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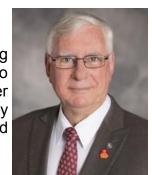
Rotary District 5840 Leaders

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Kathryn Hubbard monk7105@gmail.com DGE

Dear fellow Rotarians.

Mexico is now on a long road to recovery after two powerful earthquakes earlier month, followed aftershocks that occurred over last weekend.



When disaster strikes.

Rotarians reach out and ask how they can help. district International staff contact governors in affected areas to determine how best to direct any offers of aid. They have been working diligently with governors all over the world to help address recent natural disasters. To help in Mexico, a donor advised fund has been created to accept contributions for earthquake relief efforts.

If you would like to help, please go to the following link to contribute online:

https://www.your-fundaccount.com/rotary/

HowToContribute.asp. You will need to provide the following information when making your donation: The Mexico Earthquake Recovery Fund, account number #613.

To contribute by wire transfer, please contact The Rotary Foundation Planned Giving team at +1-847-866-3100 or planned.giving@rotary.org

As a reminder, contributions can only be made in U.S. dollars and cannot be made by money order or cashier's check.

Please share this information with your fellow Rotarians and Rotary clubs. If you have any questions, contact relief@rotary.org.

Best regards,

Ian Riselev Rotary International President, 2017-18

Carol Holmes, **District 5840 Governor**

October is Polio Recognition Month and October 24 is World Polio Day. What are you doing in your community to recognize polio? There are numerous clubs having "Pints for Polio" events. You will find many of them listed on our website www.rotary5840.org



So many people in our District have been involved with inoculations for polio all over the world. I know there are many, but the ones that come to mind are Sherri and Al Muniz, Dr. Linda Cook, Judy and John Hutcherson, our DGN, will be Riding for Polio in Tucson, Arizona. He and Bill Phillpotts rode their bikes last year and will be going back this year. Please give John a call and support him both emotionally and financially.

Sometimes we think polio does not affect us here in the U.S. But, one of my friends, who is 10 years younger than me, contracted polio in Texas when she was three years old. She still wears a brace on her leg. When I was a little girl, there was a lady in our church who lived in an iron lung. I remember our Sunday School Class going to visit her and singing songs. Her face would light up. Yes, I was affected by that even as a child. There are still those all over the world who need our support and our financial Talk to your Foundation Chair about contributing to Polio Plus.

On October 28 will be our first Rotary Leadership Institute for the year. You may register for it as well on the website. Stephanie Macchia is in charge of RLI and there will be Parts 1, 2, and 3 offered that day.

If you would like to save money on our District Conference which will be at Horseshoe Bay Resort, May 4-6, 2018, early registration by November 1 will give you the savings. We have never had a District Conference at Horseshoe Bay and there will be something for everyone. There will be a golf tournament on Friday afternoon, great fellowship, good food, dynamic speakers, time to experience the resort itself. You may register on line now at www.rotary5840.org See you at Horseshoe Bay.

On November 4 there will be an Interact Conference at Winston School in San Antonio. Many of our students will be attending throughout the District. It will be a fun time for all those who attend. Mike Canales has done a great job and has established several new Interact Clubs this year. If you would like to establish an Interact Club in your high school, please call Mike at (210) 275-8633 or e-mail him at:

mcanales@winston-sa.org





OCTOBER 31 | 4:30pm - 8:30pm

For ages 12 and under. Special-needs individuals welcome regardless of age.

Wear your delightful-not-frightful Halloween costume for a safe night of trick-or-treating plus enjoy your favorite Morgan's Wonderland rides and attractions!

Bring in four non-perishable food items (per person) between
October 1st - October 30th to receive a free admission ticket for October 31st.
Food drop-off times: Mon.- Sat. 9am-5pm or Sunday 11am-4pm

Purchase admission tickets for \$5 (per person) anytime between October 1st - October 31st.



