



**San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club**  
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December 10, 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?

**Rotary Connect In Calgary 2025**

Embark on an exhilarating journey of connection and inspiration at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary! Engage in riveting discussions, learn from distinguished speakers, and explore enlightening breakout sessions against the backdrop of Calgary's picturesque beauty nestled amid the Canadian Rockies. Fueled by friendship and a spirit of collaboration, exchange best practices, ignite innovative projects, and form lifelong connections with fellow changemakers from around the world.

Take part in this transformative, one-of-a-kind event and experience the Magic All Around at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada, June 21-25, 2025. General Sessions will take place Sunday-Wednesday, June 22-25, June 2025 at the Scotiabank Saddledome, located in Stampede Park, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Imagine the excitement and energy when we, the family of Rotary, all come together at one time, in one place and renew our commitment to being people of action. Our Rotary leaders, members, and global leaders will motivate and empower you with their words, as will world-class speakers, and heart-pumping entertainment!

Breakout Sessions will take place Monday-Wednesday, June 23-25, 2025. Breakout sessions can inspire participants, help them polish their leadership skills and provide new ideas for strengthening membership, projects, fundraising, and more! The House of Friendship will be open Saturday-Wednesday, June 21-25, 2025.

We will learn more about Calgary, also known as Cowntown and Stampede City at our meeting tonight.

Early registration ends December 15th. Register now to save and secure your top hotel choice and tickets to exclusive events.  
[https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/?cid=mkt\\_ic25\\_20240525\\_e ml ad mem register maypromo\\_na](https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/?cid=mkt_ic25_20240525_e ml ad mem register maypromo_na)

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

We do not have any birthdays or anniversaries to report this week.

**REMINDER REGARDING CLUB DUES**

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

**Second Publication**



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 \$1,219. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$609.50.



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 Cibola 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.



We are sad to report the passing of Past District Governor John Holcomb. He passed away on Sunday, December 8, 2024. John was a Charter Member of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. He was the fourth club president in 1990-1991. John was Rotary District 5840's District Governor in 2000-2001. John served in many Rotary capacities including being a member of the District 5840 Council of Governors, and a member of the District 5840 Donor Advised Fund Advisory Committee. John was a great Rotarian, mentor, and friend to many. John was also a member of the Alamo Heights Rotary Club. There will be a get together this Saturday, December 14th (his birthday) at his home from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The address is 1306 Walker's Way, San Antonio, Texas 78216. The gate code is: # 8426. You must type in the pound sign



**Northeast Rotarians at Christmas Luncheon at Blessed Angels**



Thanks go out to Russell Sturgeon, Debbie Degollado, and Trina Forcey for representing the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club at the Blessed Angel's Christmas Luncheon held on Thursday,

December 5th.

Blessed Angels Executive Director / CEO Marion Thomas presented our club members with an award and said that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club was mentioned in this month's edition of Reader's Digest magazine. Heroes of the Holidays was the main story of this month's edition and it was about how we all helped Blessed Angels last year



Thanks go out to Debbie Degollado and DD Johnson for volunteering this past Saturday at the Westside YMCA 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.



DD Johnson and Debbie Degollado Members of the Gilbert Garcia Family

*Giving back during the holidays can be a meaningful way to spread joy, bring happiness, and strengthen community. At our meeting last week, we discussed donating socks and other clothing items that those less fortunate would be able to use during the holiday season. We also discussed bringing an unwrapped toy for that little one that might not get anything during the holiday season. These items will be wrapped at our meeting on Tuesday, December 17th at Salsalito's Club members are asked to bring some gift wrap, scissors, and tape.*



**Ever noticed how Santa Claus perfectly embodies the Rotary spirit?**

First off, let's talk about "Service Above Self". The man spends his entire year working behind the scenes, coordinating a global operation just to make other people happy. He doesn't get paid, doesn't ask for recognition, he just gets the job done! That's classic Rotary behavior—serving selflessly and with a big heart (and big belt buckle).



And what about "The Four-Way Test"? Santa nails it every time.  
**First** - "Is it the truth?" Santa checks the list that says "you've been good" ...so keep being good for goodness sake —no fake news allowed on his list.  
**Second** - "Is it fair to all concerned?" Coal for the naughty, gifts for the nice. Sounds fair, right?  
**Third** - "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" A gift exchange is practically his whole vibe.  
**Fourth** - "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" Um, yes—he's literally spreading joy worldwide.

Let's not forget Santa's logistical genius. He's the ultimate project manager, overseeing a diverse team of "Service Above Self, Christmas elves", maintaining a zero-emissions sleigh (sustainable leadership!), and ensuring timely delivery of billions of items. If anyone knows how to organize an event or run a fundraiser, it's this guy. Santa could run a district conference in his sleep, with room for cookies and milk on the agenda.

Finally, Santa's red suit? That's his Rotary at work shirt in disguise. The cheerful demeanor, the relentless energy, and the commitment to community are all Rotary trademarks. So, this year, when you see Santa, just remember—he's been a Rotarian all along, and he's already planning his next big project: peace on Earth, goodwill to all.

- Courtesy of Evan Burrell, Rotary Club of Sydney, Australia



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

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!



**Have you invited your friend to join Rotary?**

