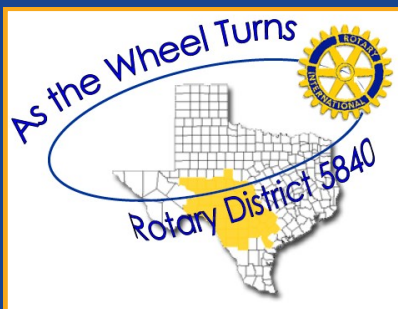




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4 questions about ... attracting young people to Rotary

with LaShonda Delivuk, club president, Rotary Club of Lynchburg-Morning, Virginia

1. You're 28 years old, and you joined Rotary when you were 23. Why did you get involved?

I live in a city where we really value community service. I heard about service clubs that way. At my Rotary club, we look to the community to let us know where the needs are, so we change our beneficiaries every year. I liked that we were actively involved in meeting the needs of the moment rather than being boxed in to one thing.

I also really liked that there were so many different types of people in the room that I wouldn't normally meet. Our former and current city manager are both in our club. I would not ordinarily have an opportunity to talk to the city manager, and now they are my friends. There are so many opportunities to be mentored by members of the club, people who are much further along in their journeys as CEOs and upper management. My husband and I had just started our business, and I have learned so much about entrepreneurship from people in the room.

2. How can Rotary clubs reach more young people?

I think many people just don't know about it. I have gotten in the habit of telling my friends about Rotary and what we are up to. I try to post about it on my personal Facebook wall. Word of mouth is extremely powerful; do projects that get you excited so that you naturally want to talk about them with your friends.

Millennials don't like to be talked at. They want you to talk with them and have a dialogue. Take people out for coffee – whether millennial, middle age, or older person. Talking with people is never going to go out of style.

3. Your club has grown from 40 to 60 members in the past four years. What can struggling clubs do differently?

We can't expect a vibrant club when we only invest in it on our meeting day; we have to have Rotary experiences outside of the meeting. People weren't going to service projects, because they didn't know when they were. We started to send email newsletters and post on our website and social media. We also have printed versions of things. You have to make sure you communicate in enough ways that everyone is reached.

We helped members find more opportunities to be with each other. I just added a page to our website called "Support a Rotarian." Often our members are part of fundraisers on their own, so it makes it easy for members to support each other.

We need to stop worrying about the numbers and worry about the people behind the numbers. If clubs return to family and fellowship, they will be fine. Celebrate life's events like getting into college or a promotion at work, and thank people for showing up. We have pregnant women, people with kids, and people with grandkids. We had so many people have their first child that we made Rotary onesies and gave them away. We are giving and serving, but it's not the main motivator; the motivator is that we have a community here and we, as a community, have a desire to serve.

4. What role should young people play in a club's member recruitment strategy?

People are more than numbers and labels. I'm cautious of elevating any age group, because we are all important. If we are recruiting recent retirees, these people are incredible, have lived full lives, and have money to give. Millennials are just one piece of the puzzle. Rotary attracts service-minded people, whatever their age.

Kathryn Hubbard District 5840 Governor

Greetings Rotarians,

It seems we just started this Rotary year and yet here we are in early September. I have visited about 12 of the clubs and I am inspired by the amount of planning, fundraisers, and service projects you have already participated in. You are all truly making an impact on your communities.

This past week our District Foundation Committee received and evaluated district grant requests from 22 of our clubs. 39 grants have been funded and Doug Whinnery is working hard to get the checks in the mail. This will enable a great number of service projects to happen within the district. Thanks to each of you that enabled your clubs to receive these funds so your club can do more both in the community and around the globe. A big thank you goes out to the District Foundation Committee who have worked hard to make this happen.

August is membership month and I know each of your clubs are working on a membership plan to increase retention in your clubs and to add great qualified people from the community. Just think what is possible in your clubs with new and existing engaged members. There are infinite possibilities.

This is the time of year that each club considers whom are the leaders in your club that would be excellent district governors to take our district further. Please consider the leaders in your clubs; it may be you; and talk to your club president to nominate that person for a district governor nominee. Remember the date for submission of the forms is Oct 1st.

What an exciting time for Rotary as we celebrate Women in Rotary. I thought I would include the history of this event courtesy of the ABC's of Rotary by PDG Cliff Dochterman.

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law that prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes. The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary. Since that time, women have become members and leaders of clubs and districts throughout the world.

