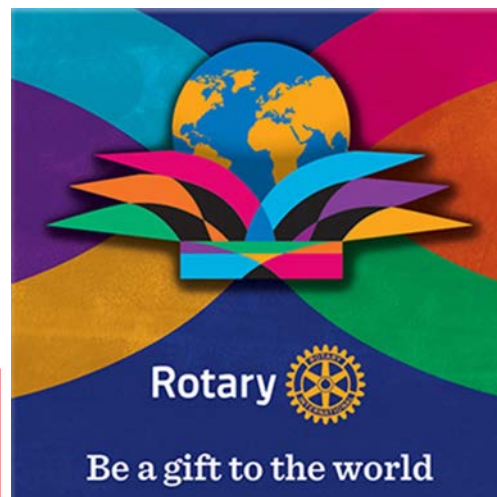


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Fellow Rotarians:

It is already Spring here in South Central Texas! I have had the privilege of visiting clubs all over this District, and I am enjoying every minute! We have a lot of opportunities to address, so let's talk.

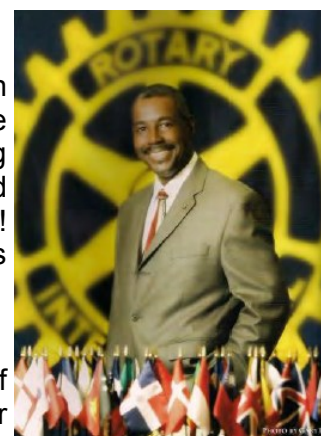
Membership

The common thread of concern among clubs in our District is that there is so much work to be done. Rotary International's membership is growing internationally; domestically, it is not. I believe the more Rotarian hands we have on deck, the bigger our Rotary impact will be on our communities and on the global landscape. When was the last time you invited someone to visit your club?

Have you looked through your contact list to see who might "Be a gift to the world"? Let's get involved with building our clubs so we can build a positive future for humanity. Let's invite them to be part of this global movement called "Service Above Self"!

Feeding the hungry

There are thousands of people in our District who are food insecure --- not knowing when or even IF their next meal will come. I'd like to emphasize the importance of each club taking advantage of their unique opportunities to address this problem. Whether it's doing food drives for food banks, or serving meals to the hungry wherever they are, or helping fill snack packs for kids, these are opportunities to "give back" in our own neighborhoods.



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International projects

Let's add a new dimension to our international projects program. Why don't we allow other countries to have programs here in the U.S.? There are places throughout our District that could use some international support! Continue to reach out to partner with international clubs to work on programs here and abroad.

Fundraising

Many of the clubs in our District have wildly successful fundraisers – from poker tournaments to banquets. Please share your “play-by-play” books and your lessons learned with the District so we can make the information available to ALL of our clubs. If we don't have to “reinvent the wheel” all the time, we'll get to be an even BIGGER gift to the world!

Public Image

Please consider the Adopt-A-Highway program to increase Rotary's visibility while keeping our roadways clean and inviting. Visibility leads to curiosity and curiosity leads to Google, Google leads to discovery, and discovery leads to potential members!

Rotary International New Members Funds

There are funds available for membership programs targeting the young professionals in our communities. I encourage each club to reach out to Rotary International to tap these funds. The #1 reason people do not join Rotary is because no one has asked them to. So let's make it our mission from now on to ask someone to join Rotary.

District 5840 Conference, April 29 – May 1, Lucky Eagle Casino in Eagle Pass, TX

Experience Rotary in a fun environment! Discover what “Being a gift to the world” really means. Make friends, connect with friends, and rekindle old friendships. Register Today!. Visit <http://www.rotary5840.org> .

Our District will be joined by five Rotary clubs from Mexico! Events include a golf tournament (also mini golf!) and barbeque on Friday, breakout sessions discussing all aspects of Rotary and an awards banquet on Saturday; as well as a Hospitality Suite. Spouses/ partners are invited, and their cost is only \$45.

Rotary International Convention, May 28 – June 6, Seoul, Korea

If you have never visited The Land of the Morning Calm, this is your chance to witness the beauty of a country often called “the Switzerland of Asia.” Lush rural countryside dotted with rugged mountains lead into dynamic, urban centers of technological innovation and carefully curated cultural treasures, making plenty of opportunities for rich and diverse adventures. The 2017 Rotary International Convention, which will be held in Atlanta, GA!

