



# San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club

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March 1, 2022



Salsalito Cantina & Mexican Restaurant, 14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247  
**SPECIAL MEETING TIME TONIGHT - Social Half-Hour 6:00 p.m. - Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 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 our own Honorary Rotarian Chelsea Torres. Chelsea was born and raised in San Antonio, where she grew up embracing a diverse culture and the love for breakfast tacos and the Spurs.



Chelsea graduated from Texas State University then immediately started her career in local TV working as a production assistant at News 4 San Antonio. A couple years later, she finally got the opportunity she was waiting for, becoming an MMJ. This took her to KRIS 6 News in Corpus Christi. Breaking news, hurricane coverage and sideline reporting for live high school football games showed that local TV is where her heart lays.

Chelsea was offered an opportunity to work for local government, but after a year she was itching to get back to telling stories for the community, by the community. Now she has circled back to where it all started! Being in her hometown, it's the perfect place to continue her dream of helping the people right in her neighborhood.

Chelsea enjoys MMA, fishing, hanging with family and her German Shepherd, Kayna.

### Upcoming Programs

**March 15th** Sabrina Avila and Gordon Dunkley, Academy of Creative Education

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



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.

### Wild polio case detected in Malawi

As an imported case from Pakistan, this detection of type 1 wild poliovirus in Malawi does not affect the WHO African region's wild polio-free certification status.

As a result of ongoing disease surveillance, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has confirmed a case of type 1 wild poliovirus (WPV1) in a child suffering from paralysis in Malawi. Analysis has shown the virus is genetically linked to WPV1 that had circulated in Pakistan's Sindh province.



The GPEI is supporting health authorities in Malawi to conduct a thorough assessment of the situation and begin urgent immunization activities to mitigate any risk of spread. Environmental surveillance measures are also being expanded in Malawi and neighboring countries to detect any other potential cases.

Detection of WPV1 outside the world's two remaining endemic countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan is a serious concern and underscores the importance of prioritizing polio immunization activities in countries such as Malawi to prevent future instances of importation. Rotary has continued strong financial support to Africa since the most recent previous case in Nigeria. During the last two years, 54% of the Rotary PolioPlus budget has supported disease surveillance, outbreak response, the purchase of vaccines and operational expenses throughout Africa.

While the news from Malawi is disappointing, the polio program has seen importations from endemic countries to regions that have been certified wild polio-free in the past, and has moved quickly to successfully stop transmission of the virus in these areas. As an imported case from Pakistan, this detection of WPV in Malawi does not affect the WHO African region's wild polio-free certification status.

In the more than three decades since Rotary launched its PolioPlus program and formed the GPEI, we have repeatedly stressed that polio anywhere is a threat to children everywhere. The case in Malawi imported from Pakistan underscores the importance of that statement. Now is the time for all parties – Rotary members, communities, government leaders, and global partners – to recommit to ending all forms of polio for good. As Rotary members, it is critical that we ramp up our efforts to raise awareness for the importance of reaching all children with polio vaccines, and continue raising the funds necessary to carry out critical eradication activities to protect vulnerable children and prevent further outbreaks. Donate now at [endpolio.org/donate](http://endpolio.org/donate)

### Rotary Day SA 2022

Saturday, March 26, 2022 @ Brackenridge Park  
8:00: Registration & tacos 9:00 – 12:00: Service Hours

- Inviting all San Antonio area Rotarians to a clean up day at Brackenridge
- ◆ Add playground mulch
  - ◆ Remove litter
  - ◆ Paint benches
- Interact, Rotaract and children 10 and older are welcomed!  
Wear your Rotary shirt, appropriate shoes and bring gloves

Our thanks to the Parks Department for this help!

Save the Date



Volunteers must be at least 10 years old. All volunteers must sign a waiver. Be sure to wear your Rotary shirt, wear appropriate shoes and bring work gloves. Please click the link below to register:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJDQ23L>



**It is a tragic and sad time for the people of Ukraine and the world**

At Rotary, we are deeply concerned by the deteriorating situation in Ukraine and the escalating loss of life and humanitarian hardship there. Continued military action against Ukraine will not only devastate the region, but also risk spreading tragic consequences across Europe and the world.

As one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, we have made peace the cornerstone of our global mission. We join the international community in calling for an immediate cease fire, withdrawal of Russian forces, and a restoration of diplomatic efforts to resolve this conflict through dialogue.

In the past decade, Rotary clubs in Ukraine, Russia and nearby countries have transcended national differences and have actively engaged in peace-building projects to promote goodwill and to marshal assistance for the victims of war and violence. Today, our thoughts are with our fellow Rotary members and others in Ukraine coping with these tragic events. Rotary International will do everything in its power to bring aid, support and peace to the region.

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**Lone Star P.E.T.S., Inc.**

*This past weekend, President-elect Debbie Degollado attended President-Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) at the Hyatt Regency DFW. Lone Star PETS is Rotary's training program for Rotary Club Presidents-elect and President-nominee throughout the State of Texas. The goal of Lone Star PETS is to prepare Presidents-elect and President-nominees for their upcoming roles through provocative plenary speakers, in-depth breakout*

*sessions, and informal fellowship and networking with Rotary peers throughout Texas. Lone Star PETS is a joint effort of ten Rotary International districts in the States of Texas and Oklahoma.*



*Lone Star PETS is organized by an Board of Directors and an Operating Committee that work in concert with the District Governors-elect of each of the ten participating Rotary Districts. Additionally, current Governors and Governor Nominees, plus Past District Governors contribute to the Lone Star PETS experience by working with the Operating Committee.*

*One of the speakers at this year's P.E.T.S. was 2022-2023 Rotary International President Jennifer Jones. Jennifer is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada. As the first woman to be president of Rotary International, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top*

*and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."*



L-R - Phyllis Rumsey, San Antonio North Central; Debbie Degollado, San Antonio Northeast; and Cheri Armstrong, Randolph Metrocom

**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: [annualfund@rotary5840.org](mailto:annualfund@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.*

*The upcoming expansion at the Prassel at the Witte Museum will begin soon. That being said, the **Rotary Club of San Antonio** will be moving to a temporary venue beginning March 2nd. The club will be meeting at 4th Street Crossing, 227 4th Street. The meeting space is on the bottom floor of the Tobin Center garage and across the street from First Baptist Church. First Baptist Church owns the facility. Free parking is available in the First Baptist Church lots. You will have to pay if you park in the Tobin Center garage. There is no discount for Rotary.*



A reminder that the 2022 Rotary International Convention will be held in Houston, Texas from June 4 - 8, 2022. By participating in an RI Convention, you'll gain a broader appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service. And seeing a convention may move your invited guests to become Rotarians too. For more information about the convention, please go to:

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston>