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Rotary
Club of San Antonio
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Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant, 14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247
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 speakers this evening are Troopers Turner McGarity and Bernice Brown with the Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers' Association. In July 1866, the US Congress passed legislation officially called an "Act to increase and fix the Military Peace Establishment of the United States." While the legislative mandate down sized the U.S. Army after the Civil War, it also authorized creation of six new military regiments of U.S. Colored Troops into the regular U.S. Army. These units were designated the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments and 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st Infantry Regiments. The Infantry Regiments were later combined into the 24th and the 25th Infantry Regiments.



African-Americans from these units persevered through the most difficult conditions imaginable becoming the most elite and decorated units in the U.S. Army. Highly revered by Native Americans for their fierce fighting skills and physical attributes, they were nicknamed "Buffalo Soldiers." African-American soldiers accepted this name with pride and adopted the Buffalo as a symbol of honor.

The Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers' Association, a multicultural organization, are dedicated to educating the general public through media and educational systems about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and Black Indian Scouts. Their contributions in settling the Western Sector of the United States during the 1800's. This organization will be noted for historical teaching.

The functions of the unit are, but not limited to:

- Provide speakers for schools, youth groups, churches, civic and social organizations
- Sponsor and/or involvement in youth groups
- Participate in trail rides, parades, cultural fairs, posting of the Colors and other historical events
- Establish a listing of resources available at the Institute of Texan Culture and the San Antonio Public Library

If you are interested in joining the association, providing corporate sponsorship, or making contributions, please contact us using the information on the Contact Us page. This organization is open to all who want to share in our mission and expand the public knowledge of these unsung heroes of America's past.

UPCOMING CLUB CALENDAR

Thursday, April 11th Rotary Night at the Missions
Saturday, April 20th Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Training
NOTE - Registration closes on April 10th

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dan Hernandez will be celebrating his 2nd Rotary Anniversary on April 5th. Congratulations, Dan.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$222. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, who will leave with at least \$111.



April is Environment Month



DG Monica Gutierrez's April Message

The end of March marks the completion of the 3rd quarter in this Rotary year. If you think things are starting to slow down, think again. I started the month coming back from Lone Star PETS where we began



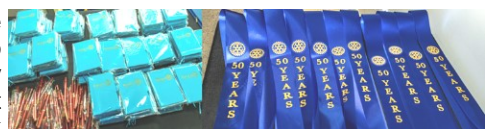
preparing to bring the Magic of Rotary to D5840 under the leadership of DGE Kristen Salazar. There is something to be said about attending PETS and getting inspired by the fellowship across 9 Districts in Texas and 1 in Oklahoma. A few days later I was on a plane on my way to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to attend the North American Youth Exchange Network conference where we began the collaboration and partnership with North America, Canada, and Mexico to expand the network for our Youth Exchange Program. It just so happens our Global Grant Scholar attends the University of British Columbia, so I was able to sneak in a coffee break and meet up with her. Between our Rotary Youth Exchange program and our Global Grant Scholars, I am convinced D5840 is making a positive impact with our youth.



Over St. Patrick's Day weekend, I spent time with some visiting Rotarians from Zone 29. They were in San Antonio to plan our upcoming Zone Institute in September. D5840 will be the host District for this event, and they are

counting on us to help with sponsorships and volunteers. Just to note, the 2001 RI Convention in San Antonio put D5840 on the Rotary map. It attracted 24,000 Rotarians and was the first event in the newly opened Convention Center.

I also had the opportunity to attend Rotary Day SA at McAllister Park



sponsored by the RC of San Antonio. Several Clubs, Interactors, Rotaractors, and other partnering organizations came together to support our Environment area of focus. It was a day to put our hands to use as #PeopleOfAction.

This month certainly ended on a high note. We celebrated and recognized our members with 20 or more years of membership at the Membership Recognition Luncheon. The planning team did a great job to make sure the event was special for our Honorees, Rotarians, and guests. Rotarians celebrating 50+ years received a personal letter from RI President Gordon McInally congratulating them on celebrating this significant milestone. Honorees received a notebook and pen. Since journaling is a mental health exercise, we encouraged everyone to write down their Rotary story. But the best part was seeing the laughter and fellowship of Rotarians that were reconnecting or meeting for the first time.

As we begin to transition into the next Rotary year, it's time we work together to finish the year strong while helping those leaders coming after us continue the progress we've made so far. Communication between leaders is critical for continuity as we prepare for another successful Rotary year. The DG line is committed to communicate and collaborate in order to promote continuity to help our clubs now and in the future.

Our guest speaker last week was Angela Paduch, RN BSN, Medical Program Manager with Fresh Start Surgical Gifts. Fresh Start Surgical Gifts transforms the lives of disadvantaged infants, children, and teens with physical deformities caused by birth, accidents, abuse, or disease through the gift of reconstructive surgery and related healthcare services, at no cost whatsoever to patients. Angela said that she is very much interested to speaking to other Rotary clubs in the area. After her very interesting and informative presentation, club president Dan Clark presented Angela with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation.



President-Elect Russell Sturgeon has arranged for San Antonio Northeast Rotarians to volunteer at Blessed Angels Senior Center on Wednesday, April 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to judge the Senior Fiesta King and Queen Contest. This is going to be both the easiest and the most fun service project we will do all year.



