

We were pleased to welcome Bobby Martinez and Carmen Maglievaz as our guest speakers last week. They came out to our meeting to speak to us about the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo coming up February 6-23, 2025. The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo has grown to be one of the largest, most prestigious single events in the city of San Antonio, with approximately 1.3 million visitors entering the fairgrounds each year. The success of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is attributed to over 6,000 volunteers who give countless hours to the organization.



With community, donor, sponsor and volunteer support, the organization has committed more than \$267 million since inception. Through scholarships, grants, endowments, junior livestock auctions, calf scramble program and show premiums the event impacts over 19,000 youth in Texas annually. Bobby and Carmen said that they welcome the opportunity to speak to other organizations about the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

Even though the Walk to End Alzheimer's has already happened, you can still make a contribution to our WALK TO club's team by going to the following link: JD https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2024/TX-SanAntonioandSouthTexas?team\_id=873758&pg=team&fr\_id=17962



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. May 2-4, 2025. We will be 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. The cost is \$175/per person

There will be a Casino Night. Come out and roll the dice and try your luck. Enjoy a variety of classic games such as blackjack, roulette, and poker, all in a friendly and spirited atmosphere. Theme is speakeasy/roaring twenties.

What would a Rotary Conference be without Fellowship. Connect with fellow Rotarians and guests from both districts as we celebrate the bonds that unite us in service and friendship. There will be live music, dancing, and entertainment throughout the evening, creating moments of joy and celebration.

Go to https://rotary5840.org/events/celebration-of-districts/ to register for the fun.

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

The Rotary Ice Rink and Holiday Festival presented by Valero returns to Travis Park in downtown San Antonio for our 5th year! Since 2019, nearly 200,000 people have enjoyed the rink and surrounding festivities. The Rink is open November 15, 2024 - January 5, 2025. Santa will be visiting for photos on Sundays 2;00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. (not on Dec. 1st). The Rotary Ice Rink is a place where you can Skate with a Purpose. Proceeds from the Ice Rink support programs for scholarships, playground builds, and fighting food insecurity. Skate with a Purpose by purchasing a ticket, helping to fulfill the San Antonio Rotary Club's mission of Service Above Self and serve our community!



## **European Vacation**

Club President Russell Sturgeon and his wife Ana and their daughter Maria recently went to England, Belgium, and The Netherlands on vacation. While overseas, being a dutiful Rotarian, Russell tried to attend a Rotary meeting, but was unsuccessful, not through lack of trying though. This did not keep him from showing off our Rotary club banner while across the pond. His daughter Maria, also known as our club's Vice-President, made sure that her folks took a photo of her holding our San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club banner.

