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**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

**June 4, 2024**

**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 Bonnie Butler with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). The mission statement of SHP is to ensure that no kid sleeps on the floor in our town. SHP fully believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. When it was brought to SHP's attention that the need for beds went far beyond our own neighborhoods, it stepped up and took initiative. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national organization answering the call to a national problem.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. SHP has grown steadily over time. The San Antonio

Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is located at 10616 Sentinel Drive, near the intersection of Broadway and Wetmore Road. Members of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club, along with Rotarians from other clubs, have volunteered on several occasions at Sleep In Heavenly Peace.



### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**June 11th** Janeen Downen and members of the James Madison Interact Club

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kelly Carreon will be celebrating her birthday tomorrow. Happy Birthday a day early, Kelly.

LaVonna Stewart will be celebrating her 8th Rotary Anniversary on June 7th. Happy Anniversary, LaVonna.



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. **This event is for all Rotarians, not just club or District leaders.**

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/>



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$420. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$210.



As I write this, my last DG message for the year, I can't help but to reflect on all the wonderful things we did this Rotary year. Everything I had envisioned our District accomplishing turned out better than I could ever have imagined. And that's because of ALL the Rotarians who had an open mind and a willingness to do things a little differently. From accommodating my work schedule and holding joint club DG visits to leadership meetings and District All-Hands on the 5th of the month #CincoDeRotary5840.



We found different ways to give to our Foundation with World Polio Day and Giving Tuesday challenges and different ways to grow membership with our first service companion club. Our youth programs were in full gear as we formed new EarlyAct clubs, Interact clubs, and even added one more Rotaract club. RYLA and Youth Exchange engagement increased, and we are slowly getting back to our normal numbers before COVID.

D5840 Rotarians are #PeopleOfAction and I'm so proud of all the great service projects our Clubs did this year. If you take the time to read our monthly Newsletters, you will agree that our clubs are making a difference. Rotary's seven areas of focus are well represented in all the service projects showcased each month.

Our Membership Recognition Lunch was one for the books! Recognizing those Rotarians with 20 or more years of membership validated that our District is stronger than ever. Taking the time to especially appreciate those with 50+ years was truly special, and everyone felt it.



We also enhanced our relationships with our neighboring District 4110 in Mexico at our Bi-District Conference. And with the RC of Cozumel during our Club Celebration

Cruise supporting their Green School. Bringing awareness of international service projects to our District will improve our commitment to the word "International" in Rotary International.

And finally, we achieved RI President Gordon McInally's goal of bringing mental health awareness to our communities. Cranes for Hope unified our District in ways I never could have imagined. Clubs finding ways to fold their 20 cranes was part of the journey. Then bringing our District Interactors to engage in stringing the cranes allowed them to do something bigger than what they do on their own. Most importantly, it formed a partnership with the San Antonio Peace Center that I foresee will grow in the years to come. #CreateHopeInTheWorld



My sincere thanks to all of you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor 2023-2024. It has been a true privilege to lead such a wonderful group of Rotarians. An experience I will cherish forever. Mil gracias! #DG2324

Join us on Wednesday, June 5th, 6:30PM - 7:30PM for the D5840 All Hands Meeting on Zoom and hear from the District Leadership. Updates from Foundation, Membership, Public Image, Service and Youth Services will be provided. All are welcome!



Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82618383548?pwd=tRnThvTNINvJGH9L9v1UeI73WEL8HX.1>  
Meeting ID: 826 1838 3548 Passcode: 500548



We were pleased to welcome Dawn Hooker, Director of Fundraising and Grants with Boysville as our speaker last week. Boysville provides a continuum of trauma-informed services and care for children and caregivers affected by abuse, neglect, and family crisis. Through holistic wrap-around services, Boysville provides each child the opportunity to heal from past trauma while focusing on their future.



We were very pleased to induct Denise “DD” Johnson (right) as the newest member of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club at our meeting last week. DD posed for a photo with her sponsor Debbie Degollado after her induction. Welcome to the club DD.



And DD wasted no time getting involved with a service project. She along with Debbie Degollado, and Dan Clark, volunteered at the Texas Diaper Bank last Thursday. This is a service project that our club members have participated in for several years.

Club Treasurer Becky Robles has e-mailed out the Rotary dues invoices for the time period of July through December 2024. Please keep an eye out for this e-mail in your inbox.



The District Rotary Foundation raffle winners from the June 1st drawing were: Kristy Vandenberg (Kerrville), Betty Coleman (Uvalde), Marilyn Mitchell (Hondo), Imelda Gonzalez (SA North Central), Fred Timmons (Oak Hills SA), Linda Mariani (San Antonio), and Marsha Hildreth (Fredericksburg Nimitz).



