



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**
September 19, 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?

Our guest speaker this evening is Mary Tallouzi, Caregiver with the Wounded Warrior Project. Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) began in 2003 as a small, grassroots effort providing simple care and comfort items to the hospital bedsides of the first wounded service members returning home from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. As their post-service needs evolved, so have the programs and services. Today, through direct programs in mental health, career counseling, and long-term rehabilitative care, along with our advocacy efforts, WWP improves the lives of millions of warriors and their families.



Mary was born and raised in Temple, Texas, and relocated to New Mexico in 1990. She raised three children, Christopher, Daniel, and Jennifer, mostly as a single parent. Christopher and Daniel proudly served their country in the United States Army, and both were deployed to Iraq.

It was during this time that Mary's life changed. She says she will never forget the feeling in her heart when she asked herself: "What do I do now? How do I define my life?"

Those questions arose in September 2006, when her son, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Daniel Tallouzi, was wounded from a mortar attack in Iraq. Shrapnel the size of a quarter crossed both hemispheres of Daniel's brain and lodged in the center. He endured more than two years in hospitals before returning home. Daniel passed away on February 28, 2009.

Mary served as Daniel's caregiver, a 24-hour-a-day job she performed with great love. "Life stops for the advocate," says Mary. "As a caregiver, I experienced the loss of a son and a profound change of life. The military has been a part of our family since the Korean War. I'm proud of Daniel's admiration for our family legacy, and we're honored that he now walks among the eternal warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom."

It was during Mary's time as Daniel's caregiver when she first became connected with Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP). "I met WWP in October 2006 when Daniel transitioned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Members of WWP entered the room and without missing a beat, they addressed Daniel first. The rest of the world had become accustomed to speaking to his mother since Daniel was in a coma. They thanked him for his service. They presented him with a backpack – the message of waking up and moving forward. They let me know I would not be alone."

Because of her experiences with Daniel, Mary supports the WWP mission as a spokesperson and has become a member of the National Speaker's Association, advocating for injured service members and caregivers across the nation. Special thanks go out to Anthony Strickland for arranging for Mary to be with us this evening.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 3rd **Dr. Veronica Garcia, Northeast Lakeview College**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Preston McKinney will be celebrating his birthday tomorrow. Happy Birthday, Preston.
Russell and Ana Sturgeon will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on September 22nd.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$164. That means if your ticket is drawn and you draw the Joker tonight, you are going to be going home with at least \$82.

Kelly Carreon has applied for membership in the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Kelly is a teacher at Wortham Oaks Elementary. Kelly has already attended several of our meetings. If there are no objections, Kelly will be installed as our newest member at our October 3rd meeting. Please contact club president Dan Clark if you have any questions.



32 DAYS AWAY





13th Annual Halloween Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, October 21st from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at
Astro SuperBowl,
3203 Harry Wurzbach Rd. at Austin Highway

OCTOBER 21ST IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

This year we will be holding our 13th Annual Bowling / Silent Auction fundraiser. This is our club's major fundraiser for the year. Once again the event will take place at Astro SuperBowl, 3203 Harry Wurzbach Rd. at Austin Highway.

We need all club members to participate in order to make the event a success. We are looking for bowlers, silent auction items and sponsors. Team registration and sponsor forms will be passed out at our meeting tonight. These forms can also be found on our club's website and Facebook page.

Remember that the funds raised from this event will be used to award a scholarship to a graduating senior at James Madison High School, supporting the James Madison Interact Club Food Pantry, sponsoring two students to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), along with other humanitarian causes that will help serve our community.

Please contact club president Dan Clark at dandark@ibc.com or (210) 799-4474 if you have any questions.



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**

We were pleased to welcome back M.E. Martinez, a member of the Alamo Heights Rotary Club, as our guest speaker on September 5th. M.E. is the Chair with Ride for Reading San Antonio, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity that donates books to children from low-income areas and hosts fundraising events to promote literacy, as well as educating children about bicycling. In addition to donations of books, the organization has raised money to purchase books to be donated to children. In the past 3 years they have delivered over 27,000 books to children in low-income areas. Books are typically delivered by bicycle riders at school events.



The need for books is great as it is important to learn to read early and most of the young in low-income families have no books or only 1-2 books available to them. In San Antonio, 20% of the residents only read at the 5th Grade level. The children are expected to pledge to read as part of receiving their books. The organization is looking to expand their programs to increase the amount of books distributed, to add a bilingual book program, and other activities.