I will admit I did not know the full history of this change in Rotary even though I joined Rotary in Jan 1990 not long after this decision rocked the world of Rotary. All the women of Rotary hope that each and every club are thankful for this decision. There is no doubt women have influenced Rotary in a positive way. Talk to some of the older gents in your club and see if they agree.

I wish you all well as you continue this Rotary year. I look forward to continuing to visit the clubs and meeting more of you spectacular Rotarians. Please let me know if I or any district officer can assist you.

Kathryn Hubbard
District 5840
District Governor 2018-19



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DRAWING & AUCTION
5PM**

Rotary Club of San Antonio South to the rescue

Article and photo submitted by Rosie Ramirez

As you reflect upon the Texas summer heat that we experienced the last couple months, we want to take the opportunity to share the great work completed by the Rotary Club of San Antonio South. During the week of July 16th, Rotarians pulled together for a local service project to provide fans to people in need. In just one week, the club collected a total of 29 fans and delivered them to the local fire station for distribution. While we focus on putting *Service Above Self*, we encourage you to think about the needs of your community and pull together as Rotarians.



DISTRICT CONFLICT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rotary is an organization which is characterized by members who work together for a common purpose in a spirit of camaraderie... almost all the time. Occasionally, however, things like goal ambiguity, a lack of role clarity, unclear procedures or even personality conflicts come into play. To assist individuals and organizations in these rare instances we have formed a District committee which is composed of individuals skilled in conflict resolution. The chair of this committee is Dr Don Van Eynde. He has a Master's Degree in Speech Communication and Human Relations and a Master's degree and a Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology. His diplomacy skills were honed while working as an advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Don's specialty is organizational change, helping leaders in areas such as future planning, conflict resolution, and team dynamics.



True to its name, the purpose of this committee is to help individuals and/or organizations resolve conflict which is inhibiting mission accomplishment. Its purpose is NOT to help one person win and another lose. The committee will be successful only if it helps facilitate a win – win solution.

The way the committee will operate will depend upon the situation. The usual method will be to begin with the collection and analysis of data about the situation. After a data feedback session the interested parties will be jointly involved with arriving at a working relationship and solution which meets the needs of the parties concerned. Along the way people will be taught active listening and feedback skills. The desired outcome is, most often, resolution of the conflict and the formation of a renewed spirit of partnership.

It is important to note that the process is not magic and that it works only if the parties concerned want it to. The committee will be deployed at the direction of the District Governor at the request of the club president and board. Dr. Van Eynde can be contacted at (830) 377-6670.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Kathryn Hubbard, DG 2018-19

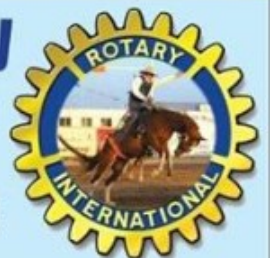


Photo above: left to right: Del Rio Rotary Club president Cynthia De Luna, Assistant Governor Gloria Wilson and president-elect Angela Prather showing off their Rotary Rodeo T-shirts and smiles.

14th Annual Del Rio Rotary Independence Day Rodeo

Val Verde County Fairgrounds • Del Rio, Texas

Friday, June 29 & Saturday, June 30, 2018



Rotary District 5840 Goals for 2018-2019

- Improve synergy between Clubs and District
- Enhance communication by leveraging ClubRunner, Rotary Club Central, & intermittent text/email communications [Business G Suite]
- Grow membership through service projects and social events with the goal of retaining members and adding one per club
- Increase Rotarian's interaction with our Youth Programs such as Early Act, Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange with an increase of 3 additional Rotaract clubs in the district communities
- Promote Rotary and our service projects through social media and MyRotary
- Grow Rotary knowledge and leadership through training in each division by hosting an information social [Meet, Greet, and Learn] in all 6 divisions to include membership, Public Image, Foundation, RLI, or whatever the clubs in the division request
- Encourage each Rotarian/Rotary club to contribute to the TRF
- Encourage a Polio Plus event in each division
- Identify and award a Hidden Hero in each club



District Governor Kathy Hubbard is asking each club to show a video on human trafficking that is put out by the Texas Attorney General office. "Be the One" is the name of the video. You can download the video or request the DVD from the following link:

<https://texasattorneygeneral.gov/human-trafficking/>

There is also a National Human trafficking hotline:

1-888-373-7888



Human trafficking is modern day slavery. Kevin Bales of Free the Slaves defines it as "a relationship in which one person is controlled by violence through violence, the threat of violence, or psychological coercion, has lost free will and free movement, is exploited economically, and paid nothing beyond subsistence."

