



# San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club

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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



## UNITE FOR GOOD



April 21, 2026

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 Elizabeth Kathleen Mitchell, PhD with The McNay Art Museum. Dr. Mitchell is a curator with specialization in the representation of the medical body in prints from Enlightenment England, and in prints and photographs from 20th-century Mexico and the United States. In March of 2025, Mitchell began at the McNay Museum of Art

in San Antonio, Texas, as Curator of prints and drawings and Curator of modern art; in February of 2026, she also became the museum's Head of Curatorial Affairs.

Her most recent exhibition, "Do Not Meddle with It: Print Censorship in 19th-Century Paris," explored the approaches French artists took to make political prints in spite of government censorship laws. Mitchell previously served as Interim Co-director for the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University, where she also was the McMurry Curator of prints, drawings, and photographs for twelve years. At Stanford, she taught and published catalogues on American modernist Jacob Lawrence and early California photographer Carleton Watkins. Mitchell has a Ph.D. from The University of California at Santa Barbara and held curatorial positions at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Harvard Art Museums.



### Madison Interact Club's Food Pantry restocked

With \$500 donated by the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club, along with a matching District Grant, the Madison Interact Club recently purchased \$1,000 worth of groceries to stock the Interact club's Food Pantry. The Madison Interact Club's Food Pantry was started when the club was chartered back in 2016. The food collected benefits the financially challenged students of the school by allowing them access to food, if they so need it. The food can be taken home by the students to their families, or for them to have as a snack. Thanks go out to all the members of the Madison Interact Club along with their school sponsor, Mrs. Janeen Downen.



The next to last meeting of the Madison Interact Club meeting of the school year will take place on Monday, April 27th at 4:30 p.m. in Mrs. Downen's room - D07. San Antonio Northeast Rotarians are encouraged to come out and show support for the amazing things that these young people do for our community.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 28th Joslyn Campbell  
Mobility Worldwide San Antonio

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$437. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$218.50.

This Wednesday is Earth Day. The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, marking the birth of the modern environmental movement. Proposed by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson as a national "teach-in" on the environment, the event mobilized 20 million Americans to protest industrial pollution and environmental destruction. Senator Gaylord Nelson, inspired by the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, aimed to bring environmental issues into the national spotlight. Approximately 20 million people (10% of the U.S. population at the time) participated in rallies, marches, and educational events across the United States.



The overwhelming success of the first Earth Day led directly to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in December 1970 and the passage of landmark environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act. While it began in the United States, Earth Day went global in 1990, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries. The event is now recognized annually on April 22 in over 190 countries



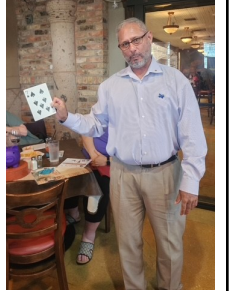
### 16th Annual GRASP Western Night Roundup

Thanks go out to all the San Antonio Northeast Rotarians that volunteered at the 16th Annual Greater Randolph Area Services Program (GRASP) Senior Center Western Night on Thursday, April 16, 2026. This is an annual event that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club has participated in with the Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club since 2015. The Rotarians from both clubs served up and delivered barbeque meals to the tables for the seniors in attendance. Once all the fun was over, club members helped clean up the kitchen and emptied the trash cans before leaving for the night. Thanks go out for everything that our club members did to put a smile on the faces of the seniors in attendance.

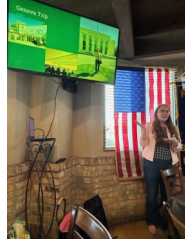
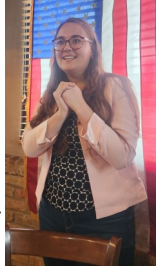


**Review from last week**

We had a great meeting last week. We talked about the upcoming projects that our club would be working on. We had a new friend at our meeting, a purple piggy bank. Club Treasurer Becky Robles had seen an article how a Rotary club used a purple piggy bank to collect spare change to raise funds to eradicate polio. Please introduce yourself to our new purple friend and kindly make a deposit. By the way, our new friend needs a name. Let Becky know if you have a suggestion. Speaking of raising funds, should we take up a collection to buy Russell Sturgeon some socks? Dan Hernandez's ticket was drawn for our weekly raffle but he did not pull the joker. Our happy bucks pot continues to grow.