There was breakfast tacos and mariachis on hand. Please text Russell Sturgeon at (361) 816-1388 and let him know if you will be able to volunteer. Blessed Angels Community Center is located at 14078 Nacogdoches Rd, San Antonio, TX 78247

Blessed Angels Community Center has provided emergency relief to seniors, children, low-income Veterans, homeless, and families in need since 2014. Blessed Angels has provided groceries, diapers, pet food, gift cards, medical equipment, heaters, fans, backpacks, school supplies, toys, and more to over 1,142,080 and still counting.

At our meeting last week, we wished our own Dennis Heath a very Happy 88th Birthday. Thanks go out to our hostess Belem, and the rest of the staff of Salsalito for singing a wonderful version of their Happy Birthday song.



All Rotarians are invited to attend the Installation Dinner for 2024-2025 District Governor Kristen Salazar on Wednesday, June 26th at the Old San Francisco Steakhouse, 10223 Sahara Dr, San Antonio, TX 78216.

The District 5840 District Annual Fund Raffle tickets were passed out at our meeting last week. Please sell as many tickets as you can to raise as much money as possible for the Annual Fund.



Why give money to the Annual Fund? Because the service projects funded by the Annual Fund help change lives across the globe, in each of our communities and in ourselves. Each Rotary club in our District can receive funds from the Annual Fund for their own unique projects.

The prize for the Raffle winners is a \$1,000 gift card. There are seven (7) prizes. The winner of the third drawing is the SELLER of the ticket so please be sure to complete that information on the ticket stubs. All ticket stubs must be turned into PDG Jerry Hardy by May 25, 2024.

The evening will begin at 6:00 PM for cocktails, followed by dinner at 6:30PM. Dress code is Roaring 20's. Cost is \$40/person or \$300 for a table of 8. Click the link below to Register.

<https://rotary5840.org/events/district-installation-dinner/>

The Alamo Heights Rotary Club will present its 36th Annual Alamo Heights Night® (AHN) on Friday, April 19, 2024, on the University of the Incarnate Word campus at the Convocation Center. The event is an official San Antonio Fiesta® Commission event. AHN will open at 5:30 pm and close at 11:30 pm. AHN is known for its wide variety of great foods available and there will be continuous entertainment on two stages including Hotcakes, Finding Friday, Rick Cavender, Stereomonde, the Regimes, and other Bands. The event is the best family friendly event during Fiesta and there is plenty for kids of all ages to enjoy. In the first 35 years, AHN raised over \$2.4M in support of Rotary charities, scholarships and community service activities.



2024 District 5840 Membership Recognition Party

On Monday, March 25th Rotarians from throughout District 5840 came together at the Witte Museum to celebrate members with 20+ Years of Membership. It was a full house! Highlight of the event was the celebration of members with 50+ Years of Rotary Service! These members were identified by blue sashes with 50 Years, as well as a special lapel pin and 50 Year tab. Each 50+ member also received a personal letter from RI President Gordon McInally to recognize their dedication to Rotary.

Members were recognized in 5 Year increments starting with 20-24, followed by 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-50 and 50+. All honorees received a Rosewood Pen and small notebook, as well as a delicious free lunch. Many were accompanied by their loved ones, and other members from their clubs.

District Membership Co-Chair, Holly Croom started the event with a warm welcome and then introduced the President of the Fair Oaks Club, Ron Hubbard, to provide the Prayer. He was followed by President of the Rotary Club of San Antonio Airport, Christina Howard with the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Governor Monica Gutierrez was then introduced and spoke about her vision for this event and the work that went into making it happen! Then it was time for the formal recognition of all honorees. Pictures throughout the event were taken by Bruce Eichman from the Poteet Rotary Club. Each "group" of classy Rotarians was introduced and then immortalized with a group photo with DG Monica.

The 50+ Year Honorees present were Boddy Clark, Bill Dean, John Dierksen, Melvin Dreiiss, Bruce Flohr, Ron Greenberg, John Howe, Frank King, Bill Lyons, Terry Mendenhall, Bill Pennington, Fred Pfeiffer, Bob Schmerbeck, Edward Sokolowski, Alfred Steinle, Fred Willard, George Williams and Mark Williams. There are over forty 50+ Years Rotarians in the District!

The food was excellent and plentiful, the atmosphere one of shared laughter and appreciation for Rotary and those who honor the motto of "Service Above Self." Of the over 650 Rotarians in the District with over 20+ Years of Service, 150 of them were present to share a special experience with other dedicated Rotarians who are also passionate about Rotary. The Rotary Theme for 2023-2024 "Create Hope in the World" looks very bright with the leaders present.

DG Monica recognized the coordinating committee: Holly Croom, DGE Craig Hardy, PDG Kathy Hubbard, PDG Judy Hutcherson, DGEN Bobby Martinez, Kristen Salazar, Anne Swift, PDG Kristy Vandenberg, David Wiechmann and Gloria Wilson.

Special thanks to Bruce Smith and Seth Worley from the San Marcos Club for putting together an amazing slide show to accompany the honorees and remind everyone present about what was happening throughout the world and in Rotary during their five year anniversaries.