Human trafficking is a media buzz word that often conjures images of brothels in Thailand or confusion with the ongoing Immigration debate. This innovative digital training tool cuts through the confusion, arms the viewer with an understanding of what human trafficking is and is not, and helps them recognize that this is a Texas problem with Texas buyers, sellers, and victims. It refocuses our attention on adults and children who are regularly exploited but are unlikely to self-identify as victims or seek help. This video walks the audience through actual cases prosecuted in the state of Texas, identifies the tools of traffickers and how they are typically utilized to obtain and maintain victims, and equips viewers with red flags and a reporting protocol. Most of all, it challenges Texans to change the culture in which we live from one that identifies with and honors perpetrators to one that provides safety, security, and genuine reintegration for the survivors of trafficking.

How You Can Get the Training Video

In addition to downloading the video from Vimeo, the training is also available upon request on USB and DVD.

•USBs

- * **If you are a state agency representative, you may request a USB of the training video for your agency.**
- * **To request a USB for your agency, please email betheone@oag.texas.gov with your agency name and mailing address.**

•DVDs

If you would like a DVD copy of the training video, you may request a copy at betheone@oag.texas.gov with your name and mailing address.

Both English and Spanish closed captioning included.

Don Strange Ranch Party



Rotary Club
of San Antonio

Thursday, September 13th at 6:30pm

★ Casino Tables ★ Dancing ★ Raffles ★ Other Fun Events ★

About the Event

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Don Strange Ranch Party. This annual event helps fund the Sam J. Riklin Rotary Diploma Plus Program. Started in 1991, the scholarship helps at-risk seniors stay in school and graduate with their high school diploma.

Food & Open Bar donated by Don Strange of Texas

Entertainment: Brian Strange and the Strange Brothers

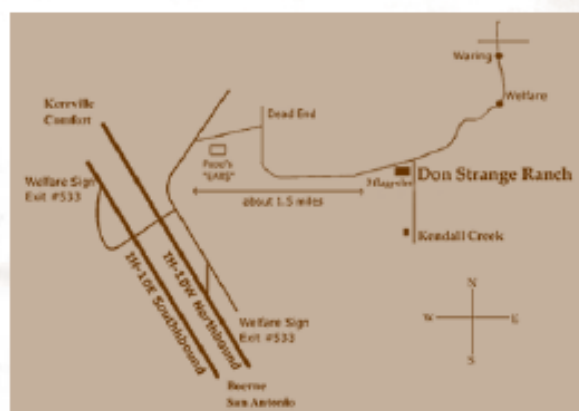
Dress: Casual / Western Wear. The venue is outdoors so please dress in comfortable clothes.

Directions to the Event

Coming from San Antonio proceed North on IH-10W, 7 miles past Boerne and take the Welfare Exit (#533). On the Exit road bear left, parallel to IH-10 a short way. Po Po's Restaurant will be on your right. There will be a Y in the road, stay to the right. At the dead end take a right and proceed approximately 1 mile. Turn after the three flagpoles. There is a sign that reads Don Strange Ranch (turn right). Kendall Creek is another mile after you take the right on the gravel road.

Coming from the North, proceed on IH-10 East to Welfare Exit (#533), cross under the IH-10 bridge and then follow the same directions as above.

If you are lost, please contact Anne Swift (857-0633) or Aimee Holland (364-5684) for assistance.



Take the Bus to the Event - *RSVP Required*

Party Buses will be available to take attendees to and from the event the night of the party. The buses will depart from the following locations at 5:30 PM and will return at the end of the event. Complimentary adult beverages will be provided. This is a FREE service.

- 1.) Alamo Heights United Methodist Church (825 E. Basse Road)
- 2.) O'Krent's Abby Flooring (2075 N Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, TX 78232)

Reservations must be made no later than Friday, September 7, 2018. To make your reservation, contact the Rotary office at 210-222-8242 X 11 or email assistant@rotarysa.org. Please indicate how many reservations you will require if leaving a message.

Meet one of this year's Diploma Plus recipients...

I have had many challenges recently that could prevent me from completing high school. The first is that my father was murdered in May. He was the sole provider for my family. He paid the bills, brought groceries, clothes and was my ride to and from school. My mom has had many health issues and is not able to work. She has had several heart attacks and had another one after my father was murdered. My dad did not have an insurance policy or any money saved up. His funeral left our family in an emotional and financial crisis. His death also left me in charge of taking care of my younger brothers and my mom. I also have had many health problems this past year. I had a surgery done earlier in the year to remove an ulcer in my stomach caused by stress.



