



Last week Dan Clark shared with us a YouTube video and an article from Texas Public Radio about Salado Cemetery. The cemetery along Perrin-Beitel Road is on San Antonio's Northeast side. Buried there are people with the names Eisenhauer, Rittimann, Wurzbach - names that dominate any map of the city. A team from



the City Council's staff wants to help maintain the cemetery. But there's a problem: They can't figure out who owns it. It's halfway between Loop 410 and Wurzbach Parkway, near a Dairy Queen and in front of an InTown Suites hotel. It looks like most other cemeteries but there's something different. The headstones from the 1800s carry names that would be very familiar to today's San Antonio residents, especially if they're drivers.

Several members of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club have discussed in the past about cleaning up the cemetery as a service project. To read the entire article, please click on the following link:

https://www.tpr.org/san-antonio/2018-05-09/who-owns-san-antonio-cemetery-where-well-known-local-names-are-buried

Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 16th consecutive year by Rotary International

For the 16th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

"We are delighted to provide the Rotary Foundation with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence," said Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. "The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that the Rotary Foundation is able to accomplish in the years ahead.

Charity Navigator analyzes nonprofit performance based on four key indicators, referred to as beacons. Currently, nonprofits can earn scores for the impact and results, accountability and finance, culture and communities, and leadership and adaptability.

Charity Navigator is the largest and most utilized independent charity evaluator in the U.S. Since 2001, the organization has been an unbiased and trusted source of information for more than 11 million donors annually.

Rotary commits funds to polio outbreak response in Gaza by Rotary International

The recent detection of variant poliovirus type-2 isolates in environmental samples and the confirmation of a 10-month-old child who has contracted polio in Gaza is a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere. The ongoing crisis in Gaza has contributed to reduced routine immunization rates and an increased risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio. The crisis also poses a significant challenge to fully implementing disease surveillance and vaccination campaigns. The World Health Organization (WHO) considers there to be a high risk for the spread of this polio strain within Gaza and internationally, particularly given the current situation's impact on public health services

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A humanitarian pause allowed a two-round polio vaccination campaign to begin in Gaza. The first round was successfully implemented from September 1-12, 2024 and vaccinated 559,161 children, or an estimated 95% of eligible children at the governorate level, according to independently conducted post-campaign monitoring.

The second round of the emergency polio vaccination campaign in Gaza began on October 15th. The campaign started in Central Gaza, vaccinating children under ten years old with nOPV2, where children aged between 2-9 years old were also offered Vitamin A.

Rotary committed US\$500,000 to bolster the initiative, channeling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund. This contribution represents Rotary's sustained support to the WHO in combating polio globally. Rotary will continue to work with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and other agencies as vaccination efforts unfold. Financial contributions to the PolioPlus fund will help Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.



Saturday, October 26th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Astro SuperBowl,

3203 Harry Wurzbach Rd. at Austin Highway

Funds raised from this event will go to

Awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior at James Madison High School Supporting the James Madison Interact Club Food Pantry

Supporting other humanitarian causes that will help serve our community

We are asking folks to come out in the finest **HALLOWEEN** costumes.

***** There will also be a Silent Auction *****

with items for bowlers and non-bowlers to bid on.

Cost is \$25 per bowler

Bowling will consist of 3 games or 3 hours, whichever comes first. Shoe rental is included with the cost.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

\$500 - CORPORATE SPONSOR - 2' X 3' SPONSOR BANNER WITH LOGO AND VERBIAGE, ONE (1) FREE TEAM ENTRY, **SPECIAL PA ANNOUNCEMENT DURING** FUNDRAISER, LOGO ON EVERY WEBPAGE, **RECOGNITION IN SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS**

<u>\$200</u> - LANE SPONSOR - 2' X 3' SPONSOR BANNER WITH LOGO AND VERBIAGE, LOGO ON EVERY NEBPAGE, **SPECIAL PA ANNOUNCEMENT DURING FUNDRAISER**





BEFORE YOU KNOW IT Only 18 days until our 14th Annual Halloween Bowling &

Silent Auction Fundraiser. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Astro SuperBowl, 3203 Harry Wurzbach Rd. at Austin Highway. We need all club members to participate in order to make the event a success. Remember that the funds raised from this event will be used to award a scholarship to a graduating senior at James Madison High School, supporting the James Madison Interact Club Food Pantry, sponsoring two students to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), along with other humanitarian causes that will help serve our community.

OCTOBER 26TH WILL BE HERE

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