The Rotary Foundation

I encourage every club to ask every member to give \$100 toward their Paul Harris Fellow! Many of you have recognition points we can use to help you reach this goal, so contact your Foundation Chair.

District Extension

It is exciting to see the enthusiasm for starting new clubs! Satellite clubs are being formed, and more clubs are adopting and developing Interact and Rotaract clubs! Recently we visited the new joint meetings of Medical Center Rotary Club and Oak Hills Rotary Club.

In a brilliant move, the clubs decided to hold joint meetings to pool their energy and resources to more effectively meet the needs of their community. Feel free to drop by their meetings on Tuesdays at 11:45am at The Outback Steakhouse on IH-10. You will be inspired!

I Remain Yours in Rotary,

Lou Miller

Just a reminder: 2015-2016 District Goals

1. Increase clubs total membership by 30%. Every member must "bring" a guest twice a month to a club meeting. Invite friends and family to join Rotary.
2. Goal of 250 attendees at District Conference.
3. Increase District membership communications to at least 90%.
4. Increase Rotary's public image through "Adopt a Highway" signs and "Feed the Hungry Programs District wide by 100% of Clubs participating.
5. Increase "friends" on the District's Face Book page to 4,000 friends. That includes Rotarian and Alumni.
6. Invite Alumni to join a Club as soon as they begin to show interest. Eliminating the gap between Rotary Alumni, Rotaractors, Interactors and the Rotary Club.
7. Increase Foundation giving through education of existing Foundation programs. Explaining where Foundation monies are spent.
8. Develop new Emerging leaders. Diversify invitations to join.
9. Start 4 new Clubs
10. Get members involved in 5 "New" Service Projects that are relevant to the Emerging members

Rotary Club of Kerrville celebrates nine decades of "Service Above Self"

Article by Joseph Benham; Photos by David Martin

Just as it has been since Day One, Rotary's "Service Above Self" motto was in the air as past presidents, Satellite Club Rotarians and guests gathered on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 to join in the 90th anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club of Kerrville. Current and past club officers and chairpersons, and rank-and-file members represented well over 50 programs and institutions dedicated to helping those who need all manner of assistance, from food drives for local charities and construction of Habitat for Humanity homes to far-distant campaigns against polio, malaria, hunger and diseases transmitted in polluted water and human waste in developing nations.

Two dozen former club presidents, representing professions as diverse as higher education, medicine, architecture, banking, the military, journalism, energy, agriculture, retailing and personnel and financial management, were among those in the near-capacity gathering in the Inn of the Hills Resort and Conference Center for the celebration. Historian and Kerrville Daily Times columnist Joe Herring Jr. shared slides from his extensive collection documenting how in late February 1926 some 20 business and professional men obtained a charter from the parent organization in Chicago for a Rotary Club in their Hill Country community 60 miles northwest of San Antonio.



From left to right: Cecil Atkission, George Eychner, Marianne Wofford, Lois Schlieter (wife of Ed Schlieter), Doug Whinnery, Randy Johnson, Chuck Coleman, Guy Overby, Sandy Merritt, Kenneth Early, Sue Whinnery, Kim Clarkson, Diane Green, Alan Massey, Ben Lowe, Rand Zuber, Bill Mathews, Mark Armstrong, Ed Hamilton, Maurice McAshan, Bob Waller, Bob Schmerbeck and Bill Fair.

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Rotary Club of Kerrville celebrates nine decades of "Service Above Self" (continued from page 3)

It was, Herring noted, an ambitious venture for a town whose population had not grown much beyond 1,000 persons. That charter was obtained with assistance from the San Antonio Rotary Club, and in the years since, the Kerrville organization has sponsored new clubs in Fredericksburg and Junction. Robert Schmerbeck III, an insurance broker, past club president and a Rotarian with more than 44 years of perfect attendance, described what he recalls as a memorable assistance effort, in which the Rotary Club of Kerrville began supplying biscuits and powdered milk for needy children in an elementary school in the industrial city of Toluca, Mexico -- one of scores of service projects in which Kerrville Rotarians have been involved locally, nationally and internationally during the last nine decades. "When our national headquarters heard about our project, they sent a grant allowing us to expand it," Schmerbeck recalled. "Then the wife of the President of Mexico learned of it, and she added \$30,000 of her own funds." "When I saw all of that milk and biscuits going to so many needy kids, all I could say was, 'Wow!'"

