



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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Club of San Antonio
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**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**
February 6, 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?

Our speaker this evening is **Hugh H. Farr**, Chief Development Officer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas. Hugh has deep roots in San Antonio. He moved to San Antonio when he was 7 and attended St. Anthony's Elementary school. Later he graduated from Central Catholic High School and ultimately received his BA and MA from St. Mary's University. Hugh has interned in Washington DC at the US Department of State and USDA Forest Service and later worked for Booz Allen Hamilton, The Salvation Army, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Hugh is a graduate of the City South Leadership Academy and is an avid runner, soccer player and loves cycling. He is Spanish bilingual and a very amateur photographer.



UPCOMING CLUB CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 13th	MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION
Tuesday, February 20th	Madison H.S. students that attended RYLA
Tuesday, February 27th	Daniel Martinez, Director of San Antonio Red Cross
Thursday, February 29th	Annual GRASP Western Night
Thursday, March 14th	Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House
Saturday, March 23rd	Rotary Day SA 2024

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bob Barron's wife, Celeste will be celebrating her birthday on February 12th. Happy Birthday, Celeste.

Where does your \$6 go?

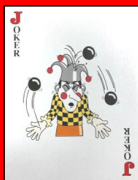
Many club members pay \$6 each week for our meeting. But not everyone knows where the \$6 goes.



\$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



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$29.00. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, who will leave with at least \$14.50.



District Governor Monica Gutierrez's February Message

We begin the new calendar year with an opportunity to reflect on the last 6 months of the Rotary year and adjust as needed so we can continue to #CreateHopeInTheWorld. We look at what is working, what is not working, and what we can improve with the intent of making our Clubs vibrant.



It is also a time to look at our goals and determine a path to keep us on track. I have full confidence in the Club Presidents and their leadership to finish the year strong.

January always includes plenty of activity for our Youth Programs. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) occurred over MLK weekend in New Braunfels, TX where over 100 students from various high schools within D5840 came together for a life changing experience. The program offers opportunities for these students to learn about themselves and each other. Every year my RC of San Antonio North Central invites our RYLarians to come speak about their experience and we are always impressed at the level of confidence they demonstrate after they come back. D5840 Clubs financially support this youth program through our District dues. I encourage all Clubs to participate and get more engaged in understanding the impact this program has on our youth.

At the end of the month, I attended SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange) with our DGE Kristen, and DGN Craig. SCRYE provides critical training for 32 Districts involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. It is critical that the DG line and RYE committee receive the appropriate training to comply with state and foreign regulations in order to provide our inbound and outbound students a wonderful experience. As I've mentioned before, our RYE committee is very engaged as leaders in SCRYE and we are very lucky to have these dedicated Rotarians in D5840.

Looking forward to what's ahead we will have another D5840 All-Hands zoom meeting on February 5, 2024 at 6:30PM to hear from our District leaders. They will provide updates on Membership, Foundation, Public Image, Service, and Learning. We also have many upcoming events to look forward to, our Membership Recognition lunch and our Club Celebration Cruise are already in the planning stages.

As I come close to complete all my joint club DG visits, I'm always amazed at all the great work our Clubs do for their members and communities while having fun. THANK YOU for all you do!

#CincoDeRotary5840

As part of Rotary District 5840's Cranes for Hope initiative to raise awareness for mental health, we folded 20 origami paper cranes at our last meeting. DG Monica Gutierrez has asked each club in our District to fold 20 cranes this Rotary year as part of Rotary International President Gordon McInally's goal for Mental Health. All the cranes created by the clubs in the District will be collected by early March so that our District 5840 Interact students can string the cranes to create the final installation in May.





We were pleased to welcome Madeline "Maddie" Aguilar at our last meeting. Maddie is a Rotary District 5840 Global Education Scholar. The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club is honored to be Maddie's host sponsor club while she is studying in Spain which starts in September 2024. The purpose of the Rotary Global Scholarship program is to further international understanding and peaceful relations among people of different races, nationalities, ethnicities, and religions while pursuing an approved program of graduate study at an institution of higher education in a foreign country.



With the generosity of the South Texas Diaper Bank, the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club was able to provide 250 pairs of socks toward Rotary District 5840's Sock Drive. These socks will be used in dignity health kits to be assembled at Rotary Lonestar P.E.T.S. District Governor Elect Kristen Salazar accepted the socks at our meeting last week from club president-elect Russell Sturgeon.

Dearest Members of the San Antonio North East Rotary Club,

On behalf of Blessed Angels Community Center thank you so very kindly, for your continued awesome support. We humbly thank you for your wonderful 2023 donation in the amount of \$500.00 to help us serve the community with emergency relief during these difficult times. There aren't enough words to express our gratitude. The San Antonio North East Rotary Club is such a blessing to our community.

Because of your generous donation we were able to purchase much needed items to continue our mission of helping families in need. Below is a snapshot of how your awesome generosity help to provide relief to families in need.

