



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

September 5, 2023

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 guest speaker this evening is M.E. Martinez, CEO of Ride for Reading San Antonio. M.E. is also a member of the Alamo Heights Rotary Club. Ride for Reading San Antonio is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity that donates books to children from low-income areas and hosts fund-raising events to promote literacy, as well as educating children about bicycling. In addition to donations of books, the organization has raised money to purchase books to be donated to children. In the past 3 years they have delivered over 27,000 books to children in low-income areas. Books are typically delivered by bicycle riders at school events.



The need for books is great as it is important to learn to read early and most of the young in low-income families have no books or only 1-2 books available to them. In San Antonio, 20% of the residents only read at the 5th Grade level. The children are expected to pledge to read as part of receiving their books. The organization is looking to expand their programs to increase the amount of books distributed, to add a bilingual book program, and other activities. Donations, sponsorships, and volunteers to deliver books are welcome.

We are asking for folks to donate books for the Ride for Reading San Antonio organization (no coloring books please). The books do not need to be brand new, although they would be greatly accepted of course. Gently used books are just fine. You can bring the books with you if you will be attending our meeting.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 19th

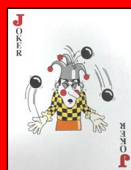
**Mary Tallouzi,
Wounded Warrior Project**

October 3rd

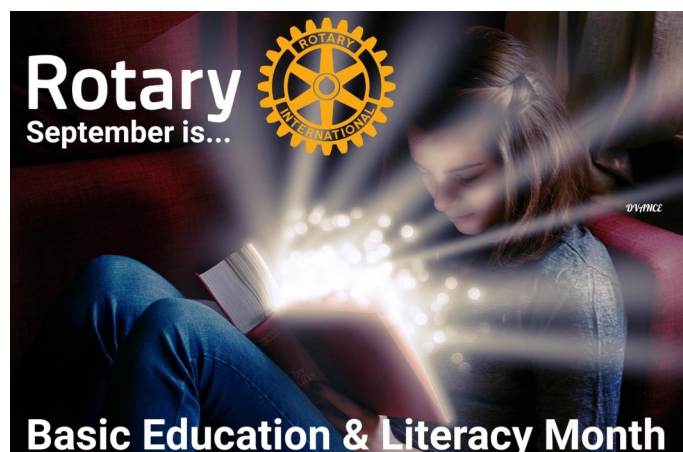
**Dr. Veronica Garcia,
Northeast Lakeview College**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Honorary club member Mayra Rivero will be celebrating her birthday tomorrow. While an Honorary member of our club, Mayra is an official member of the Rotary E-Club Puerto Rico y Las Americas.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$140. That means if your ticket is drawn and you draw the Joker tonight, you are going to be going home with at least \$70.



District Governor Monica's September message



August started with some great news from our Rotary Regional Membership Chair Alex Johnson. He informed me that D5840 was the only District in Zone 25B to have ended the RY22-23 with a gain in membership. This is the result of an outstanding effort from our District Membership Team last year that I know will continue this year. Being that it was also Membership month I'm glad to see clubs trying new things to encourage gaining new members while also focusing on maintaining those members we already have.

This month also demonstrated how Rotarians can become People of Action. Our Rotary friends in D5000 suffered a great loss with the fires in Maui. We heard their call to action and our Rotarians responded. Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians went above and beyond to find the best ways to contribute funds to their Fires Relief Fund and Created Hope for Maui. #CreateHopeInTheWorld

My DG visits continued with AG Ronni Pue coordinating a club social with Rotary Club of Dominion and Rotary Club of La Cantera. AG Ronni thought it would be a good idea to present these clubs with the Theme banner. We also made a special presentation of the Rotary bell and gavel to the Rotary Club of La Cantera acknowledging them as the most recent club added to D5840. Members from both clubs were able to get to know each other and even started collaborating and planning other future events together while having fun. #CincoDeRotary5840

We also said goodbye to two Rotary Global Scholars. Erica McFarland sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks Ranch will be studying at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver with Maternal and Child Health being her Rotary area of focus. Gaby Trevino sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Antonio North Central will be studying at Kings College in London with Basic Education and Literacy being her Rotary area of focus. Both of them will be representing D5840 and our Foundation dollars will allow these young leaders to expand their scholastic studies and become ambassadors of goodwill.

And finally, I do want to take this time to introduce you to our new Mental Health Initiative web page that you can find in our District Website. Pam Blankensee who manages our website content did a great job working with other Districts and mental health resources to put this web page together. It offers our clubs different ideas and ways to get engaged with the mental health initiative goal for this year. Again, D5840 is leading the way and we will be presenting this joint collaboration between our Zone 25B Districts to Zone 29 when we meet at Zone Institute this October in Evanston.