With additional support from graham

Food donations and a portion of the proceeds will benefit



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Rotarians around the District will be volunteering their time and talent to help at the 5th Annual Morgan's Wonderland Halloween event.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear their costumes for a safe night of trick-or-treating for approximately 3,500 handicapped children.

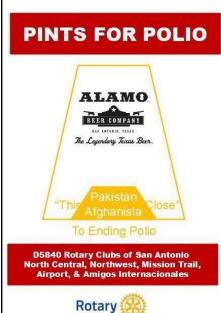
Attendees who bring in four non-perishable food items (per person) between October 1st-October 31st, will receive one free admission ticket. Food drop off times:

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Admission tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 per person, anytime between October 1st - October 31st.

This is the fifth year that Rotary District 5840 is sponsoring this event. If you would like to volunteer for the District event, please contact Jo Ann Browne at (210) 316-5455 or at joannbrowne1@gmail.com



Purchase tickets at https://sanantoniopintsforpolio2017.eventbrite.com



Thursday, October 19th 6:00PM – 9:00PM Alamo Beer

\$20 donation will get you a T-shirt, first beer, and Pint glass with the "End Polio Now" logo

\$10 donation to be a Designated Driver will get you a pint glass and T-shirt

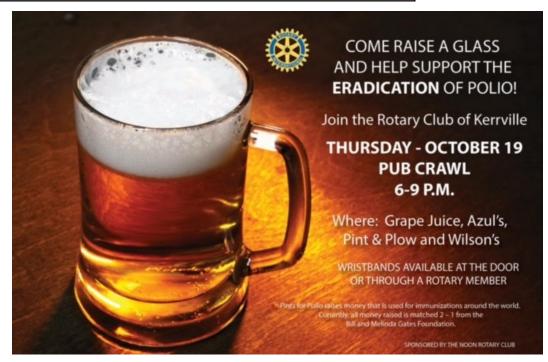
Event T-shirts and "End Polio Now" pint glasses will also be available for purchase

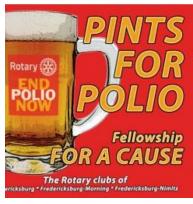
50% of proceeds will directly support the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus. 50% of proceeds will support International Relief*

\$500, \$250, & \$100 Sponsorships Available: Contact Monica Gutierrez d5840pintsforpolio@gmail.com or 210-288-6412

*International Relief: Toilets for India, ShelterBox, etc







Join Local Rotarians Have a Pint to Fight Polio October 24 - 5:00 pm - Close

Western Edge Cellars 228 W Main St, Fredericksburg, TX

\$20 Donation

Includes 2 "pints"

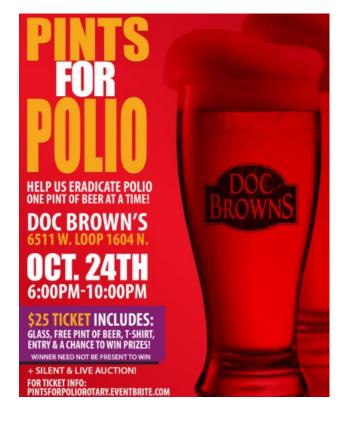
ALL proceeds will directly support the Rotary End Polio Now Campaign. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match all donations \$2 to \$1.



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District 5840



Rotary Leadership Institute

It's not too late to sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute on October 28th. Parts I, II & III will be offered. The classes will be at The Academy at Morgan's Wonderland from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration and more information is on the District website at www.rotary5840.org

Rotary Leadership Institute is for anyone who wants to learn more about Rotary and Leadership skills. It is great for new members and for those of us that have been around awhile.

If you have any questions, please contact PDG Stephanie Macchia at smacchia@elmslaw.com or (210) 349.8888.





Happenings from the Eastern part of Rotary District 5840





New Braunfels Rotarians working hard at the Comal County Fair.



Members of the Seguin Rotary Club recently participated in a Bratwurst fundraiser at Oktoberfest, a women's workday at Habitat for Humanity, and the Tour de Pecan cycling event, ALL ON THE SAME WEEKEND!