- Provided emergency relief of groceries, diapers, pet food, toiletries, medical supplies, fans, heaters, toys, school supplies to an incredible 185,979 Senior Citizens, Children, Veterans, Evacuees, Homeless, and Families in need in 2023.
- Distributed 59,770 Diapers, wipes, baby supplies, baby clothes to families in need.
- Distributed 2,986 Thanksgiving and Christmas Turkeys, Hams, boxes of groceries with all the trimming, toiletries, cleaning supplies, pet food, and more to say grace over.
- Distributed Toys to 2,985 little Children, giving them something to smile about on Christmas morning.
- 1,500 Children received Backpacks, School Supplies, Laptops, Snack Packs, Kleenex, Toiletry Packets with soap, deodorant, toothbrush, tooth paste, and more.
- Blessed monthly, 535 disabled home bound seniors with groceries, care packets, blankets, medical equipment, heaters, fans, toiletries.

Thank you again San Antonio North East Rotary Club so very much for teaming with us to give emergency relief to those in need during these difficult times. We love and appreciate all of you dearly. Since 2014 Blessed Angels has served 2,153,615 Families in need and we are not finished. May God Bless the wonderful Members of San Antonio North East Rotary Club. We hope you will kindly consider partnering with Blessed Angels once again in 2024. Have an awesome 2024.

Blessings,
Marion Thomas
CEO/Executive Director
Blessed Angels Community Center



Volunteer Opportunities at Sleep in Heavenly Peace for February and March 2024

February 24th - Community Bed Build
11:15 <https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/timeslots/IVRL97EcLs>

March 23rd - Community Bed Build
8:45 <https://x.gldn.io/e/rLuR8PGekFb>
11:15 <https://x.gldn.io/e/ODVP70oMrFb>

The San Antonio location of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is located at 10616 Sentinel Drive, just off of Broadway.

Rotary Day SA 2024

will take place on Saturday, March 23rd at McAllister Park, 13102 Jones Maltsberger Rd.



The Rotary Club of San Antonio is inviting Rotarians from all over the District to join them for Rotary Day SA 2024. Bring your family, friends, and potential members to participate in this day of service. Service Opportunities will include litter removal, picnic bench painting, tree ring mulching, invasive species removal, and mulch turning in the dog park. The Madison Interact Club is planning to participate in this service project.

14th Annual GRASP Western Night

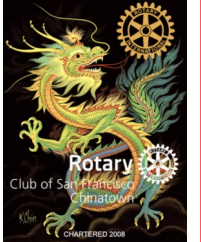


will be taking place on Thursday, February 29th. As in years past, we will be volunteering with our fellow Rotarians in the Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club. As volunteers, will be serving dinner to the seniors in attendance, clean-up the kitchen and tables after dinner, and assisting with the bingo game and distribution of prizes. The event will be held at the GRASP Community Center located at 250 Donalan. Converse, TX 78109. A sign-up sheet will be going around the room this evening.

What is the difference between Chinese New Year and Lunar New Year?

Chinese New Year starts on Saturday, February 10th. This is the Year of the Dragon. The festival that is frequently referred to as 'Chinese New Year' is not only celebrated in China. The term 'Lunar New Year' is increasingly used to refer to festivals in other counties that take place at the same time and with many of the same traditions in China. The terms are interchangeable when referring to celebrations in China and Chinese communities.

Did you know that there are two Rotary clubs in the United States that have the word Chinatown in their name - the Rotary Club of Chinatown NYC (New York City), and the Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown.



Rotary in the cities being presented in the Big Game this Sunday

As we have done in years past, with the Big Game being played this Sunday between the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs, we thought we would share with you some information regarding Rotary's presence in the four cities being represented. More on that in a bit.

San Francisco is home to know fewer than 15 Rotary clubs. Rotary clubs in San Francisco are part of Rotary District 5150. The Rotary Club of San Francisco is the second oldest Rotary club in world, chartered in 1908. The San Francisco Bay Area Rotary Club is unique in the sense that it meets on the weekend. This club is designed for busy working professionals who want to do community on the weekend. San Francisco has hosted four Rotary International Conventions - 1915, 1938, 1947 and 1977. There have also been four RI presidents that call San Francisco home - Almon Roth 1930-1931; Charles Wheeler 1943-1944; H.J. Brunnier 1952-1953; and Stan McCaffrey 1981-1982.

The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri was the 13th Rotary club, being chartered in 1910. There are six Rotary clubs in Kansas City, Missouri part of Rotary District 6040, three in Kansas City, Kansas in Rotary District 5710. Kansas City, Missouri has hosted two Rotary International Conventions, the first in 1918 and the second in 1985. The Kansas City, Missouri, Rotary Club has had two of its members become RI President, Russell F. Greiner in 1913 and Harold M. Havens in 1922. One very impressive note regarding a member of the Rotary Club of Kansas City, KS. In 2019, the club honored Jim Knight who celebrated his 50th anniversary as club secretary. Jim was presented with a gift from his club and a letter from Rotary International President Mark Maloney thanking Jim for his service. This truly represents "Service Above Self".

So far we have mentioned three cities: San Francisco, Kansas City, MO, and Kansas City, KS. The fourth city is Santa Clara, California. The 49ers actually play their home games in Santa Clara. Three Rotary clubs call Santa Clara home - the Rotary Clubs of Santa Clara; San Jose Silicon Valley; and Silicon Valley Passport. Some interesting facts about the clubs that meet in in Santa Clara include that the San Jose Silicon Valley Rotary Club meets at the Triton Museum of Art; and the Silicon Valley Rotary Club also meets on the weekend viz Zoom.