Rotary Club
of San Antonio

Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 6:30 - 10:00 pm
Don Strange Ranch - Welfare, Texas

\$60 per ticket

Sponsorship Opportunities Available
(See reverse side for information)

Food & Beverages compliments of Don Strange of Texas

To purchase your tickets or to become a Sponsor,
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210-222-8242 X 11 ★ assistant@rotarysa.org

Learn more about Rotary and Diploma Plus
www.rotarysa.org

Interact in Rotary District 5840

Interact news in Eagle Pass

by Mike Canales

The Eagle Pass and CC Winn High School Interact clubs met with Mike Canales and two officers from the Winston School in San Antonio. After introductions the clubs shared information and discussed the possibility of conducting a project together later in the year. After the Interact meeting the Interactors met



with the Eagle Pass Rotary Club. RYLA and Youth Exchange were discussed. The Rotarians led by President William Davis stand ready to support the new Interact clubs. A note of gratitude goes out to Sonia Mijares, Eagle Pass HS Interact Sponsor, Rachel Draegerr, Rotarian Interact Adviser and President William.

Interact clubs “Stuff the Bus”

Several Rotary District 5840 Interact clubs participated in the “Stuff the Bus” project at the at or before the beginning school year. The school supply collection project was conducted at area HEB stores. Thanks go out to all the great young people that contributed to this very worthy cause.



South San Interact Club



Providence Interact Club



Winston School Interact Club



Basis Academy Interact Club



Madison Interact Club

MORE Interact in Rotary District 5840

Eleanor Kolitz Hebrew Language Academy (EKHLA) MS Interact Club

Submitted by Mike Canales

The Eleanor Kolitz Hebrew Language Academy (EKHLA) MS Interact Club is one of the newest and most active clubs in the District. The Interact Club which was chartered on March 13, 2017 has a membership of 15 in a school with a population of approximately 25 students in grades six through eight. The EKHLA MS Interact Club is sponsored by the San Antonio North Central Rotary club

This is what this truly amazing club has accomplished their first school year:

September 2017: Collected close to 100 pounds of food and necessities for Hurricane Harvey victims.

October 2017: Volunteered at the Annual Halloween Party hosted by the District at Morgan's Wonderland for children with disabilities.

November 2017: Raised over \$500 for the Wounded Warriors Project and participated in the Turkey Run where they helped deliver over 100 turkeys to low income families.

December 2017: Participated in the North Central Rotary Club's gift wrapping project. Interact members wrapped gifts for the children of over 50 low income families in the area.

February 2018: Organized a campus cleanup project at the Jewish Community Center. Members cleaned and collected garbage around the campus grounds.

April 2018: Organized a drive for the Roy Maas Youth Alternative Center. Items collected were delivered to the organization's Bridge Emergency Shelter, a 24-hour structured setting for youth.

May 2018: Collected over \$700 for infant formula. Worked in partnership with 210Help, a local organization that sends formula to a hospital in Venezuela where children are severely malnourished.

Interact Officers:

President: Sophia Childress

Vice-President: David Lerma

Secretary: Dietric Lozano

Treasurer: Anna Chester

Rotarian Adviser: Mr. Gilbert Serna

Adviser: Mrs. Sim Jawanda

Congratulations to this incredible group of young men and women! What a successful year!



Our exchange student from Japan, Ai Nakano, arrived at SA International Airport on August 15 and was met by several members of our club to welcome her. She will be going to AHHS this year and we will be hosting her stay. We will be arranging visits with us to club lunches during the year.

True Story - "The Little Round Wheel"

by Dwayne Hopkins

A few years ago, I wrote two true short stories of difficult times in my life. I was reminded of those two stories as a friend asked me to repost them. To be honest, I did think twice and even three times about posting these stories but I know they may touch someone's heart (these are posted to whoever the someone is). Both stories are very emotional for me and remain difficult today for me to read. The stories are not a perfect read but a reflection of a childhood in time written down from memories. One story is called the "The Round Rotary Wheel" and the other is called "GOD Lives". Both the stories are posted on LinkedIn. Enjoy friends. At Rotary Training Class, I was asked what is my Rotary Story.



