



**San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club**  
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**Rotary**  
Club of San Antonio  
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February 15, 2022

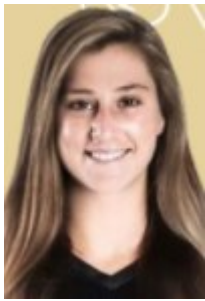
Salsalito Cantina & Mexican Restaurant, 14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247  
Social Half-Hour 5:30 p.m. - Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Zoom: Meeting ID: 843 6914 9790 No password required



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 Megan Katona, Development Director of Special Olympics Texas. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.



Megan was born and raised here in San Antonio. She grew up in the Alamo Heights Independent School District and was part of the National Honor Society, Track & Field, Cross Country, and Soccer team! Megan graduated in 2016 and moved to New Jersey to play collegiate soccer at Rutgers University where she later graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Communication, minor in Psychology, and specialization in Health and Wellness and Strategic Public Communication and Public Relations. Upon graduation, Megan accepted a position with Special Olympics Texas in San Antonio, and has been working as the Director of Development since July of 2020. In this position, she oversees all fundraising initiatives including key fundraising events, grants, sponsorships, donor relations, and more.

**Upcoming Programs**

**March 1st** Honorary Rotarian Chelsea Torres  
**March 15th** Sabrina Avila and Gordon Dunkley, Academy of Creative Education

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Russel Sturgeon's wife Ana is celebrating her birthday TODAY. Happy Birthday, Ana.  
Linda Lopez will be celebrating her third Rotary anniversary on February 26th. Congratulations Linda.  
And on February 23th, Rotary International will be celebrating its 117th Anniversary.

James Madison Interact Club A reminder that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club sponsors the James Madison High School Interact Club. Whenever the Interact club holds a meeting, we encourage club members to please attend to see what these amazing young people do for our community. You will not be disappointed. James Madison High School is located at 5005 Stahl Road, San Antonio, TX 78247. If you have questions, please contact Madison High School Interact Sponsor Janeen Downen at [jdowne@neisd.net](mailto:jdowne@neisd.net)



**Rotary's February Theme is Peace and Conflict Resolution**

Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.



Rotary creates environments of peace. As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

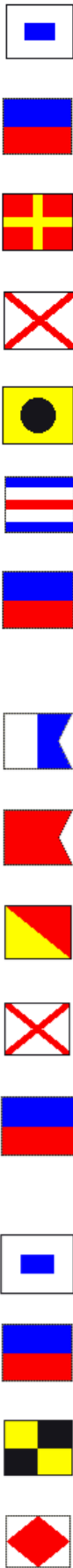
Rotary's commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved. Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.

As Rotarians, there are four roles in promoting peace:  
Practitioners: Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.

Educators: Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,300 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.

Mediators: Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.

Advocates: Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.



Russell Sturgeon has made arrangements for San Antonio Northeast Rotarians to volunteer at Sleep in Heavenly Peace on Saturday, March 26. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is where it is today because of the passionate volunteers who believe in the mission of getting kids off the floor and into beds. In exchange for just a few hours of your time, you can make a direct, permanent impact in the quality of life for dozens of kids in your community.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace is always looking for volunteers to build bunks, go on bed deliveries, be vocal advocates for our mission, and start new SHP chapters in unserved communities. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is located at 10616 Sentinel Drive, San Antonio, TX 78217. Please contact Russell at [Russell.Sturgeon@frostbank.com](mailto:Russell.Sturgeon@frostbank.com) if you will be able to volunteer for this service project.

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DISTRICT 5840

# ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKET SALE!!

BENEFITING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION  
DRAWING HELD: MAY 21, 2022



We are excited to announce that the Rotary District 5840 – Annual Share Fund raffle tickets are now available! If you're familiar with this amazing raffle, then you know how much our annual go-to fundraiser is to The Rotary Foundation's mission. The money raised during this time comes back to our District and funds our District Grants (important, right?).