We are adding a new feature to our District Newsletter. It will be a question and answer "Spotlight" on our Assistant Governors. Did you know that Rotary District 5840 has 18 Assistant Governors? They meet with their respective clubs at least once a quarter either in person, by phone, or by web conference. Listening to the clubs enables the Assistant Governor to discuss their concerns and needs, and provide information, resources, and advice that will allow them to be more successful. The Assistant Governors keep our District Governor, Carol Holmes, up to date on each club's progress

and identify areas that may need attention.

Paul Swan, Assistant Governor

Area 1 (San Antonio Alamo Heights, San Antonio Northeast, San Antonio Riverwalk)

2013 Joined Rotary

2014 President-Elect

2015 Club President

2016 District Grant Selection Committee / Rotary Leadership Institute Facilitator

2017 Assistant Governor

Q: How did you hear about Rotary and when did you become a member?

A: A Friend named Ron Cisneros invited me to a meeting of a newly chartered club in Boerne Texas. It was an evening club and that suited my busy work schedule. This was in April 2013. I was inducted on July1, 2013.

Q: What is your home club?

A: Boerne Moontime Rotary Club.

Q: Was Rotary a good fit for you right away or did it take you time to become comfortable?

A: It was a good fit right away. I really enjoyed interacting with the members of the club. I like to meet and talk to interesting people.

Q: What moment made you see the importance of your involvement in Rotary?

A: When I went on my first international global grant project to Aguascalientes Mexico with Robert Cisneros and Don Jones. That trip opened my eyes as to the magnitude and importance of the organization that I am now a member of.

Q: What do you most want to accomplish as an Assistant Governor?

A: To develop a relationship with the Presidents of the clubs that I support and to assist the District Governor to further the mission of rotary in our district.

Q: If you could have a personal conversation with every Rotarian in every club in your area, what would you say to each of them?

A: I would like to convey to members that this district really cares about the success of every club no matter how large or small, and if we all work together we can combine our strengths to be one powerful force for good in the world.

Q: Do you have any specific suggestions for the clubs in your area?

A: To keep working together. Three years ago while I was president of my club I got together with the Three other presidents in Boerne and Fair Oaks to begin working together on new projects for our community. Pints for Polio was one of the successful events that has continued to be an annual event. The Dominion club joined this year and we hope to keep up the good relations between the clubs for a long time to come.

Q: What has been the best part of working with the clubs in your area?

A: Same as above

Q: What advice would you give a Rotarian interested in following in your footsteps to leadership?

A: To follow their heart, for this is a labor of love. A love for people and a love for oneself.

San Angelo Rotary Club sponsors Fire Prevention Month By Roland and Catalina Peña

KLST's Meteorologist Adam Solarczyk and Sparky the Fire Dog were on hand to recognize first place winners of the third, fourth, and fifth grade fire safety poster drawing contest. The San Angelo Rotary Club has worked with the City Fire Marshal and sponsored the awards during Fire Prevention Month for over 41 years. Teacher, students, and parents were invited to the lunch recognition.

The San Angelo Rotary Club meets on Friday at 11:30 a.m. at Zentner's Daughter Steak House, 1901 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, TX 76904.





For more information, please go to their website at: https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4253



Carrie Campbell, Assistant Governor

Area 13 (Greater San Marcos; San Marcos; Wimberley)

Q: How did you hear about Rotary and when did you become a member?

A: I joined Rotary in 2003. At the time, I had a 2 year old and was 6 months pregnant. My father was a devoted member of the local Lions Club and serving as Club

President. Like him, I wanted to serve my community, but the Lions Club was not a good fit for my young family. A friend invited me to lunch at a Rotary meeting. Its meetings were during the work day, versus night time. The service work of Rotary would also permit me to bring my kids with me. Rotary made it easy to join.

Q: What is your home club?

A: Wimberley

Q: Was Rotary a good fit for you right away or did it take you time to become comfortable?

