



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.



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 fellow Rotarian Bill Biggadike. Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of New Braunfels. Bill we be talking about a project that his club recently completed where they raised money for a Ukrainian children refugee camp in Poland.

Bill grew up in Houston and moved to New Braunfels in 1989. Bill is the owner of a landscape lighting company and is semi retired. Bill is a Veteran. He has been in Rotary for 32 years. He is a past president of this Rotary club. Bill and his wife have been married 47 years and have four grown children and 10 grandchildren. They also love to travel in their RV.

The Rotary Club of New Braunfels recently celebrated 85 years of service to the community. His club's big fundraiser is selling potato pancakes at Wursthfest which starts this Friday.



UPCOMING SAN ANTONIO NORTHEAST ROTARY CLUB EVENTS

Saturday, November 5th - Practice run for Mission to Mission Charity Bike Tour

Sunday, November 6th - Rotary table at Bell on the Vine

Monday, November 7th - Madison Interact Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15th - Rotary Meeting

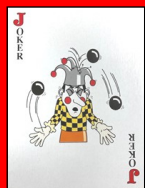
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Our Assistant Governor Jan King's birthday is November 5th. Happy Birthday, Jan.

Preston McKinney and his bride Anne will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on November 9th. Happy Anniversary, Preston and Anne.

Becky Robles will be celebrating her birthday on November 10th. Happy Birthday, Becky.

Dennis and Mary Heath will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on November 14th. Happy Anniversary, Dennis and Mary.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$772.00. That means if your ticket is drawn and you draw the Joker, you are going to be going home with at least \$386.00.



The Mission to Mission Charity Bike Tour is MTR Charities Inc.'s annual bike ride that raises funds to help local non-profits complete small scale projects in the San Antonio area.



The ride will start and end at Mission County Park Pavilion, with routes going covering up to four of the Spanish Colonial Missions. This year there will also be a virtual ride experience, which means there will be an opportunity for everyone to participate!

Mission to Mission Ride Routes

Biking Challenges for all riders at all levels! M2M includes a family friendly Mission Tour (17 miles) on dedicated hike and bike paths. The Mission Tour (17 miles) is a guided tour with group ride leaders and sweepers. There is also a 48 mile Endurance ride and a 62 mile Metric Century ride. M2M uses Ride with GPS- Bike Route Planning and Navigation for the extended tours.

We are looking for San Antonio Northeast Rotarians to volunteer as sweepers for the Mission to Mission Bike Ride. Sweepers are part of the 17 mile "family ride" which stops at the four Mission of the ride: Conception, San Jose, San Juan, and Mission Espada. At each Mission, a stop is made to take a small break to use the facilities, walk around, take photos, etc. It's a lot of fun. *The main job of sweepers is to be at the back of the group in order to make sure no one falls behind, gets lost, breaks down, etc.* There will be a couple of training rides ahead of time, and will want our sweepers to join us on at least one of these so that the route looks familiar to them when the actual ride takes place on Saturday, December 3.

The two practice rides are:

Saturday, November 5, 12 p.m.

Saturday, November 19, 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers will meet at the Mission Park Pavilions, 6032 Padre Dr., San Antonio TX 78214. This is the same location as when the actual ride takes place on December 3rd. The ride takes approximately 3 hours.

Cyclists are required to wear a helmet.

More information about the ride can be found here:

<http://www.m2msa.com/>

10 REASONS TO JOIN A ROTARY CLUB

THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
CONTINUING EDUCATION
PERSONAL GROWTH
ENTERTAINMENT
COMMUNITY
FRIENDSHIP
FUN

The heart of Rotary is our members, dedicated people who share a passion for community service and friendship. Rotary members share ideas, make plans, hear from the community, and catch up with friends during club programs that fuel the impact we make.



Thanks go out to everyone that participated in our 12th Annual Halloween Bowling fundraiser. Between our sponsor, bowlers, and silent auction buyers, we made **\$3,771**. This is the most we have ever made. We are already making plans for next year's 13th Annual event.



