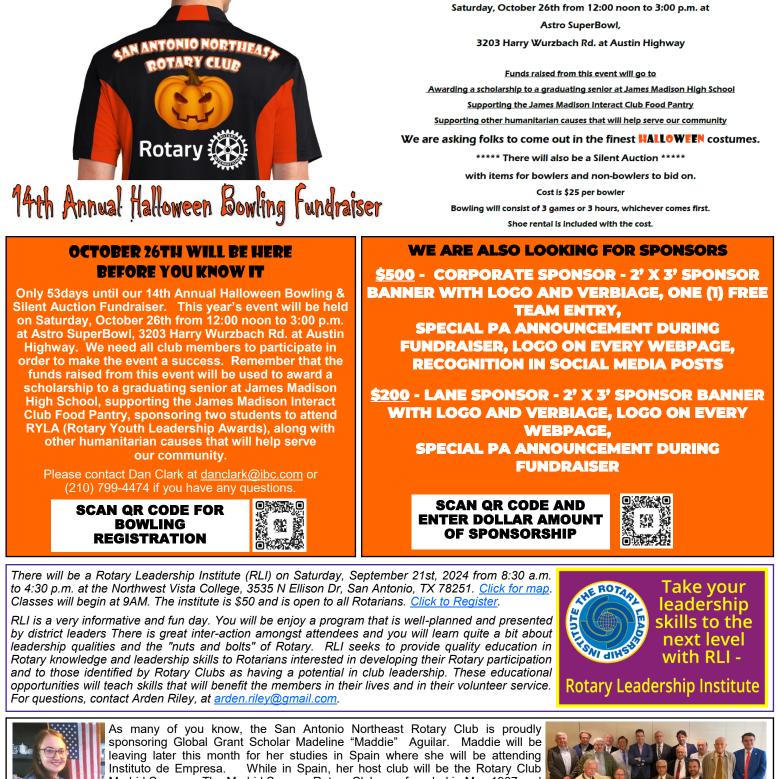
Join us as we come together to celebrate the spirit of Rotary and the power of friendship. See you there!

Hotel link and pricing will be available January 2025.

We were pleased to welcome Marion Thomas, CEO / Executive Director of Blessed Angels Community Center, as our speaker last week. Marion was joined by several of her friends from Blessed Angels. The mission of Blessed Angels Community Center is to fight hunger in San Antonio, and surrounding communities through healthy and nutritional food distribution.

Blessed Angels also provides resources to help BLESSED ANGELS senior citizens maintain their independence COMMUNITY CENTER while living a healthier and better life.







Madrid Serrano. The Madrid Serrano Rotary Club was founded in May 1987 and was sponsored by the Rotary Club Madrid Puerta de Hierro, with Mr. César Vacchiano as its first president.

The members of the Rotary Club of Madrid Serrano are a team of medical professionals, lawyers, engineers, economists, journalists, business people and executives from national and multinational companies who meet every Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the InterContinental Hotel in Madrid to promote and implement projects to help the most disadvantaged groups in Rotary's seven areas of interest:

The Madrid Serrano Rotary Club is affiliated with Rotary clubs in America, Asia and Europe:

- Rotary Club of Potsdam Alter Markt (Germany)
- Rotary Club Arco della Pace of Milan (Italy)
- Rotary Club Istanbul-Findikli (Turkey)
- Rotary Club Huiwen of Taichong, Taiwan
- Rotary Club Monza East (Italy)
- Rotary Club Tirana International (Albania)
- Twinning of Rotary Club Madrid Serrano with the Twinning Group of Ibero-American Clubs,

formed by Rotary Clubs of Mexico ("RC Guadalajara AC"), Uruguay ("RC Atlántida"), Colombia ("RC Cucuta III"), Puerto Rico ("RC Guaynabo") and Chile ("RC Temuco Amancay").





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