A: I joined knowing very little about Rotary. While it fit my family life, it took more than a year for me to identify myself as a Rotarian. This process was aided by our Club President asking me to write the monthly newsletter that allowed me to get to know my fellow club members and learn about Rotary events and projects.

Q: What moment made you see the importance of your involvement in Rotary?

A: The Rotary Club of Wimberley spent several years helping the local arts community get established. Once we felt that goal was reached, we floundered for a few years until re-branding ourselves as Rotary Loves Readers. During the slow years, we adopted a family each year to help transition into a new Habitat for Humanity home. Our first year, we adopted a young teacher with 3 children whose husband had died unexpectedly. When we asked how we could assist her, it was not money or any material things she requested. She asked for help in going through her husband's things, pack and move the family's belongings into the new home. Half our club met at her home on a Friday morning. We spent all day sorting through her husband's clothing, tools and personal effects. He had been a carpenter and had many fine tools. She donated them all to Habitat for Humanity. It was an extremely emotional day, and hard work. But those of us there remember it well. It was the Rotary moment that illustrated that Rotary is about relationships. That teacher is now one of our most enthusiastic Rotarians and the sponsor of our Interact Club at Wimberley High School. She is the first of many good friends I have made through Rotary.

Q: What do you most want to accomplish as an Assistant Governor?

A: I want the Rotarians under my guidance to see the District leadership as a resource, here to help them succeed.

Q: If you could have a personal conversation with every Rotarian in every club in your area, what would you say to each of them?

A: You get out of Rotary what you put into Rotary. It can be so much more than a meal once a week or something to list on a resume. It can be your 2nd family if you are willing to open your heart and work together for common goals. The fun happens as friendships develop.

Q: Do you have any specific suggestions for the clubs in your area?

A: Get to know your members and their skills/talents, then stop asking for volunteers. Contact the right person for the job and ask that person directly for the help needed. You will hardly ever get a "no" and the work load will be more fairly distributed. You will also get greater participation if you match your membership with your projects. Clubs change and it is always a good idea to revisit the club's goals to see if adjustments need to be made.

Q: What has been the best part of working with the clubs in your area?

A; I have greatly enjoyed expanding my knowledge of Rotary and sharing it with new friends. It is still all about the relationships for me.

Q: What advice would you give a Rotarian interested in following in your footsteps to leadership?

A: Don't try to follow in my footsteps. Make your own path. If you want to be of use, start by being yourself and sharing your unique gifts.

San Antonio South Rotarians clean up SW Military

Members of the San Antonio South Rotary Club and Teen Challenge were up early on Saturday, October 14th cleaning up trash on SW Military as part of an Adopt A Highway program.











Join San Angelo Rotary Club for a night with Past Rotary International President

RAY KLINGINSMITH

ROTARY FOUNDATION
"AN EXAMPLE OF COWBOY LOGIC"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017 COCKTAILS AT 6:00 PM (CASH BAR) DINNER & PRESENTATION AT 7:00 PM

> SAN ANGELO COUNTRY CLUB 1609 COUNTRY CLUB RD SAN ANGELO. TX

Purchase Tickets Online
https://sanangelorotary.eventbrite.com
or mail a check to
PO Box 249
San Angelo, Tx, 76902

Deadline to reserve seating is November 8th

Hotel Reservations:
Fairfield Inn & Suites
1459 Knickerbocker Rd.
San Angelo, TX
(325) 482-8400
Indicate Rotary for special rate

\$40 per ticket (Includes meal and chance for a Paul Harris Fellow) Business Attire

> For more information please email sarotary@aol.com

Fantastic turnout for Madison Interact Club meeting

by Mike Canales

Over 60 Interact members attended the Madison HS Interact Club meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. This very well could be the largest Interact club in the district. This is especially significantly since the club is one of the newest in the district—it was chartered in February of 2016. Credit for the tremendous increase in membership goes to the entire Madison team, starting with their sponsors, Mrs. Lauren McDonald and Ms. Mary Kay Motley, along with their energetic club President, Nimbe Vermeer and the rest of the officers.