There will be 7 drawings total of the 7 prepaid \$1000 Frost Bank Cards available. The third ticket drawn the prize will go to the seller of the ticket (sweet incentive, right?). Club president Preston will be receiving the tickets soon. Presidents will be sent a link to complete for the amount of tickets required. Tickets will be provided to each Club President throughout the month of February. There are 10 tickets in each book. Tickets are \$10 each.

For questions, please email the District Annual Fund Subcommittee:

[annalfund@rotary5840.org](mailto:annalfund@rotary5840.org)

### About the Annual Fund

Your gift to the Annual Fund helps Rotary clubs take action today to create positive change in communities at home and around the world. Your contributions help us strengthen peace efforts, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, protect the environment and fight disease.

### About The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the world, with 12 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator and an A-plus rating from CharityWatch.

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

# CASINO Rotary NIGHT!

San Antonio Airport Rotary Club

Saturday, February 26, 2022

6:00pm - 9:00pm

The Petroleum Club

8620 N New Braunfels Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Antonio, TX 78217

\$50 per Person  
\$75 per Couple

Includes:

\$1000 in Playing Chips, Cash bar, Hors d'oeuvres, Raffle, and Silent Auction

Sponsorship opportunities available!

Contact us at (210) 427-9600

All proceeds will benefit our literacy projects

#### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PLATINUM

\$5,000

12 TICKETS, ADDITIONAL \$5000 PLAYING CHIPS

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS INCLUDING LOGO & LINK

LOGO ON SIGNAGE @ SIGN-IN TABLE

LOGO ON CASINO TABLES & FOOD STATION OR SILENT AUCTION

GOLD

\$2,500

6 TICKETS, ADDITIONAL \$2500 PLAYING CHIPS

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

LOGO ON 2 CASINO TABLES OR BEVERAGE STATION

SILVER

\$1,500

4 TICKETS, ADDITIONAL \$1000 PLAYING CHIPS

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

LOGO ON 1 CASINO TABLE

BRONZE

\$500

2 TICKETS, ADDITIONAL \$500 PLAYING CHIPS

SOCIAL MEDIA POST



For additional information, please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/san-antonio-airport-rotary-club-casino-night-tickets-162121649217?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>



In response to questions and concerns raised by members worldwide, we are pleased to announce that the Rotary International Board of Directors has confirmed that the 2022 Rotary International Convention will be an in-person event June 4-8 in Houston, Texas. We are excited to offer a special registration rate of US\$495 through February 28.

In addition, the Board has determined that all participants, including Rotary International preconvention participants, must either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) OR provide a negative result from a COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours before their arrival at the convention. Check [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org) for updates as we continue to determine what safety protocols are necessary, based on the current CDC recommendations for safe gatherings.

Don't delay, because this special registration offer expires **February 28th**. You'll have the opportunity to cancel for a full refund, minus a \$50 per person administration fee, until 30 April. To register for the Rotary International Houston Convention, please go to the following link:

[https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston?cid=mkt\\_ic22\\_20211123\\_eml\\_ad\\_mem\\_northam\\_q4reg\\_na](https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston?cid=mkt_ic22_20211123_eml_ad_mem_northam_q4reg_na)



There are seven centers in the world for Rotary Foundation's International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution, part of a global program to advance research, teaching, practical training and knowledge on issues of international relations, conflict resolution and peace-building. It offers a tailored Master's Degree in International Studies, aimed at potential world and community leaders, designed to have a practical effect on addressing international and regional conflicts. The seven centers are Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill USA, International Christian University, Tokyo Japan, University of Bradford, West Yorkshire England, Uppsala University, Uppsala Sweden, Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda and University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Australia. The Rotary Foundation's decision to establish this unique program at The University of Queensland is recognition of the outstanding reputation of the Masters of International Studies programs within the School of Political Science and International Studies.

Each year the Rotary Peace Fellows commence an 18-month program of study at the School. Fellows are selected from countries and cultures around the globe based on their potential as leaders in government, business, education, media and other professional areas. The Rotary Fellowships are fully funded to pay fees, living and travel expenses and a three month Applied Field Experience. Toward the end of their studies the Fellows, with support from school staff, will host a full day seminar for Rotarians and the wider student community. This program continues to deliver innovative and cutting-edge teaching and research in these fields.