If someone looked at me today they would never know me as a young boy and the difficulties. They would never know the difficult times and tears. They would never know a time of grief and sorrow. As a young boy (about 7 years old) I remember getting visits from several people in the Children's home that I lived in. My family faced a tragic difficulty when I was very young. My mother was killed in an automobile accident forcing my brothers (Robert and Charles), sister (MaryAnn) and I (four children total) into a state operated Children's home in Columbia S.C.

I have heard people say, we remember things as young children those things that played a dramatic impact in our lives while many other events are forgotten from our early years. We remember those things that stood out in our lives. I sure remember my mother's death but I also remember the children's home, and the people who visited the children on weekends during special Holidays like Christmas.

The children's home was difficult to live in. The children's home was just like one would see from the movies. Very strict rules, with punishment given by the belt, chores and soap in our mouths if we talked back or said a bad word. I guess compared to today's standards that is the old days stuff. Everything I experienced in the home was a process. It seemed like everyone was going through the motions with very little love. Looking back now, it is easy to see what love is or is not, but at the time it was all my siblings and I knew. I remember the cries at night from many children. Some missing family, parents or other difficulties. I remember crying during the night as one of the adults from the home yelled...lights out. My brothers and sister lived in different part of the children's home. The coldness of the children's home could be felt on the warmest South Carolina night. So cold, yet it was all we had in our difficult world. I was lucky if I was able to even see my brothers and sister during the day. Sometimes, it would be months before we crossed paths. Every once in a while, a special day would come when families would come out and visit the children in the Children's Home. While visiting a children's home may seem like a small thing to do, it sure made a difference in my life as a young child. Children would look forward to that day and hope to get selected or see a familiar family.

I looked forward to people visiting because my siblings and I did not have any other family in South Carolina. No one to visit us or provide comfort. The nearest family lived in Florida, which was a million miles in the eyes of a young boy in 1968. Families would come by and pick up children from the home on weekends and holidays, if the child was lucky to be selected. Some holidays would pass with no visitors while other holidays I was lucky to be selected. I remember being picked up by one family who would also take me to the race track. As I remember correctly, it was the start of NASCAR in America. Well, at least in my eyes. Wow, those cars were big. I sure loved seeing those wheels turn around. Maybe that was the beginning of my love for cars. During Christmas, families would drop off toys for children in the home. I remember getting toys from Toys-For-Tots. Those were the only toys we received during the entire year. A little joy on my friends face when receiving a small toy made all the difference in a children's home. In fact, I was lucky to be named King for Toys for Tots for Columbia S.C. in 1968. That was a big deal for a seven years old kid. However, most of all I remember the wheel.

At a young age, I did not understand the wheel. I did not understand what the wheel emblem meant or what it stood for. All I remember is seeing the wheel emblem, which I would later understand, as Rotary International. How could something such as an emblem (a Rotary Wheel) change someone's life? The first time I remember seeing the wheel was when a family would come sign me out from the children's home. The same family that took me to the race tracks. It was a chance for me get away from the children's home. That short get-away was my chance to be a kid. A chance to feel love of a family that was not always there. A time to not worry about anything and escape from the Children's home. I wish I could remember the families' names but I do remember that wheel. It was a simple wheel with Rotary spelled out. The rotary families would ensure I had a place to go during Christmas by inviting me into their home filled with love and happiness. During my entire stay in the home, people would come and sign me out on those special weekends. As I look back now (all grown up) I see how people come together to help others in the community as a Rotary club. The difference Rotary makes when reading a book to a first-grade student or providing a toy to a needy family during the holidays is a rewarding experience. It is easy to see the giving is not about the Rotarian. It is about Service Above Self while making a difference in someone's life. When my father returned from Vietnam, the rotary family stayed in contact with my father for a few years. I remember when I was about 10 years old I got all kinds of scouting equipment. Later, as a grown adult, I discovered the Rotary family provided the equipment that my family could not afford. It amazes me how much a single person in Rotary can make a difference in someone's life. Even after 48 years, I still remember that Rotary wheel as attend my weekly Rotary meetings. I still remember the wheel, the love and the kindness from the rotary family. Doing things for others is the most rewarding gift anyone can provide. While the remembrance of the rotary wheel is just a symbol to some. That symbol will always have a very special place in my heart as a sign of goodness in a very difficult time in my life. It is something that shows what one person, a family, group of people or a 1.2 million people strong can do for humanity. I will be forever grateful for those Rotary families and Rotary International.