Subsequently, a Rotary Club in Mexico decided to repay the Texans' generosity by helping fund purchase of needed medical equipment for the non-profit Raphael Community Clinic in Kerrville. Schmerbeck called that "a special kind of friendship with those good folks." Asked to describe "What Rotary means to me," Past Rotary District Governor Lisa Herring replied, "As team leader for a Group Study Exchange in the Philippines, I saw the birth of a beautiful Rotarian: team member Stephanie Miller saw the need of a young mother and her son, was moved by compassion and took action to make a difference in their lives." Miller, a small business owner in the Texas Hill Country, returned home, organized a program under which children's books are collected and sent to the Asian nation, and joined the Rotary Club of Kerrville. Elected president for 2015-2016, she presided over Wednesday's 90th anniversary celebration.

Douglas Whinnery, another former district governor, retired Air Force officer and member of the Rotary Club of Kerrville for 24 years, said, "To me, Rotary is about the friends whom you meet worldwide, the service projects that we plan and complete that make for a better world, and about leading the fight to eradicate polio from the world. Because of Rotary, I can work to bring peace to the world -- one project at a time."

Members and guests at the celebration heard a message of congratulations from fellow Rotarian and State Rep. Andrew Murr of Junction, who sent both greetings and regrets at being unable to attend due to state business elsewhere in his legislative district.

A partial list of examples of unpaid commitments to worthy causes by Rotary Club of Kerrville members includes: Service as trustees of Kerrville's Schreiner University, the local hospital foundation, Golden Age Center Foundation and Hill Country Memorial Hospital Foundation; Officers (in addition to organizations listed above) the Hill Country Veterans Council, Kerrville Satellite Rotary Club, Sons of the Republic of Texas, Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce, Executive Women's Club, Kerr County United Way, Tivy High School Athletic Booster Club, Habitat for Humanity, Blue Haven Youth Camp, Hill Country CARES (shelter for battered family members), SERVE Kerrville, Be Not Afraid (Child Abuse Protection) Inc., Texas Municipal League, Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library, Young Life, Symphony of the Hills Assn., Texas Society and Hill Country Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Friends of the Kerrville Library; Kerrville Public School Foundation, Christmas Lighting Corporation, Hill Country Junior Livestock Show and Families in Literacy Inc.;

Boards of Directors (in addition to organizations listed previously): Hill Country Youth Ranch Schools, Relay for Life Cancer Prevention, New Hope Counseling Center, American Public Power Assn., Upper Guadalupe River Authority, Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, Cailloux Foundation, Toastmasters International, Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation and Christian Women's Job Corps;

Sponsorships (in addition to organizations listed above): Rotary Scholarships Program, Rotaract (Rotary Club university affiliate) Interact (high school and middle school Rotary Club affiliates), Early Act/First Knight (Rotary Club elementary school affiliate), Pinewood Derby (Boy Scouts), 5-kilometer runs and walks; Fund-raising, food & toy collection & distribution etc. (in addition to organizations listed previously): Hill Country College Fund, Salvation Army (includes bell-ringing), Any Baby Can, St. Vincent de Paul, Blessings in a Backpack and Books for Millions (textbooks) and dictionaries distribution;

Elective and appointive offices: Mayor of Kerrville, Kerr County Commissioner, district attorneys and assistant district attorneys, Kerrville City Manager, Religious responsibilities: Episcopal vestry and senior warden, Presbyterian elders and deacons, United Methodist Lay Speaker, Bible Study Fellowship leader.

Other activities include collecting litter along area roadways, mentoring in the schools, participation in Citizens Police Academies and Leadership Kerr County programs that familiarize leading citizens with county government and other important elements of community life. Immediate Past Club President Kimberly Clarkson has received both the Rising Star Award, given to a Rotarian in the 44-county District 5840 for outstanding commitment to Rotary, and Best in District President honors. Past District Governor Whinnery was recognized for outstanding service in the district in Polio Plus campaigns and as Rotary Foundation Chairman.