The club already has several projects lined up for the October/November months. They will be volunteering at the Buddy Walk on October 7, the Walk for Alzheimer's on October 21, and the Walk for Diabetes on November 4 just to name a few.



Last year the Madison School HS Interact club was only one of three clubs to receive the prestigious Presidential Citation, which is awarded by the President of Rotary International. The Northeast Rotary Club is the proud sponsor of this amazing club.

Rotary International District 5840 Celebr8 Success Registration May 4-6, 2018 – Horseshoe Bay Resort

Friday All Clubs Luncheon only:

\$40.00 per person (pre-registered) \$50.00 per person (walk-in)

Full conference registration: Includes the following list of events.

Friday All Clubs Lunch

Friday night dinner buffet with Rotarian engagement "Drumming Up Rotary" event featuring Drum Café Saturday breakfast

Saturday morning activities with Youth Services and box lunch Saturday afternoon Spouse/Partner program Saturday Gala Dinner at Yacht Club Sunday morning farewell

\$200.00 per person if registered by Nov 1, 2017 (Savings of \$100 per person)

\$250.00 per person if registered by Feb 1, 2018 \$300.00 per person if registered by Apr 15, 2018

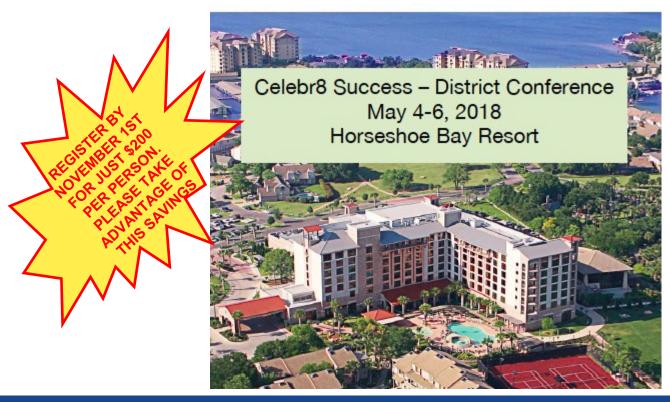
Hotel room price per night: Cut off date for hotel reservations is April 3, 2018; *hotel rate is good for any night between Wednesday May 2 to Monday May 7.

\$179.00 plus tax

Celebr8 Success with us at this world-class golf and lake resort

destination, Horseshoe Bay Resort

Hotel reservations can be made online or call 1-877-611-0112 and use our group code "ROTARY 18"



SEEKING COMMUNICATION MINDED ROTARIANS



Become a part of the happening District digital media team.

We are seeking Rotarians with special skills in



Communications: Writers/bloggers, Photographers/Graphics designers, Videographers, Reporters, Social Media.

If you would like to work with the District 5840 Digital Team, please contact Jan King, District 5840 Public Image Chair, at jan.king@outlook.com

ATTENTION CLUB NEWSLETTER WRITERS

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If you are in charge of your Rotary Club's newsletter, there is now an easy to use club newsletter creator that works seamlessly with your club's membership list. This story is great news for you "would be publishers" that have been struggling all these years trying to manage your club's weekly newsletters.

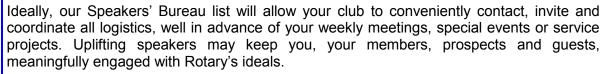


ClubRunner has a new bulletin creator tool that makes it very easy to stay in touch with all of your club's members and keep them up to date on the good things going on with your club. The great part is the bulletin tool is part of the Rotary District 5840 Website.

To see this great new tool, go to www.Rotary5840.org Go to the top right corner of the page and use member login to gain access to the District's 5840 member area. Look for the tab or hyperlink marked eBulletin 3.0 and you should see a page similar to the one below.

If you do not have access to this website please contact your CLUB PRESIDENT or CLUB TECHNOLOGY CHAIR and they will help you with the website login procedures.

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.





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.

At your service,

Carol Holmes, 2017-2018 Rotary District 5840 Governor