What is Rotary? Rotary International is 1.2 million members strong. Rotary involves members from all around the world in about 200 different countries. Rotary clubs promote leadership, professional development and Service above self. Rotary first started in Chicago on Dearborn Street on February 23, 1905 and has grown to an International Organization. One of Rotary International acclaimed accomplishment is trying to eradicate polio worldwide. From a single person to small groups, large groups and an international organization, people can make a difference in our world in Rotary. It is amazing what people with a small little wheel as an emblem can do for little children in a town like Columbia S.C. or in towns all around the world. I will always remember the wheel. To a young child, the wheel is a gift, kindness, love and caring. Now, as a Rotarian, I look into a child's eyes in a school or disadvantage family member, I see a little part of me as my eyes tear up. I flash back to difficult times and see the light shining on a Little Round Rotary Wheel. Forever, a Rotary member.

The Dominion Rotary Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot For Hope Fundraiser



Friday, April 18, 2019

San Antonio Gun Club

Check-in begins at 1 Hour prior to your
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- Cactus Pear Music Festival
- Safety Whys
- Sights Unseen
- Rotary Youth Organizations
- Other Charities Sponsored by
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San Antonio Gun Club - Olmos Park

928 E. Contour Blvd. San Antonio, TX 78212

Staggered Start - 4 Shooter Flights (1, 2, 3, 4pm)

Flight Check-In: 1 hour before shoot time

(4 Shooters Per/Field, 5 Fields, 5 Stations, 50 Targets)

Noon: Check-In/Registration for 1st Flight

1:00pm Clay Shoot Begins - First Flight

5:30pm: BBQ Dinner, Drinks, Dessert

- Live Music by Clifton Jansky!

6:30pm Awards, Silent Auction

Individuals & Teams Welcome

- \$200 per shooter
- \$700 Per Team of Four Shooters
- \$50 Per Non-Shooter / Dinner-Reception
- All shooters **MUST** provide email & phone #

Silent Auction, Reception, Drinks, Food,
Music & Fun!

- **Ammo Provided!** 2 Boxes - 12ga or 20ga #8
(5 Stand Format - 20 Shooters per/flight)
- All Net Proceeds Allocated to Benefitted
Organizations!

Questions?

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Hondo-D'Hanis Rotarians serve hot dogs

Submitted by Jannie Bryant

Rotarians from the **Hondo-D'Hanis Rotary Club** made and served hot dogs at the Hondo Library Summer Reading Program Pool Party on July 28th.

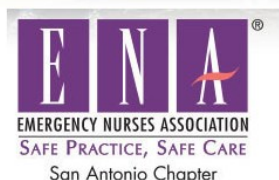


The **Rotary Club of Brady** raised funds for school supplies on a recent Saturday morning. Posted on Facebook by Bill Phillpotts.



Practical and Passionate: Member's Baby-sitting Course Hits the Road

By Angela Mapes Turner ENA Connection Contributor



When emergency nurse Barbara Baldwin, RN, developed a baby-sitting training program, Safety Whys, she looked to adults with the expertise — and the passion — to inspire and mentor children. In collaboration with the ENA San Antonio Chapter, Safety Whys offers boys and girls ages 11 to 17 a seven-hour course, packed with hands-on training led by professionals including nurses, firefighters and law enforcement officers. Many of the instructors often say they are surprised at how engaged their young students are, but it's the instructors' enthusiasm that sparks interest from their students, Baldwin boasted. "That passion is there," she said. "That's what I've seen come through to the kids."

Safety Whys' history intertwines closely with ENA, dating back to the late 1980s, when Baldwin heard someone at a Texas ENA State Council meeting mention a baby-sitting course at a hospital. She formed her class in 1989, giving it the play-on-words name of Safety Whys. The course includes CPR and Heimlich demonstrations and training in crime prevention, fire, electrical and natural gas safety, first aid and infection control. Additionally, students are given advice on how to safely and

professionally establish their baby-sitting business. safety Whys graduates put their training to work — in some cases, right away. Baldwin recounted a story of a 12-year-old baby sitter who took the class just one day before performing the Heimlich maneuver on a choking 3-year-old. "These students are phenomenal," Baldwin remarked. Safety Whys classes include a segment dedicated to leadership. Baldwin hopes for kids to make connections that will be valuable for their future and gain experience as leaders. That's certainly been the case for graduate A.G., a 15-year-old high school freshman from the San Antonio area. A.G. had been baby-sitting her younger sister since a young age, but she was reluctant to embrace the Safety Whys course, in which A.G.'s mother had enrolled her. She was shy, she said, and didn't like talking in a group of strangers. But she found herself engrossed in the training, so much that she gained the confidence to be chosen as an assistant at the next class. She has also talked with other students about Safety Whys over the phone. "It's a very fulfilling journey," A.G. said. "It's very exciting and fun, and you get to know a lot of people." And, of course, she feels her baby-sitting skills have improved immensely, especially in how she offers proactive alternatives to bored children and healthy boundaries to challenging ones.