Well over half of the members of the Rotary Club of Kerrville have been inducted into the Paul Harris Fellowship, signifying that they have donated at least \$1,000 or had that amount given on their behalf for the work of the Rotary Foundation in such areas as health and education throughout the world. A majority of the club's Paul Harris Fellows have Paul Harris-Plus status, reflecting contributions to the foundation of two or in many cases several times the basic \$1,000. The Rotary Club of Kerrville meets for programs and lunch at 11:45 a.m. most Wednesdays at the Inn of the Hills on Junction Highway in Kerrville. All Rotarians living in the area or visiting are welcome. Further information about the club and its activities, as well as those of Rotary International, is available on the Internet at kerrvillerotary.org or from the club offices at (512) 787-7964.



Hoe Herring, Jr. spoke on the history of the Rotary Club of Kerrville

San Antonio North Central Rotarians and Winston School Interactors volunteer at Habitat for Humanity

Courtesy The Northern Light, the weekly newsletter of the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club

Saturday March 12th was a volunteer build day at **Habitat for Humanity**. The participation level was high from North Central and friends and from Winston Interactors and family. Several friends from Northwest Rotary pitched in, too. We worked on two side by side homes that day. Below, notice the Rotary tents where a fine lunch was prepared for volunteer workers, staff and the future homeowners by our club. The future homeowners are holding the "big check" for \$10,000.00 contributed to Habitat for Humanity.



Winston School Interactors worked long and hard without complaining. Above, some set tiles and caulk under the supervision of the future homeowner, **Mindy**. Above right, VP **Betty Vargas** really knows how to swing a hammer. And **John**... well his overalls looked well loved. Seriously, many thanks to John Chance for seeing this project to completion.

Submitted by Jannie Bryant



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Dominion Rotary Club very busy in the community

submitted by Adam Wosneski

January featured the first EarlyAct Celebration for Rotary District 5840. The January 23rd event included presentations, activities, and recognition of students from Aue Elementary, Leon Springs Elementary, The Winston School, and Fair Oaks Elementary. Also, Leon Springs Elementary Principal Dr. Kathy Dodge was pinned as an Honorary Rotarian. The Dominion Rotary Club sponsors EarlyAct at Leon Springs Elementary, and promotes community awareness, character-building, and leadership for students between the ages of 5 to 13.



In February, the Dominion Rotary continued its tradition of supporting local charities and community partners, having the pleasure to present donations of \$1,500 to Morgan's Wonderland and \$500 to the Leon Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Morgan's Wonderland is a theme park and early education facility in San Antonio which caters to children with special needs. The LSVFD appreciates the support of the local community for their life-saving efforts.



Morgan's Wonderland representatives and Rotarian Curtis Voris



Rotarians Kam Smeby, Darcee Grivel, Larry Price, members of the Leon Springs Business Association, and staff from LSVFD

Kerrville Morning Rotary Club donates to Raphael Community Free Clinic

Article and photo submitted by Ray Buck

Kerrville Morning Rotary recently presented a check for \$1,450 to the Raphael Community Free Clinic. The funds helped purchase a temporal artery thermometer and spirometry equipment which is used to diagnose asthma, pulmonary fibrosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other conditions that effect breathing.

"Kerrville Morning Rotary enthusiastically supports this work in our community. It's an honor to be able to assist in funding this essential ministry," said Waverly Jones, Kerrville Morning Rotary President-Elect.

The Raphael Community Free Clinic is the manifestation of the vision and hard work of Sister Marge Novak and Sister Mary Ann Giardina. Their vision was to establish a medical mission for those who could not afford health insurance, especially the working poor.

The Clinic is supported by contributions from private foundations, individuals, churches and civic clubs. It neither requests nor accepts funds from city, state or federal sources. Currently all work is done by three full-time employees and eight part-time employees serving alongside about 70 volunteers working various shifts.

