



**San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club**  
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THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY

November 12, 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.



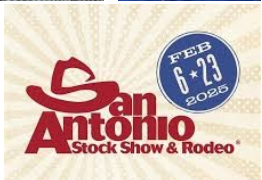
**Rotary's Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do:**

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 speakers this evening are Bobby Martinez and Carmen Maglievaz. They will be speaking to us about the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo coming up February 6-23, 2025.



The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo has grown to be one of the largest, most prestigious single events in the city of San Antonio, with approximately 1.3 million visitors entering the fairgrounds each year. The success of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is attributed to over 6,000 volunteers who give countless hours to the organization.



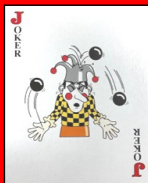
With community, donor, sponsor and volunteer support, the organization has committed more than \$267 million since inception. Through scholarships, grants, endowments, junior livestock auctions, calf scramble program and show premiums the event impacts over 19,000 youth in Texas annually.

#### Upcoming Programs

November 19th Captain Joshua Robinett  
The Salvation Army  
November 26th No meeting - Happy Thanksgiving

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is at \$1,096. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$548.

Celebration of Districts for Rotary District 5840 South Central Texas and Rotary District 5870 Central Texas at the Embassy Suites, 1001 E McCarty Ln, San Marcos, TX 78666 on May 2-4, 2025.



This event is dedicated to fostering camaraderie among Rotarians and friends, emphasizing the values of service and fellowship that define our Rotary spirit.

#### Highlights of the Weekend:

**Casino Night:** Roll the dice and try your luck at our thrilling Casino Night. Enjoy a variety of classic games such as blackjack, roulette, and poker, all in a friendly and spirited atmosphere. Theme is speakeasy/roaring twenties.

**Fellowship:** Connect with fellow Rotarians and guests from both districts as we celebrate the bonds that unite us in service and friendship.

**Entertainment:** Delight in live music, dancing, and entertainment throughout the evening, creating moments of joy and celebration.

Join us as we come together to celebrate the spirit of Rotary and the power of friendship. See you there!



## 2024 World Polio Day Winner



### WORLD POLIO DAY CHALLENGE

Together, we raised \$5,125 to help eradicate Polio!

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Poteet for 100% member participation on World Polio Day!

We have received the final report from RI showing results of our World Polio Day Challenge on October 24, 2024. Together, we raised \$5,125 to help eradicate Polio! THANK YOU for your commitment to END POLIO!



## PUBLIC IMAGE

TRAINING SEMINAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

CLUB RUNNER RECENT UPDATES  
CLOUD EVENTS DEMO  
CLUB RUNNER NOVA

Join us for an informative public image training on Tuesday, November 19th on Zoom at 6PM focused on the latest ClubRunner features! This session will cover essential updates and improvements, along with a hands-on demonstration of the new Cloud Events feature, designed to streamline club event management. We'll also introduce ClubRunner Nova, the latest evolution of the platform, showcasing its enhanced user interface, powerful customization options, and new tools tailored to make club management easier.

#### Recent Updates:

Mobile App Updates  
Cloud Events  
Membership Success  
Donations  
New Payment Solutions  
Magic Link

Perfect for Club Public Image Chairs, secretaries and administrators, this training will equip you with the skills to leverage these upgrades for efficient club operations and impactful community presence.

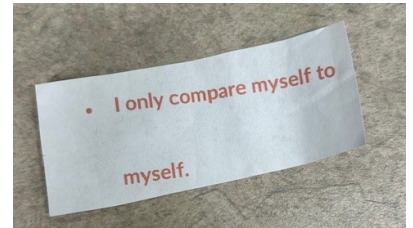
Must register at the link below to receive Zoom link.

<https://rotary5840.org/events/public-image-training-club-runner/>

We were pleased to welcome Kimberly Torres with Premier World Discovery Tours as our speaker last week. Kimberly has been in the travel industry for nearly 15 years. She previously worked at the Grand Ole Opry, with Princess Cruise Ships, and now with Premier World Discovery going on five years with the company. Kimberly gave us information about domestic trips to Washington D.C. and West Virginia, and another trip overseas to Poland. Thanks to Preston McKinney and Anne Dubose for arranging for Kimberly to speak to us.



Special thanks go out to President-Elect Trina Forcey for pinch hitting for club president Russell Sturgeon by heading up our meeting last week. She did a fantastic job. She added her own touch to the meeting by handing out fortune cookies to all the club members and guests and then had them read the message out loud. Great idea, Trina!