The Madison High School Interact Club held their first meeting of the new school year on Monday, August 28th. From the photo, it looks like it is going to be a great year for the Interact club. Club sponsor Mrs. Janeen Downen said that this photo does not even include everyone that was in attendance. Thanks go out to

Youth Service Chair Austin Riley for representing the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. The Madison Interact Club meets every other Monday at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Madison Interact Club will be on Monday, September 11, 2023. All club members are encourage to attend if they can to show their support. Madison High School is located at 5005 Stahl Road, San Antonio, TX 78247. The meeting will be held in room D07.



Thanks go out to San Antonio Northeast Rotarians Russell Sturgeon, Trina Forcey, Dan Hernandez, and Dan Clark, for volunteering at the San Antonio and South Texas Chapter office of the Alzheimer's Association on Wednesday, August 23rd. They called folks that have participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in the past to remind them that this year's event will take place on Saturday, October 21st at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. We would like to thank Anna Schragin, Manager of this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, for her hospitality.



Club Service Chair Russell Sturgeon has arranged for San Antonio Northeast Rotarians to volunteer at the Alzheimer's Association's one more time before the Walk. This will be on Wednesday, September 20th. The Alzheimer's Association is located at 1100 Northwest Loop 410, Suite 302, San Antonio, TX 78213.

Not only are we going to volunteer at the Alzheimer's Association office to call those that have participated in the Walk before, we as a club, have also set a goal of raising \$500 for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Please reference the link below to access our Team page:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=831850&pg=team&fr_id=16987

To All Rotarians,

Our Rotary friends in D5000 have experienced a tragedy due to the fires that spread across their Island of Maui. And when tragedy happens, Rotarians become People of Action. We can help them by making a donation to their Rotary D5000 Foundation using the link or QR code below. They have organized a committee that will manage the funds and ensure they will be used based on needs and sustainability efforts. Let's come together and help them Create Hope in the World.

Yours in Rotary,

Monica Gutierrez
D5840 District Governor 2023-2024



[Maui Fires Relief Fund](#)



Outstanding October Opportunities

The month of October will be a busy month for the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Please mark the following dates on your calendar:



Saturday, October 14th - Eclipse Polio.

This event will be District Governor Monica Gutierrez's official function with the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club along with seven other Rotary clubs. Assistant Governor Jan King, Rotary Club of San Antonio president Paul Garro, and your own Dan Clark are working on the details. More information to follow.

Saturday, October 21st - San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's 13th Annual Bowling and Silent Auction Fundraiser.

This year's event will once again be held at Astro SuperBowl. Club members are encouraged to start asking folks to come out and bowl (whether they know how to bowl or not), look for sponsor opportunities, and collect silent auction items. More detail to follow.

Saturday, October 28th - Pints for Polio

Hosted by the San Antonio Pearl Rotary Club, the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club and other Rotary clubs will be raising funds to eradicate polio. This event will be held at Man Overboard Brewing Company.

Sunday, October 29th - Under the Bridge, Inc.

Helping out our fellow Rotarians in the San Antonio Pearl Rotary Club by feeding the homeless.



Where does your \$6 go?

Many club members pay \$6 each week for our meeting. But not everyone knows where the \$6 goes.

\$1 for our raffle

\$2 to pay for our guest speaker's meal.

While all three of the items listed here are voluntary, we greatly encourage all to donate towards our speaker's meal.

\$3 to your Paul Harris

There will be a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday, September 16th, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Spring Creek United Methodist Church, 28970 Old Fredericksburg Rd, Fair Oaks, TX 78015. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration closes on September 9th. No walk-ins allowed.



The institute is \$50 and is open to all Rotarians. And the best part is, the club pays for your registration.

[Click to Register.](#)

RLI is a very informative and fun day. You will enjoy a program that is well-planned and presented by district leaders. There is great inter-action amongst attendees and you will learn quite a bit about leadership qualities and the "nuts and bolts" of Rotary. This program will prove invaluable in preparing you or your fellow Rotarians for leadership positions within your club and district. RLI's Part 1 is a great start for new Rotarians, as well as a good summary for experienced ones. It is suggested all members who are "new" to Rotary attend at least Part 1.

Parts 2 and 3 build on the Foundation – completing all three parts is a great idea for incoming club presidents and board members. It builds action and sustainability in your local club!

RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation and to those identified by Rotary Clubs as having a potential in club leadership. These educational opportunities will teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service.

For questions, contact PDG Kathy Hubbard at monk7105@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 21ST IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

This year we will be holding our 13th Annual Bowling / Silent Auction fundraiser. This is our club's major fundraiser for the year. Once again the event will take place 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. We are looking for bowlers, silent auction items and sponsors. Team registration and sponsor forms will be passed out at our meeting tonight. These forms can also be found on our club website and Facebook page.

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, and supporting other humanitarian causes that will help serve our community.

Please contact Dan Clark at dandclark@bc.com or (210) 799-4474 if you have any questions.

Seems appropriate for our club
Courtesy Evan Burrell - Changemaker