ENA's San Antonio chapter and the **Rotary Club of San Antonio at the Dominion** have supported Safety Whys for many years. Drawing on those experiences, Baldwin looks up ENA and Rotary chapters within a 25-mile radius of her travel destinations and visits as many as she can. "I have seen the value of the mix of the two organizations, which is why I want to pursue that blend in the expansion of the program," she said.

"I have resources I can use, because I was taught that at the class," she said. Baldwin continues to lead by example, by taking on new challenges. In the early 2000s, she saw an opportunity to give recognition to the dedicated people of all ages who provide baby-sitting services. Working with former Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, National Babysitters Day was introduced. The holiday is observed the Saturday before Mother's Day. In 2014, Baldwin launched an ambitious outreach project. A bright yellow tour coach, emblazoned with information about Safety Whys, became a temporary summer home for Baldwin and her husband as they travel the 50 states to promote responsible baby-sitting.



While Baldwin wasn't able to bring along student ambassadors as she'd hoped, due to liability concerns, she and her husband have visited 28 states so far in the tour coach — navigating low-clearance overpasses and flat tires along the way. "It's been a learning experience," she said with a laugh. On June 20, Baldwin and her husband will embark on a 5,200-mile trip during which they'll visit Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. ENA's The Baldwins stopped at the ENA national office in Des Plaines, Illinois, last summer as they toured seven states in the Midwest and the South.

The project will wrap up in 2020, when Baldwin takes Safety Whys' message as far away as Hawaii, where she's already building contacts in anticipation of her visit. On the back of the bus is a picture of ENA co-founder Judith Kelleher, with the words, "In loving memory." While traveling, she carries in spirit a treasured mentor. On the back of the bus is a picture of ENA co-founder Judith Kelleher, with the words, "In loving memory." The memorial is Baldwin's way of maintaining a promise she made to Kelleher's family to keep her memory alive. Their friendship began in the early 1970s, when Baldwin, a senior in nurse training at the time, wrote to Kelleher about an article she had published. They began corresponding, and Kelleher told her about an upcoming ENA event in Houston.

Baldwin went, stopping at a McDonald's crowded with nurses before the event. She didn't know anyone, but was invited to sit with a group. Later, she learned one of the women at her table was ENA co-founder Anita Dorr.

Baldwin kept active with ENA, and when Kelleher told her about an event in California, where she lived, Baldwin made the trip and met her mentor in person. Their friendship continued through the years, with a mutual regard for each other's interests. Kelleher would send her articles about baby-sitter training when Baldwin decided to pursue developing Safety Whys. "She took me under her wing. We just hit it off," Baldwin said. "We got into a friendship that I treasured." Just as she saw Kelleher's role grow in ENA over the decades, Baldwin found her own nursing niche: sharing Safety Whys' message of "Promoting Responsible Youth for Helping Kids" wherever she goes. "This must be my mission," she said, "because I've been doing it since '89, and I'm still excited about it."

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Rotary Club of San Antonio West awarded Rotary Foundation District Grant



Hooray! Our 2018-2019 Rotary Foundation District Grant was approved today. This will help fund humanitarian and educational service projects for twenty-two clubs in D5840. Project examples: adoption awareness event, pediatric medicines in Mexico, Thanksgiving and Christmas for needy folks, scholarships, lunch for veterans at the senior center, school supplies, library books, playgrounds, food in backpacks for school kids and many more. We expect the funds from The Rotary Foundation to arrive this week and will immediately put checks in the mail to clubs. If you applied, please ensure our District Grants Chair has your mailing address where you want your check sent.
 PDG Jerry Hardy, District Rotary Foundation Chair