Several club members and guests in attendance brought books to our meeting to donate to Ride for Reading San Antonio. Club president Dan Clark presented an illustrated Miriam-Webster's dictionary to M.E. on behalf of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Thank you, M.E. for a very passionate presentation.



The 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Saturday, October 21st at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. There is one final volunteer opportunity to call folks and remind them about the Walk. The volunteer date has been changed to Wednesday, September 27th. The Alzheimer's Association is located at 1100 Northwest Loop 410, Suite 302, San Antonio, TX 78213.



Not only are we going to volunteer at the Alzheimer's Association office to call those that have participated in the Walk before, we as a club, have also set a goal of raising \$500 for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. We are looking for club members to come and participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Please reference the link below to access our Team page: https://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=831850&pg=team&fr_id=16987 Please contact Russell Sturgeon if you have any questions.

Outstanding October Opportunities

The month of October will be a **VERY** busy month for the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

Saturday, October 14th - Eclipse Polio.

This event will be District Governor Monica Gutierrez's official visit with the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club along with seven other Rotary clubs. The event will take place at the Harvey E. Najim Family YMCA, 3122 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78214. More details to follow. Many thanks go out to Debbie Degollado for arranging the venue for this event.

Saturday, October 21st - San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's 13th Annual Halloween Bowling and Silent Auction Fundraiser.

This year's event will once again be held at Astro SuperBowl. Club members are encouraged to start asking folks to come out and bowl (whether they know how to bowl or not), look for sponsor opportunities, and collect silent auction items.

Saturday, October 28th - Out of the Darkness Walk

Hosted by the Alamo Heights Rotary Club, this walk's purpose is to raise awareness about suicide prevention. The walk starts at 9:30 a.m. and will take place at Nelson Wolff Stadium.

Saturday, October 28th - Pints for Polio

Hosted by the San Antonio Pearl Rotary Club, the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club and other Rotary clubs will be raising funds to eradicate polio. This event will be held at Man Overboard Brewing Company.

Sunday, October 29th - Under the Bridge, Inc.

Helping out our fellow Rotarians in the San Antonio Pearl Rotary Club by feeding the homeless.

Tuesday, October 31st - More Delightful Than Frightful Halloween

This is a District 5840 event taking place at Morgan's Wonderland from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Candy and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. You can also volunteer to hand out candy at the event. [Click to sign-up.](#) Please see flyer below for more details.



FULL HOUSE

It was another great turnout for the Madison Interact Club at their September 11th meeting. Club Sponsor Janeen Downen said that over 100 students have signed up for the Interact club. Thanks to our Youth Service Chair Austin Riley for representing our Rotary club at the meeting. Austin spoke about our upcoming bowling fundraiser. He also mentioned the books that M.E. Martinez is collecting for the Ride for Reading San Antonio organization. All Rotary club members are encouraged to attend the Madison Interact Club meeting to show our support. The next meeting of the Madison Interact Club will be held on Monday, September 25th at 4:30 p.m. in room D07. Madison High School is located at 5005 Stahl Road, San Antonio, TX 78247.



Hosted by D5840 Rotary Clubs:

San Antonio Pearl
San Antonio Airport
San Antonio Northeast
San Antonio South

D5840 to Combat Human Trafficking

Saturday, October 28th
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Man Overboard Brewing Co.
1203 Camden St.
San Antonio, TX 78215



MORE DELIGHTFUL THAN FRIGHTFUL HALLOWEEN

TUESDAY OCT. 31, 2023 | 4:00 - 9:00 PM

Accepting Candy Donations Oct. 1 - 31st

Candy Do's: Fruity, Sour, Chocolate
Candy Don'ts: No Gum, Jawbreakers, Nuts
Also Accepting Candy Alternatives: Pretzels, Goldfish, Cheese Balls, etc.

Accepting Monetary Donations Via Check

Please Make Checks Payable to:
Morgan's Wonderland
5223 David Edwards Drive, San Antonio, TX 78233
Your donation allows us to purchase bulk candy and decor. It also covers the cost of operations to allow individuals with special needs to attend for free and general admission ticket prices to be \$5.

Interested In Volunteering?

Sign Up Today!

Adopt-A-Table

This year, Rotary clubs can sign up to Adopt-A-Table. Dress up in a theme and decorate your table together!

Want to Adopt-A-Table? Email Volunteers@morganswonderland.com for more info on Adopt-A-Table!