"Thank you Morning Rotary Club for your generous gift which provided the funds to purchase much needed and used equipment. God bless you and the club. To quote from the Bible, Proverbs 19:17, " 'He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he does.' "

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(Left-Right) Kenneth J. Zysko, President, Raphael Community Free Clinic Board of Directors, joined by Kathy Carson, Sylvia Mendez, and Beatriz Guia received a check from Morning Rotary President-Elect, Waverly Jones and Rotarians Arthur Clough, Jane Lehman and Bob Green

Alamo Heights Rotary Club donates to two important non-profit organizations in San Antonio

Article and photos submitted by Rick Berchin

At the Alamo Heights Rotary Club meeting of January 12, 2015, club president was Andrew Traeger presented donations to two important non profit organizations in San Antonio. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (\$3,500) represented by Christina Cardenas (First Picture) and the Assistance League of San Antonio (\$5,000) represented by Betty Hayes. Members of the Club and their families also provide volunteer support to these organizations



Parish Photography



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Ronald Reagan High School Interact Club

Submitted by Kent Kirkman

Goats help keep children healthy and happy

These four-legged friends provide nourishing, protein-rich dairy to satisfy hungry children, while baby goats can be sold to help pay for essentials like school and medicine. The Ronald Reagan High School Interact Club raised \$840 and donated seven pairs of goats to seven different families in third world countries. These goats will provide nourishing milk, and create a small business for each family by providing them with milk and other offspring to sell. The donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Johnson & Johnson, making the total donation, 28 goats and \$1,680.





Be a gift
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district 5840 youth day 2016

Saturday, May 14, 2016
The Winston School San Antonio
8565 Ewing Halsell Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

games ★ food service project awards ceremony

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San Antonio Mission Trail Rotary Club Mini-Grants support local nonprofits

Article and photos submitted by Laura Carter

The Mission Trail Rotary Club (MTR) recently awarded 10 grants totaling \$17,300 to help support local nonprofits. Funding was made possible through generous sponsorships and rider registrations in conjunction with their annual Mission to Mission Charity Bike Tour (M2M). "Rotary Clubs encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise," states current MTR club president Richard Warren. "One of the ways our club demonstrates this ideal is our M2M Mini Grants program."

M2M Mini Grant program

Warren explains the program's focus is "to support local nonprofits with small projects which might not be funded by larger donors because of size, audience, or program category, but are still important to the charity and its clients." Receiving grants in 2016 are the following nonprofits:

- Alamo Council of the Blind
- Herbal Medics
- House of Neighborly Service
- Ready, Willing...Enable!
- San Antonio Youth Literacy
- Seton Home
- Spare Parts Studio
- Texas Parent to Parent
- Volunteer Services Council for the San Antonio State Supported Living Center



MTR grant group 2016: Nonprofits received their checks at the January 27th Grants Fiesta event



MTR grant 2016 Mary Cantú: Mary Cantu founder/director of spare parts with MC Dick Davis

"Thanks to Mission Trail Rotary Club for once again assisting with funding our annual summer teacher resource and fine arts fair," said spare parts Founder and Director Mary Cantú. "Last year we distributed a variety of free art supplies for 100 teachers from 15 districts in and round San Antonio. This grant allows us to continue to take what others consider trash and see it turned into creative art projects in classrooms all over the city."

For the past 18 years, Mission to Mission Charity Bike Tour, has organized a noncompetitive, family friendly bike tour, always on the first Saturday in December. This year's

riders were treated to the newly completed Mission Reach trail which includes the four Spanish colonial missions—Concepción, San José, San Juan and Espada recently designated a World Heritage site. See this year's photos by Matthew Busch.

"Texas Parent to Parent (TxP2P) is committed to improving the lives of Texas children who have disabilities, chronic illness, and/or special health care needs," explains Ezequiel Quijano, TxP2P representative. "The generous donation received from San Antonio Mission Trail Rotary Club will assist us in providing services to more families all over Texas."



MTR grant 2016 Ezequiel Quijano from Texas Parent to Parent with MC Dick Davis

San Antonio Mission Trail Rotary Club Mini-Grants support local nonprofits (continued from page 12)

Grants are awarded once yearly and are not automatically renewed. Grant applications are posted on the club's website beginning in March and available through the end of May. The nonprofit grant recipients' supported projects must be completed within a year. The grants are awarded in February following the December M2M Bike Tour.

"Ready, Willing...Enable! is extremely thankful to be a recipient of funds from the Mission to Mission Bike Ride," said Co-founder Edwin Blanton. "This donation makes summer camp possible for many children with disabilities that otherwise would not have this opportunity. We greatly appreciate Mission Trail Rotary and all of that they do to benefit not just our community, but also our larger world."