Lonesome
Dove Fest
Black Gold
Shoot-out

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Karnes City Rotary Club

BLACK GOLD SHOOTOUT

Thursday, September 13th

Registration 8:00-9:30; Shotgun Start 9:30

5 man teams - \$500 per team

Two Divisions - A & B

50 Bird Sporting Clay

Plus: Two Man Team 30 Bird Flush - \$10 per man

Cash prizes awarded to winners

Cold drinks provided during shoot

(NO ALCOHALIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED BEFORE OR DURING THE SHOOTING EVENT)

Complimentary Noon Meal

Adult beverages after shooting completed

For more information and to register contact:

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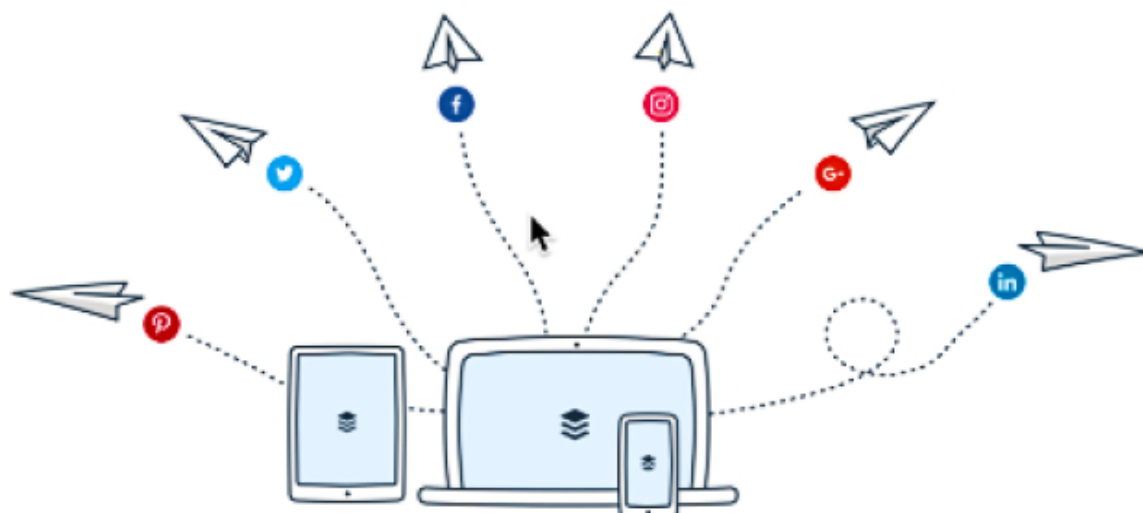
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<http://www.lonesomedovefest.com>

Every year the **Karnes City Rotary Club** hosts an annual event called Lonesome Dove Fest. This year is our 25th Silver Anniversary September 13, 14, and 15, 2018. On Thursday we have a "Black Gold Shoot" for the oil and gas industry vendors to participate. Friday is "Youth Day" from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. and several students from many students from around our area come to learn and network during this time, and the event is closed to the public during Youth Day. Friday evening is open to the public and we have food vendors, store vendors, and entertainment that night. Saturday at 10:00 a.m. downtown Karnes City is our parade, then everything else from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight is at the Karnes County Youth Show Barn. We have clay shooting events, entertainment, family/kid friendly areas and events, music, food, karaoke, and on and on for the main day of this grand event on Saturday, September 15th.

Are computers not your best friend? Then the new media.posts@rotary5840.org e-mail is for you. District Governor Kathy is asking all the Rotary clubs on her visits around our District to send photos to share with the rest of the district. When you are sending an e-mail, please specifically mention if the information is for the website, Facebook, or the district newsletter.



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Rotary District 5840 - South Central Texas

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 - WHAT is taking place in the photo.
 - WHERE will(or did) this event take place (?club)
 - WHEN did this happen (dates & times)
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Rotary District 5840 Speakers' Bureau

In response to the request of many Rotarians, your Rotary District 5840 Leadership Team has created a Speakers' Bureau, to give your club a selection of dynamic, inspiring speakers, who are willing to speak at no charge. Ideally, our Speakers' Bureau list will allow your club to conveniently contact, invite and coordinate all logistics, well in advance of your weekly meetings, special events or service projects. Uplifting speakers may keep you, your members, prospects and guests, meaningfully engaged with Rotary's ideals.

To become a member of our Speakers' Bureau please email the speaker's name, contact information and their topics to: alice.white@ttu.edu Topics that are engaging will help attract a larger audience for your club's programs. Information regarding the Speakers' Bureau is now available on the District website: www.rotary5840.org Thank you for your help, as your sharing of Rotary and the many things it is doing around the world enriches all of our lives.

