



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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Rotary
Club of San Antonio
Northeast



December 3, 2024

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?

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Our meeting this week will be a Club Assembly. A Club Assembly is a very important meeting for the club. This is where all club members are encouraged to participate in topics such as membership, service projects, fundraisers, public image, and many other topics. Remember that this is **YOUR** club. Let your voice be heard.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Charter Member Bob Barron is celebrating his birthday today. Happy Birthday, Bob.

The Westside Family YMCA is preparing for the 22nd Annual Toy Drive in Honor of Gilbert Garcia. The goal is to serve children and teens with a gift and a holiday-style dinner celebration for their families.



The Westside YMCA is looking for volunteers and donations. Gifts will be collected for children aged 0-12, while teens aged 13-18 will receive a gift card. Please note that all 18-year-olds must be currently enrolled in high school. If you are interested in wrapping the presents collected, the event will be held on Saturday, December 7th starting at 9:00 a.m.

San Antonio Northeast Rotarians can help out by volunteering to wrap the presents collected. The Wrapping Party will take place on Saturday, December 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the Westside YMCA. Please contact Debbie Degollado at debbied@ymcasatx.org if you have any questions.

Club Treasurer, Becky Robles e-mailed out the club dues invoices this past Sunday. Please be on the lookout for your dues statement which covers January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.



Our club is seeking input from members on what kind of speakers you would like to see going forward. Please forward all suggestions to club president Russell Sturgeon.



Tracy Needs has applied for membership in the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Her sponsors are Dan and Jossi Clark. Her classification would be Healthcare Credentialing Specialist. Tracy has already attended several of our meetings.

At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$1,184. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$592.



Our Rotary club's Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 20th at the home of Dan and Jossi Clark. The address is 1212 Cibolo Trail, Universal City, TX, 78148. This will be a Pot Luck party. As in years past, we will play our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring a gift worth approximately \$20.



District Governor Kristen's December Message

As the holiday season continues, we are reminded of the values that unite us as Rotarians—especially our commitment to Service Above Self. While this time of year often brings joy and celebration, it also presents an opportunity to reflect on the needs of those around us and the difference we can make.



The holidays can be a challenging time for many in our communities. Whether it's families struggling to put food on the table, individuals facing loneliness, or organizations needing extra support, the season calls for compassionate action. As Rotarians, we have the ability and the responsibility to step up and serve. Let this season be a reminder that our mission doesn't pause; it deepens. Whether through organizing a local food drive, volunteering at shelters, supporting youth programs, or simply spreading kindness in small but meaningful ways, our collective efforts shine a light of hope in the darkest corners. As you plan your holiday activities, I encourage you to reflect on how you can continue to embody the Rotary motto of Service Above Self. Together, let's amplify The Magic of Rotary and ensure that no one in our community feels forgotten or unseen this season. Thank you for all that you do. Wishing you and your loved ones a season filled with peace, joy, and the fulfillment that comes from lifting others.

DG Kristen Salazar

#GIVING TUESDAY



Donating to Rotary means clean water and sanitation. Health and hope in areas that were once ravaged by diseases like polio. Economic development and new opportunities. Your financial help makes all this happen, and more.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world

Why should I donate to The Rotary Foundation?
Giving works because Rotary works. We are proud that 90.8 percent of donations go straight to supporting our service projects.

How does The Rotary Foundation use donations?
Our 35,000 clubs carry out sustainable humanitarian service projects. Using donations like yours, we've wiped out 99 percent of all polio cases. Your donations train future peacemakers, support clean water, and strengthen local economies.

What impact can one donation have on the world?
It can save a life. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make your donation go even farther. For every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$2.

Give where the need is greatest. When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you fuel our service projects - projects that eradicate polio, promote peace, and improve developing communities.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

Our speaker on November 19th was Captain Joshua Robinett, San Antonio Area Commander of The Salvation Army. Captain Robinett has served in various leadership with The Salvation Army over the past 14 years. He told us that The Salvation Army helps the community in many ways including Christmas Assistance, Emergency Disaster Services, Homeless Shelters, Adult Rehabilitation Centers, Youth Programs, and Spiritual Care. He also said that there are always opportunities for individuals to volunteer with The Salvation Army. After Captain Robinett's very informative presentation, he was presented a speaker's certificate of appreciation by club president Russell Sturgeon.





CELEBRATION OF DISTRICTS

MAY 2-4, 2025

EMBASSY SUITES
SAN MARCOS, TX



Rotary
District 5840
South Central Texas

SPEAKEASY
CASINO NIGHT



Rotary
District 5870
Central Texas

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!



Even though the Walk to End Alzheimer's has already happened, you can still make a contribution to our club's team by going to the following link:

https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2024/TX-SanAntonioandSouthTexas?team_id=873758&pg=team&fr_id=17962



A Message from Global Education Grant Scholar Madeline "Maddie" Aguilar

I am incredibly grateful for the support of the Rotary Global Grant, which has allowed me to pursue my master's in International Development at I.E. University in Madrid, Spain. This journey has been transformative, offering both academic growth and international exposure. My cohort of fifty-five students represents twenty-five different nationalities, and this deeply intercultural setting has broadened my perspective and enhanced my ability to work in international settings.

While rigorous, my coursework has also been very rewarding! I am currently wrapping up my final projects and preparing for exams in a breadth of subjects, including development economics and human rights. My favorite project this semester was completed as a part of a course on results-based management. Tasked with designing a development project in Nigeria, my team and I created a plan for a project establishing non-profit childcare centers, with the goal of spurring economic growth and female workforce inclusion. From creating budgets to accounting for scalability, this was an incredibly enriching project that taught us a lot about what goes into designing field work interventions.

Recently, we were assigned to Capstone projects, which are completed as a part of the degree. These projects are established as a part of an academic agreement between IE University and multiple different partner organizations. My team and I were assigned to a project for UN Tourism. Starting in January, we will begin working on a data and policy analysis project, evaluating how investment promotion agencies can use tourism as an economic development strategy, while also promoting sustainable, equitable growth.

I am profoundly grateful for the scholarship that has made this possible, and I want to thank Rotary for the continued support! This opportunity has really surpassed my (already high!) expectations, and I look forward to continuing this journey.



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!



Rotary 
Club of San Antonio Presents

THE ROTARY ICE RINK

AT TRAVIS PARK

The Coolest Place in Town

Have you invited your friend to join Rotary?

