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**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

December 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?

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Our program tonight will be a Club Assembly. A Club Assembly is an opportunity for all club members to reflect on and discuss club issues. Club assemblies allow club members to:

- Brainstorm ideas for projects and activities
- Review the club's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities, and
- Set goals and develop action plans
- Coordinate committee activities
- Learn more about Rotary and its programs

Some of the specifics that we will be talking about tonight is our club Christmas party, the Madison Interact Club, upcoming speakers, and socks, yes socks.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 26th

Bobby Martinez

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Belated birthday wishes go out to Bob Barron, who celebrated his birthday this past Sunday.

Dan Clark celebrated his 30th Rotary anniversary on December 1st.

Trina Forcey's husband, Tye, will be celebrating his birthday on December 17th.



Mayra husband, Antonio (better known as a Bob Ross lookalike) will be celebrating his birthday on December 23rd.



It is with great sadness that Dennis Heath's wife, Mary, passed away on November 16th. Mary had suffered from kidney disease for many years.

Please keep Dennis and all of Mary's family in your thoughts and prayers. The services are pending at this time, but we will let you know once they are available.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to a whopping \$21. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, who will leave with at least

\$10.50

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



"ROTARY IS NOT JUST ABOUT MEETING; IT'S ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, HELPING THOSE IN NEED, AND FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH."

- Anonymous Rotarian



District Governor Monica Gutierrez's Message for December

October ended with a More Delightful than Frightful District Service Project at Morgan's Wonderland where we had at least 13 Rotary Clubs, 2 Interact Clubs, and 1 Rotaract Club all participating in distributing candy. I'd like to thank these clubs for spending their Halloween providing fellowship and service while bringing joy to the children of our San Antonio Community.



I continued my DG visits this month with my first one taking place at the annual Wurmfest grounds in New Braunfels, TX. The RC of New Braunfels had me serving Potato Cakes and the RC of New Braunfels Downtown had me serving Wurst-n-taschen. I truly enjoyed visiting with all the club members and their families that helped volunteer during my shifts. Thank you AG Andrew for coordinating such a wonderful DG visit experience. Another joint club DG visit with RC of San Antonio Sunrise, Northwest, Oak Hills, and Stone Oak resulted in a wonderful evening of fellowship between all the Rotary Clubs. Thank you AG Rosie and President Mike Specia for hosting.

D5840 held its annual District Interact Conference at Winston School as part of World Interact Week. A total of 11 Interact clubs from D5840 attended with full support from sponsoring Rotary Clubs and our District Interact Chair Mike Canales. I had the honor of inducting our newest Frio County Interact Club and had a special lunch with all the Interact Club Presidents. Our youth have had such extraordinary challenges and I'm always impressed at how Interact helps them navigate these challenges with their ability to embrace service above self.

I also had the opportunity to represent D5840 at our 1st annual Bi-District International Conference in Del Rio, TX. Two countries and two District Governors signed a Certificate of Fellowship between Rotary Clubs. Growing up in a border city speaking Spanish made this Rotary experience even better for me. We got to hear about all the impactful service projects D4110 has been doing and would like to continue doing with help from our D5840 clubs. Thank you Gloria Wilson, our District International Service Chair and President Mike Coplan for hosting this special event.

Finally, I need to acknowledge that November is Rotary Foundation month. It's a month where Rotary Clubs have Foundation dinners to raise money or invite speakers to educate members about our Foundation during their weekly meetings. We use this month to encourage Foundation giving and recognize those members that have given significant dollars to our Foundation as Paul Harris Fellows or Major Donors. This year I challenged D5840 to participate in Giving Tuesday. Each member was encouraged to make a \$25 donation to the Annual Fund on November 28. Club with the most member participation will win \$1000. Winner will be announced soon.

December will bring us to the middle of this Rotary year. We still have plenty of good work to accomplish as we continue to #CreateHopeInTheWorld.

There will be a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday, January 13th, 2024 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 January 6th. No walk-ins allowed.

We were please to welcome Jeff Morden, Grants Writer with Texas Public Radio (TPR). The mission of Texas Public Radio's is to engage, inspire and inform, to empower our community to make life better. With seven stations across central and south Texas, TPR serves people seeking news, information, or community engagement, audiences for live performances, music lovers, and more.

As TPR's Grant Writer, Jeff is responsible for identifying grant opportunities, coordinating applications and administering grant awards. In addition to speaking about grant writing, Jeff gave us a review of all the news, radio, music, blogs, and events that TPR is involved with. After Jeff's very informative presentation, club president Dan Clark awarded Jeff a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to our Rotary club.



The 12th Annual District Interact Conference was a huge success! 89 Interactors from nine Interact clubs attended the event on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the Winston School San Antonio.

The day started out by honoring the veterans in attendance and then moved on to recognize the Interact sponsors. District Governor Monica Gutierrez passed out certificates of appreciation as well as a small gift to the sponsors for their hard work and dedication. Then we witnessed something that is not seen very often at conferences. The District Governor inaugurated the recently organized Frio County Interact Club. That was amazing! Other activities included presentations on Human Trafficking, Cyberbullying and Fentanyl. During lunch the Interact club presidents shared ideas with the District Governor and the sponsors met with the District Trainer.



The conference closed with an award ceremony. The Frio County Interact Club received the award for "most attendees" and the "club that traveled the longest distance." Surprisingly, it also won the highly coveted, "Spirit Award." The Winston School Interact Club wishes to thank all those who helped make the conference a huge success!