Even though the Walk to End Alzheimer's has already happened, you can still make a contribution to our club's team by going to the following link:

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2024/TX-SanAntonioandSouthTexas?team\\_id=873758&pg=team&fr\\_id=17962](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2024/TX-SanAntonioandSouthTexas?team_id=873758&pg=team&fr_id=17962)

## New Team End Polio campaign reminds people about a tenacious disease

By Etelka Lehoczky

Ramesh Ferris wants you to see his legs.

"When people see me walking with my crutches and braces, if I'm not wearing shorts, they do not think of polio," says Ferris, who contracted the disease at six months old. "But when people see my legs, they're like, 'Oh, what happened?' It starts a discussion around what people can do to work together for a polio-free world."

Ferris tries to wear shorts whenever he's hiking or using his hand-cycle, a three-wheeled device powered by hand cranks. And he's found other ways to channel his athleticism into the fight against polio. In 2008, he hand-cycled 7,140 kilometers (4,437 miles) across Canada to raise awareness and funds for polio eradication.

Using a 27-speed hand-cycle and consuming 5,000 calories a day to maintain his energy, Ferris traveled 400 kilometers (249 miles) every 10 days from British Columbia in the west to Newfoundland in the east. His Cycle to Walk trip raised funds for Rotary International's End Polio Now effort and other anti-polio projects.

Now Ferris has joined Team End Polio, a new campaign by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to raise awareness about the need to wipe out the disease. Team End Polio's starting roster of top international athletes includes several who, like Ferris, have been directly affected by the disease. All are determined to speak up on social media and at sporting events. "Polio is one of these forgotten-about diseases that is 'out of sight and out of mind,'" says Ferris, a member of the Rotary Club of Whitehorse-Rendezvous, Yukon, Canada.

The effort to fully eliminate polio has been a massive project. It's reduced cases by 99.9% over four decades, and today the wild poliovirus endures in just a few places around the world. And yet, as is true in many races, the final lap is the hardest part.

"It is critical that people realize that polio knows no borders," says wheelchair athlete Minda Dentler, who contracted polio as an infant. "As long as this disease exists anywhere, it is a threat to children everywhere." Dentler used a hand-cycle to complete the New York City marathon in 2006 and later qualified for the Ironman World Championships. It took her two tries, but she became the first woman wheelchair athlete to complete the grueling triathlon. She had to swim 2.4 miles, hand-cycle 112 miles, and propel her racing wheelchair for 26.2 miles, with a time limit for each stage. The second time she competed, she crossed the finish line in 14 hours and 39 minutes.

"I learned how, with perseverance, anyone can overcome obstacles and achieve goals that seem impossible," says Dentler, who published a children's book in March titled, "The Girl Who Figured It Out." She says that same quality is needed for the fight against polio. "With continued effort from donors and affected countries, we can overcome the remaining challenges and deliver a polio-free world," she says. "But increased funding and continued commitment to vaccinating every child is essential."

Like Dentler, the other athletes on Team End Polio embody ideals associated with sportsmanship: strength, dedication, determination, and the ability to work as part of a team.

"When you compete in a sport like football, you have to rely on your teammates to defeat your opponent. The fight against polio is no different," says Michael Essien, a coach and former star player from Ghana. During a trip to Liberia in June 2024, he says, he witnessed the collaboration and coordination required to implement a polio vaccination campaign.

"To end polio, it will require all of us working together as one team," he says.

Other members of Team End Polio include:

- Ade Adepitan, a polio survivor and two-time wheelchair basketball medalist in the Paralympic Games
- Wasim Akram, former captain of Pakistan's national men's cricket team and an international cricket commentator
- Muhammad Ali, a member of Pakistan's national men's cricket team
- Junior Bosila Banya, a French polio survivor and professional breakdancer
- Bismah Maroof, a former captain of Pakistan's national women's cricket team
- Ajara Nchout, a Cameroonian professional football player
- Anne Wafula Strike, a British polio survivor who was among the first female wheelchair racers from Africa to compete in the Paralympic Games

Ferris' home country of Canada recently emphasized its commitment to ending polio. On 20 September, Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen announced a pledge of CA\$151 million (US\$111,233,500) to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at a Rotary institute. The donation puts Canada at over \$1 billion contributed for polio eradication. At the event where the pledge was announced, Ferris gave Hussen a Team End Polio jersey.

"There have been a copious number of amazing global citizens who have rallied together with one goal in mind, and that is ending polio," Ferris says. "The good thing about the polio program is that we're united to cross the finish line. We're not doing it alone."



At an event announcing Canada's contribution of CA\$151 million (US\$111,233,500) to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Ramesh Ferris presents a Team End Polio jersey to Canadian Minister of International