"Service Above Self"

The Mission Trail Rotary Club is a member of Rotary International and has been described by one member as "a great club with strong values and two of my favorites - "inclusiveness and fun." If you are interested joining, please e-mail Richard Warren at rlwarren44@sbcglobal.net The Mission Trail Rotary Club meets at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at Madhatters Tea House & Cafe, 320 Beauregard at South Alamo.



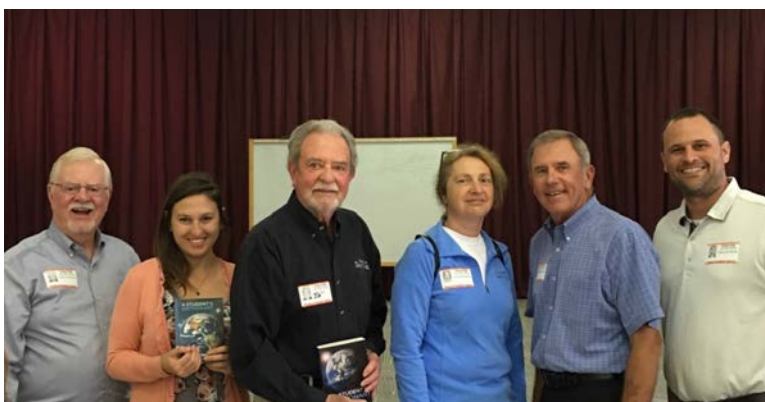
MTR grant 2016 Edwin Blanton from Ready, Willing...Enable! with MC Dick Davis

Members of the Rotary Club of Kerrville and its Satellite Club distribute dictionaries to elementary students in Kerrville

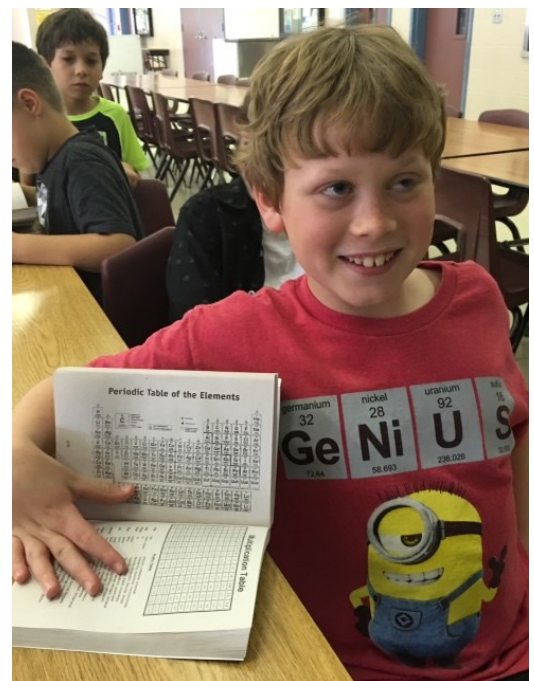
Submitted by Joseph Benham

Students at a half-dozen area schools have new dictionaries, thanks to the latest round of deliveries of the reference books by members of the Rotary Club of Kerrville and its satellite entity. 20 Rotarians took boxes containing just under 500 dictionaries to classes at Hunt, Center Point, Tom Daniels, Nimitz, Starkey and the Divide Elementary Schools. Another delivery will be made to Tally Elementary in May.

This was the sixth round of every-other-year dictionary presentations by Rotary Club of Kerrville officers and members. The service organization alternates with the Republican Women of Kerr County in making the deliveries.



L-R: George Eychner, Katharine Boyette, Dick Fitch, Veronique Rachefer, Paul Urban and Greg Peschel