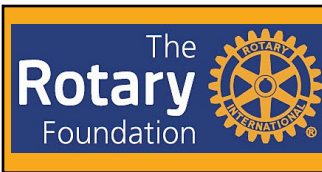
We had a special guest at our October 18th meeting. Will Schulz, a former Rotary Youth Exchange student from Germany that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club sponsored back in 2011-2012, was our speaker. He spoke to us about Climate Change and Mitigation Policies. After returning to Germany he studied political science and international affairs and started working on European Union policy with an NGO in Brussels. He grew up in the Ahr Valley in Germany, a mostly rural area situated in the Eifel mountain range. After the area was hit by severe flooding in July of 2021, he returned to work in the reconstruction effort. Currently he is in charge of climate change and adaptation strategy at the Ahrweiler county administration. Will lives in Bonn, Germany. After his very interesting presentation, club president Debbie Degollado presented Will a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation. Danke Will.



The Rotary Club of San Antonio 2022 Holiday Outdoor Ice Rink returns to Travis Park adjacent to the annual Christmas tree. The address is 301 E. Travis St, San Antonio, TX 78205. The Rink will open the Friday before Thanksgiving and continue daily through mid-January 2023. Since 2019, nearly 200,000 people have enjoyed the rink and the beautiful winter festivities. For more information about hours and pricing, please go to: <http://rotaryicerink.com/hours-and-pricing/>



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November is Rotary Foundation Month. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

Rotary members, Ukraine Friends deliver ambulances to Ukrainian officials

by Ryan Hyland

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The US\$600,000 initiative was the first joint project between Rotary and Ukraine Friends, which agreed in July to collaborate to provide resources, organize logistics, and distribute funds for high-impact projects that help Ukrainians affected by the war with Russia. Each organization donated US\$300,000 to get the ambulances, and Rotary districts in Ukraine and Slovakia coordinated the delivery. After a journey of about 870 kilometers (540 miles) that took more than twice as long as it would have in normal circumstances, the convoy arrived on September 24 at Mariinsky Park in Kiev. Brock Bierman, the CEO of Ukraine Friends and a member of the Rotary Club of Staunton, Virginia, USA, says the logistics of moving that many vehicles to another country would always be difficult, and doing it across a border into a war zone was especially complex. Yet the ambulances were delivered without any major incidents. "I don't think the trip could've gone any better," says Bierman, who was at Mariinsky Park for the arrival. "The way people worked together to get this done was spectacular."

Ukraine Friends secured the ambulance drivers, while Rotary District 2232 in Ukraine and Belarus bought the fuel. The ambulances are equipped with oxygen tanks, defibrillators, electrocardiogram machines, mechanical ventilators, and other medical equipment. Eighteen of the ambulances were procured by Rotary clubs in the Czech Republic and Slovakia and went to the Department of Health for civilian use. Ihor Kuzin, Ukraine's deputy minister of health, was there to see the transfer of ambulances. "Updating the fleet of fast vehicles (ambulances) is one of the most urgent tasks on the agenda for Ukraine," Kuzin says. "We are very grateful to our international donors and partners for joining such an extremely important cause." The 22 ambulances supplied by Ukraine Friends were given to military personnel, Ukraine's Territorial Defense Forces.

Rotary members and Ukraine Friends are also working together to rehabilitate two schools in the Bucha region that were damaged by shelling. Ukraine Friends is organizing the logistics involved to rebuild the school's infrastructure, while Rotary clubs are buying and providing books, school supplies, and computers.

Mykola Stebljanko, a member of the Rotary E-club of Ukraine and past governor of District 2232, said the ambulance project is part of comprehensive program under which clubs in the region provide specialized equipment for emergency vehicles, including firefighting trucks. "When good deeds are done in partnership," he says, you can have a greater effect and find more opportunities to plan effectively in crisis situations. "By combining the connections of both Ukraine Friends and Rotary, tremendous strides can be made to alleviate and mitigate the suffering endured by the people of Ukraine," Bierman says.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, more than 13 million Ukrainians have been forced to flee their homes, the United Nations refugee agency says, which created a humanitarian crisis. Rotary has awarded more than 353 disaster response grants totaling more than US\$11.7 million since the war began. These grants, for club projects in 29 countries, support people in and around Ukraine who have been affected by the war. Rotary and Rotaract clubs have donated millions more directly to Ukrainian clubs that are providing people with food, shelter, medicine, and clothing.