Rotarian Linda Mariani was the seller of the third ticket drawn. The \$70,420 in raffle proceeds will support the humanitarian programs of the Annual Fund in our communities and around the world.

Messages of peace and progress, anticipation for 2025 convention in Calgary inspire attendees

By Etelka Lehoczy and John M. Cunningham

After five days of friendship, excitement, and cultural connections, the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore ended with a focus on the future. Speakers emphasized Rotary’s continuing mission to promote peace and goodwill and previewed next year’s gathering in Calgary, Canada.



Rotary International Convention in Singapore concludes with optimism

Fostering understanding was a central theme of the day, as Rotary Peace Fellows María Antonia Pérez and Clara-Valentine Tigenoah celebrated the 25th year since the Rotary Peace Centers program was announced. “To believe in peace is to have hope, and to do so, one must be both stubborn and optimistic, and be eager to persist and make a difference,” Pérez said. Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally emphasized Rotary’s long-standing commitment to building peace and noted that the topic has been a key interest almost since Rotary began.

“Our dedication to building a more peaceful world has its ups and downs, but it has been a critical part of how we define ourselves, going back even before the First World War,” McNally said. “From our earliest days, we have always had a vision of our organization as something more than just the people we see right in front of us and the direct results of our service projects.”

The day’s breakout sessions included even more discussion of peacebuilding, with topics such as Innovating Peace Education in Times of Crisis and Understanding the Global Peace Index. Two breakout sessions focused on starting new clubs. During the session Rotary Your Way: Form the Club You Always Wanted, people learned key steps in the process, from finding a champion to help organize the club to choosing the club’s leaders.

Speakers emphasized that cause-based and interest-based clubs are a popular way to attract new members, noting that clubs can be formed among alumni of the same school, professionals in similar fields, or people who want to address a particular problem. “Look in your own community for where Rotary is needed,” advised Virginia McKenzie of the Rotary Club of The Pacific Northwest Ending Sex Trafficking, which is in Washington, USA. Yvonne Kumoji-Darko of the Rotary Club of Accra-South, Ghana, helped charter more than a dozen Rotary clubs as a district governor in 2020-21. She suggested inviting friends, relatives, community leaders, and local media outlets to a club’s charter celebration to help it launch successfully.

Krishnan Chittur of the Rotary Club of Hudson Valley, New York, offered another approach during the session We Formed a New Club in One Week, And So Can You! Chittur described how he generated enthusiasm for a project to increase access to new technology that detects breast cancer. After he explained Rotary to community members who were interested in the project, they decided to form a club to help implement the initiative.

As the 2024 convention ended, people began thinking about when the global Rotary community would gather again to share experiences, get ideas, and connect with friends. “There are few moments more magical in Rotary than attending a convention,” said Bryn Styles, chair of the 2025 Calgary Convention Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron, Ontario, Canada.

Calgary is home to people of more than 240 ethnicities who speak 165 languages, Styles said. He also touted the world-famous Calgary Stampede, which will begin several days after the convention ends.

“While in Calgary, you will be mere moments away from the stunning Rocky Mountains, soaking in the majesty of the natural beauty all around you,” Styles said. “Within driving distance of Calgary, you can find not one, but six UNESCO sites, including Waterton-Glacier [International] Peace Park,” which Rotarians helped establish.

In the House of Friendship, visitors shared their anticipation for the next convention. “I’m looking forward to seeing what Calgary is about,” said Ken Montville, a member of the Rotary Club of Salisbury, Maryland, USA. “I’ve got my hotel reservations and registration. All I need is the airline ticket.” Aniello Giugliano, a member of the Rotary Club of Canelli-Nizza Monferrato, Italy, called attending the convention “addictive.” “I’m going to Calgary because I’m a Rotarian, and the Rotary convention is all about meeting other Rotarians,” he said.



Convention ends on optimistic note, looks ahead to Calgary

After five days of fellowship, excitement, and cultural exchange, the Rotary International Convention in Singapore ended with a look forward. Speakers during the final general session previewed next year’s gathering, to be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Fostering understanding was a central theme of this year’s convention which highlighted Rotary’s history of promoting peace. Rotary Peace Fellows María Antonia Pérez and Clara-Valentine Tigenoah celebrated the 25th year since the Rotary Peace Centers program was announced. Attendees also heard from keynote speaker Graça Machel, co-founder of the global leadership group The Elders, and Nacho Dean, a naturalist and entrepreneur who walked 20,000 miles and swam between five continents.

