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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?

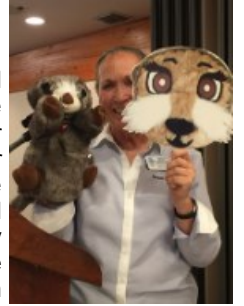
Celebrating 35 years of memories



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District Governor Kristy Vandenberg May Message

May's theme is Youth Service Month and for many of you, your Youth Projects are coming to an end as the kids prepare for graduation and look forward to summer vacation! It is an exciting time! I spoke with a class of 2nd Graders and 3rd Graders yesterday about Water Safety and staying safe around the water! We read together information from the Josh the Otter program which has been endorsed by Rotary International. It was a great time, with excellent readers and singers in Harper ISD.



Rotary Youth Exchange is back for the 2022-2022 year! How exciting to send our youth abroad and at the same time host high school students from other countries to get a taste of South Central Texas Rotary Clubs. I know that all the clubs participating and their

host families and outbound students will have great stories to share. What better way is there to promote Peace than to experience another country's culture through the eyes of a student? Kudos to our Youth Exchange Committee for all their hard work interviewing and training both outbound & inbound students as well as host families. They are all truly silent Heroes to all the kids who participate as without them, this program would not happen!!

Speaking of other great District Heroes, contact Darcee Grivel at the San Antonio Dominion Club for information about starting an Early Act Club for your local elementary school(s)! Let's get these kids started early on obeying the 4 Way Test and Service Above Self. Her schools are amazing and help their host club with many service projects! They are developing strong leadership skills early!

What about Interact? Have you reached out to Mike Canales with the Winston School and the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club? Proud to announce that a new Interact Club was chartered last month at Pieper High School! That brings us up to 43 Interact Clubs in our District. We are not done yet! There are more high schools to contact and to recruit to participate in this program! How wonderful it is to see Interact members working alongside Rotarians and taking a leadership role in helping with Club Leadership Training on 4/30 at the Winston School!

We have several Rotaract Clubs in District 5840. The most recent club to be rechartered is with Texas State University, sponsored by the San Marcos Rotary Club! They have already been very busy supporting club events and hosting their own fundraiser. And, Community Rotaract Clubs are growing throughout the world. These clubs are comprised of young adults not necessarily affiliated with a university who are looking to make a difference through networking and community service. This is a perfect stepping stone for someone unable to join Rotary, who still wants to give back to their community. There is great information on MyRotary.org about how to start one of these clubs! Check it out!

Lastly, did your club send students to RYLA? Congrats to Ron Greenberg and his amazing team of volunteers for hosting an in-person training this spring amid the challenges of COVID-19! Returning students coordinate and provide the training for high school juniors from throughout District 5840! Exceptional speakers are also utilized to cover topics that need to be addressed in today's high school environment. Many of the attendees return to their schools as leader for the Interact Club, Student Council and athletics! Please plan on sending at least 2 students from your area to this incredible training in 2022-2023!

Youth are the future of Rotary and they will be the leaders of tomorrow!

Kristy



Lilly Gonzalez, Executive Director of the San Antonio Book Festival (SABF) was our guest speaker on May 3rd. The San Antonio Book Festival takes place this Saturday, May 21st at the San Antonio Central Library and the Southwest School of Art. The SABF celebrates national and local authors and their contributions to the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. The free, daylong event is a gift to visitors and the citizens of San Antonio, bringing books to life through author presentations, innovative panel discussions, and book sales and signings. Also included in this fun day of literary entertainment are family activities such as children's theater performances, a technology area, interactive play and art stations, and a selection of the city's famous food trucks. SABF generates more than \$1 million for the city's economy.



After her presentation, Lilly received a certificate of appreciation from club president Preston McKinney. A donation in Lilly's name, along with all of our guest speakers, will be made to the James Madison High School Interact Club's Food Pantry.

Thanks go out to everyone who attended our Ukrainian San Antonio fundraiser last Thursday night at Second Pitch Beer Company. Big shout out to Austin Riley for coordinating this event for us. We raised \$455 for Ukrainian San Antonio. Thanks go out to Becky Robles for creating the QR code for us and tallying up the final amount raised. Speaking of the QR code, if you were unable to make it out to the event, you can still make a donation by accessing the QR code below.



QR code for donation to Ukrainian San Antonio



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$462. That means if your ticket is drawn and you draw the Joker, you are going to be going home at least \$231 richer.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

With our Rotary club's official anniversary on May 19th, that means that Charter Members Bob Barron and Dennis Heath are celebrating their 35th Rotary Anniversary. Congratulations gentlemen for everything that you have done for our club over the years. Anthony Strickland will be celebrating his birthday on May 29th. Happy Birthday, Anthony.