Our speaker last week was Maddie Aguilar, the Global Grant Education Scholar that our Rotary club sponsored. Maddie told us about her time attending school in Madrid, Spain as part of her education program. Maddie's host sponsor in Spain was the Madrid-Serrano Rotary Club. Maddie presented Club President Trina Forcey a banner from the Madrid-Serrano Rotary Club. Maddie presented our club banner to the Madrid club when she was in Spain. Trina presented Maddie a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine. Trina and President-Elect Dan Hernandez also presented Maddie with an appointment tracking calendar, which will come in handy because Maddie will be moving to Colorado soon.

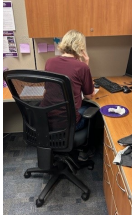
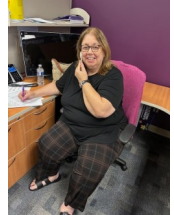


**Calling on all Alzheimer's Association walkers**

Club President Trina Forcey, Russell Sturgeon, Debbie Degollado, shy DD Johnson, Dan Hernandez, Becky Robles, and Dan Clark volunteered at the San Antonio and South Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association last Wednesday, April 15, 2026. The San Antonio Northeast Rotarians called individuals on the phone that had participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in previous years to remind them that this year's event will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. Thanks to Alzheimer's Association Walk Manager Anna Schragin for being a great host by providing dinner. For more information about the Alzheimer's Association, please go to [alz.org/sanantonio](http://alz.org/sanantonio).



**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



**Join Us at the District 5840 Conference & Club Leader Training**

Join us in New Braunfels for the Rotary District 5840 District Conference & Club Leader Training on May 1-2. We kick off at the Brauntex Theatre with an inspiring keynote from JC (James) Clapsaddle, recipient of Rotary International's prestigious Service Above Self Award. In his presentation, "Rotary's Role in Worldwide Peace," JC will share firsthand insights from his experience in Rotary's humanitarian relief efforts and the global impact of our mission.

On May 2nd, we begin with a Peace Pole installation, followed by our District Awards celebration and Club Leader Training for Rotary Year 2026-27.

Raffles will be held throughout the event — two-day attendees receive one raffle ticket, first-time attendees receive two, with more available for purchase.

Don't miss this opportunity for inspiration, celebration, and leadership development.

Register at the link below now to secure early bird pricing while it lasts!

<https://rotary5840.org/events/2026-district-conference-club-leader-training/>

**Planting 50,000 trees in a day**

By Gautam Shrestha, Rotary Club of Yala, Nepal

On a crisp morning in July, my heart raced with excitement as I joined Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Mount Everest – Ravi Lamichhane, Chand SJB Rana, and Suman Ratna Tuladhar – on a journey to plant saplings in central Nepal. We were headed for Dalchoki, a breathtaking village about 23 kilometers (14.2 miles) from Patan in the southern part of the Lalitpur district. It is hill country ranging from 1,200 to 2,300 meters (3,900 to 7,545 feet) above sea level.

**In celebration of Earth Day**



Rotary members plant trees in the hill country of central Nepal

Rotary District 3292 has a proud history of massive tree plantings, but this year's "50,000 Trees in One Day" campaign was our most ambitious yet. By uniting communities, wards, social organizations, educational institutions, and local governments across Nepal and Bhutan, we aimed to make this the largest and most impactful tree-planting initiative in our history.

We reached Dalchoki after an hour's journey along twisting roads with epic views. Once there, we waited for other Rotarians and members of the local community to join us as the fog lifted, skies cleared, and a chilly breeze keep us on our toes.

District Governor Binod Koirala's vision had set the tone: "Together, we can create a lasting green legacy for our communities and future generations. This is not just about planting trees; it is about planting hope and strengthening community ties."

Young and old carried saplings, greeted each other with laughter, and brimmed with enthusiasm. We planted trees in parks and hilly areas, near schools, public spaces, police stations, and highways. We gradually transformed landscapes across urban and rural settings with hope and greenery.

After the trees were planted, Rotary clubs collaborated with stakeholders to ensure the saplings' survival, providing protective fencing, regular watering, and community-led monitoring. In this way, sustainability was built into our project.

We felt inspired by the presidential message Unite For Good, considering our efforts a demonstration of how collective action can build a brighter, greener future. Our tree-planting campaign was more than an event, it was a movement. With every tree planted, our district left a legacy of hope, unity, and environmental stewardship for generations to come.

Shrestha is the 2025-26 assistant governor for District 3292 (Nepal, Bhutan), and past president of the Rotary Club of Yala, Nepal. He served as chief editor of the district's Governor's Monthly Letter (GML) in 2024-25.