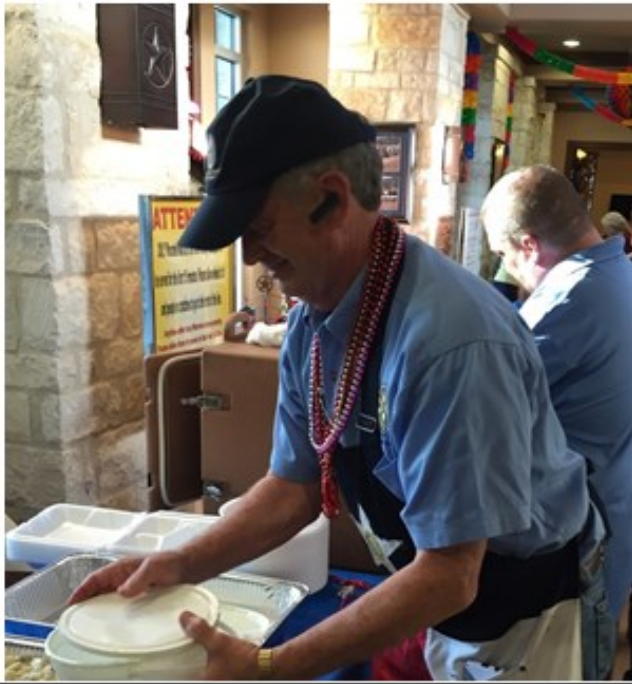


Nimitz third-grader Jace chose the appropriate shirt for the dictionary ceremony. His shirt and the dictionary display the Periodic Table of Elements

San Antonio North Central honors Wounded Warriors

Article and photos provided by Sherri Jaeger

On Thursday, March 31st, the North Central Rotary Club honored the Wounded Warriors with the second annual Post Mardi Gras Celebration at the Warrior Family Support Center at Ft. Sam Houston. The menu consisted of chicken and dumplings, barbecued ribs, ribs, red beans and rice, fried chicken, yeast rolls and bread pudding. Beverages were supplied by the Warrior Family Support Center. The following restaurants participated: Ma Harper's Creole Kitchen, River City Seafood & Grill, Acadiana Café, Chatman's Chicken, and The Barn Door Restaurant. Mardi Gras cups and beads were given to the families at the dinner. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all.



EDDIE HEINEMEIER GETS THE CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS READY TO SERVE.



MA HARPER SERVES BREAD PUDDING AND HER NIECE SERVES YEAST ROLLS.



DR. RICHARD RIGSBY SMILES FOR THE CAMERA.



DEAN PERRY AT THE POST MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION.

Kerrville Morning Rotary Gifts \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity Kerr County

Article and photo submitted by Ray Buck

Kerrville Morning Rotary recently gifted \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity Kerr County to further the construction of affordable housing. "Rotary's theme for this year is 'Be a Gift to the World,' and what better way to support that theme than to support those in our community who seek to improve the lives of their families with affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity has been a force for good in Kerrville by meeting that very important need for over 100 families," said Mike Hunter, Kerrville Morning Rotary President.

Habitat for Humanity Kerr County, organized in 1989, has built and sold 101 homes to local low income families. The families owning Habitat homes pay interest-free mortgages to further support the building of future homes. Habitat for Humanity Kerr County is a non-profit construction company and mortgage company with a mission to provide affordable home-ownership with a 'hand up, not a hand out' model of service. Habitat for Humanity Kerr County is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International, a world-wide organization with the mission of eliminating sub-standard housing in our world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.



Kerrville Morning Rotary President, Mike Hunter (l) and President-Elect, Waverly Jones (r), present \$1,000 gift to Philip Stacy, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity Kerr County

"As a fellow Rotarian, I totally agree with the motto, 'Service above Self.'" At Habitat we build homes for hard working folks, who probably could only dream of owning a home. One hundred percent of donations to Habitat for Humanity Kerr County go to fund the building of a home that will forever change the lives of the families who receive these homes as well as succeeding generations. Thanks to the Morning Rotary, these dreams are coming true," said Philip Stacy, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity Kerr County.

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Recap from Alamo Heights Night 2016

Article and photos submitted by Rick Berchin

The 30th Annual Alamo Heights Night, presented by the Alamo Heights Rotary Club and hosted by the University of the Incarnate Word, WAS GREAT!! A BIG THANK YOU to the dozens of vendors, hundreds of volunteers, thousands of attendees and great weather maker who made Alamo Heights Night 2016 one of the best ever. Three other District 5840 Rotary Clubs participated again in the event.

The food was great, the bands rocked the night: Suede, Hotcakes, and Rick Cavender were HOT all night, and the kids came out and had a great time. The University of the Incarnate Band led the way in when we opened and right on time at 10 p.m. we had an exciting FIREWORKS display set to music that lit up the night. Take some time to post your comments and share them with everyone. Put April 21, 2017, on your calendar for [#AlamoHeightsNight](#) 2017! VIVA FIESTA! Other clubs interested in participating in 2017, please contact Rick Berchin at info@creativechocolates.com