Madison Interact Club sponsor Janeen Downen, along with four members of the Madison Interact Club were in attendance at the Conference. Most of you know that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club sponsors the Madison Interact Club and has done so since 2016. The Madison Interact Club meets every other Monday afternoon after school. Please consider attending one of their meetings to observe all the greats things these young adults are doing for the community.

Rotary leads 28 sessions at United Nations climate conference

Presentations and workshops at COP28 highlight community-led solutions, partnerships, and dialogue by Etelka Lehoczky

Rotary experts are hosting more than two dozen sessions at the 28th United Nations climate conference, addressing how a changing climate intersects with health, poverty, and other factors. Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally will discuss the mental health effects of climate-linked disasters.

The two-week conference in Dubai, also known as COP28 (short for Conference of the Parties, now in its 28th year), is the world's highest decision-making process addressing climate issues. It brings together more than 70,000 delegates from 197 countries and geographical areas as well as thousands of nongovernmental organizations, companies, and others. Rotary is taking part in the conference for the third time, highlighting community-led solutions, partnerships, and dialogue.

"The record global temperatures this year have underscored the immediate need to take action on climate change," McNally says. "They have also demonstrated the massive destructive toll that climate has taken on global mental health."

McNally notes studies connecting extreme heat to greater rates of violence and incidents of mental distress. His presentation will also address the anxiety that younger people feel because of climate change.

Recognizing the central role of young people in shaping a sustainable future, Rotary is sponsoring 22 youth volunteers to attend COP28. This amplifies young voices in the climate discussion and offers the volunteers learning opportunities and international experience.

Rotary's 28 sessions include presentations by members of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers. Meenakshi Venkataraman, a member of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, Tamil Nadu, India, will discuss how invasive species cause biodiversity loss. Salvador Rico, a member of the Rotary Club of South Ukiah, California, USA, will offer an introduction to community-led watershed protection efforts.

In addition, Elif Selin Calik, author of "The Renaissance of Smart Energy" and a member of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, will talk about how artificial intelligence can revolutionize areas like energy, agriculture, and disaster resilience.

Yaseen Mohamed Jaffer Mohsen, president of the Association of Rotary Clubs in the United Arab Emirates, will explore how environmental projects can be financed through corporate partnerships.

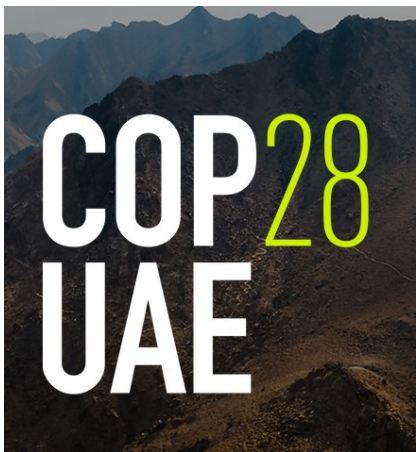
Other sessions focus on food systems, Indigenous land rights, and related topics.

From supporting vulnerable populations to forging partnerships across the public and private sectors, Rotary members are motivating progress and inspiring action on the environment. Members in the United Arab Emirates are planting 50,000 mangrove trees in partnership with the government. The restoration of mangrove forests, which help protect coastlines and marine life, is a Rotary priority.

"Mangrove ecosystems in the tropics and subtropics around the world are in peril because of their position along coastlines," says Christopher Puttock, chair of the Rotary Action Group for Endangered Species. "Because of the rapid sea-level rise we are experiencing, and the persistent need for human coastal development, these ecosystems are being squeezed out of existence. Working with governments and local communities, Rotary has the unique opportunity to assist in mangrove restoration projects."

Rotary's COP28 delegation includes Trustee Chair Barry Rassin and General Secretary John Hewko, as well as Judith Diment, dean of the Rotary Representative Network; Mohamed Delawar Aly, Rotary Representative to the Arab League; Yasar Atacik, chair of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group; and K. Neil Van Dine, chair of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group.

Rotary International has long worked to protect the environment by collaborating with communities to implement clean water and sanitation, alleviate poverty, and promote sustainable energy technologies. The Rotary Foundation has committed more than US\$23.7 million toward environmental projects led by Rotary members around the world.



There are two opportunities to volunteer at Sleep in Heavenly Peace in December. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. The first opportunity bed build is on Saturday, December 9th followed by another bed build on Saturday, December 16th. Please contact Dan Clark if you would like to volunteer for one of these projects. Not able to make it out on either one of these dates? Sleep in Heavenly Peace

gladly accepts new twin-sized sheet sets, comforters, and bed-in-a bag; pillows; wood and other construction material for Build Days; and tools. The San Antonio Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is located at 10616 Sentinel Drive, San Antonio, TX 78217

The Rotary Ice Rink, now in its 4th year, is a gathering place in the heart of downtown San Antonio at Travis Park. The Rotary Ice Rink seeks to create a place of fun and community. But it's also a place of purpose. Your support enables the Rotary Club of San Antonio to fulfill its mission of service to the community. our sponsorship funds Diploma Plus scholarships helping disadvantaged high school seniors graduate high school. You are helping to build safe places to play for children through Kingdom for Kids playground projects. Agribusiness students are able to pursue their dreams of adapting farming to a changing climate through Norman Vestal Scholarships.

