



**RRA**  
Research Recreation Association

# HAPPY TIMES

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*You're invited!*

## 2021 RRA Picnic

## Holiday Magic – SeaWorld Style



**Saturday, December 4 - 9 AM - 9 PM**

Our group will have exclusive access from 9 AM – 1 PM then beginning at 1 PM, the park opens to the general public and all guests mix in for the annual Christmas Celebration and largest display of lights in the state.



### Your Day Includes:

- All day admission
- Free parking (picnic day only)
- Buffet lunch
- Thrilling rides (waterpark will be closed)
- Christmas Celebration
- 2022 Season Pass Upgrade Options

### Ticket prices:\*

Employee and spouse (or 1 guest) – \$10.00 ea.  
Dependent children (ages 3 and up) – \$10.00 ea.  
SwRI retiree and spouse (or 1 guest) – \$10.00 ea.  
Additional guest – \$44.00 ea.

### Buffet Lunch:

Serving grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, potato chips, SeaWorld's Signature Baked Beans, dessert, and Coke products. One hour meal times starting at 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM.



### Purchase tickets at the SwRI Fitness Center

- October 11 – November 12
- Free Parking - \$25 value
- Season Pass offers starting at \$20
  - 20% off Animal Tours
- NEW! Texas Stingray Coaster – longest, tallest, fastest wooden coaster in Texas



**View RRA website for pass Upgrade Option [rra.swri.org](http://rra.swri.org) (internal link) or [retirees.swri.org](http://retirees.swri.org)**

\* Employees must present their SwRI, Texas Biomed, or SwRCFCU employee ID when purchasing tickets. Discount prices are for employees, their immediate dependents, and SwRI retirees only. The number of tickets you can purchase at the discounted price must correspond with the number of eligible dependents stated on the voucher held at the Fitness Center. Additional tickets may be purchased at the guest price. Tickets are nontransferable. Call 210-522-5100 for more information.



# *October 2021* *Virtual RRA Classes*

**Thursday, October 7 ▪ 7:00 PM**



**Click to RSVP**

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**Thursday, October 14 ▪ 7:30 PM**

The background for the 'Halloween Mixology' section features a glowing jack-o'-lantern on the left and a martini glass filled with a red liquid on the right, set against a fiery, orange and red background.

## *Halloween Mixology*

**Click to RSVP**

Events are free, RSVP to receive the supply list and special link to access our exclusive, live-streamed session. Session will be aired via Vimeo and can be streamed to smart TVs as well as being used on mobile devices. It will also be recorded and accessible on the RRA website for two weeks. Sponsored by the RRA, for inquiries contact [rra@swri.org](mailto:rra@swri.org) or 210-522-5100.



NOVEMBER 2021

# RRA Virtual Classes



## *Floral* FOR *Holidays*



Thursday, November 4 • 7:00 pm – [Click to RSVP](#)

— COOKING CLASS —

## *Festive Holiday Menu*

Thursday, November 11 • 7:00 pm

[Click to RSVP](#)



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# Snowmageddon Survival!



Get your  
T-shirts +  
Frozen  
Treats!

**T**he RRA will commemorate the incredible winter freeze we all survived by giving away frozen treats and t-shirts.

**Tuesday, October 19 at the Slick Café\***

● 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

● 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

\* For inquiries contact Mary Ramos at [mramos@swri.org](mailto:mramos@swri.org) or x3353.

## RRA Blood Drives

# SAVE A LIFE GIVE BLOOD

October 14 (Thurs. 9am – 3pm)

November 11 (Thurs. 9am – 3pm)

Schedule your appointment at **RRA Blood Drive**. Bring a co-worker too! Blood donors must wait at least eight weeks between donations.

FREE ICE CREAM at all RRA Blood Drives

## Slick Talkers Toastmasters Club

**Slick Talkers** meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. If you want to improve your speaking and leadership skills, Toastmasters is for you. Following the guidance of Toastmasters International, you learn at your own pace. This is also an opportunity to network with other SwRI staff and folks in the nearby community who have the same goals. A Toastmasters club is a safe place to practice the skills you want to improve.

Our meetings are virtual from 11:30AM-12:30PM.

Call Bobby x3371 or Eva x2237 for meeting number.

**Fridays, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19**

Please join us. Questions? Contact Eva Carpenter, x2237.

# RRA DISCOUNTS

Discounts are subject to change without prior notice and do not constitute a contract, express or implied, between companies, staff members or employees of Southwest Research Institute, or Texas Biomedical Institute.



## February 20-27, 2022

SwRI, TX Biomed, and CU Employees can access tickets now for the 2022 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo! Enjoy the ease of purchasing individual rodeo tickets, Star Experience tickets, and carnival vouchers with this link and the **passcode SWRI**.

- Must use your work email address in order to purchase as offer is limited to SwRI, TX Biomed, and CU employees only and print at home is the only delivery option for single event Rodeo tickets.
  - @swri.org
  - @txbiomed.org
  - @swrcfcu.com
- For information on Fairgrounds Passes, Carnival Vouchers, Individual Tickets, Season Tickets or Mini-Plan packages, please contact Rodeo Ticket Committee Member Charlotte Muniz at 512-656-9386 or email [cmuniz60@yahoo.com](mailto:cmuniz60@yahoo.com).

Visit [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com) for updated entertainer announcements and information.

**Calandra Chiropractic** offers a 20% discount on acupuncture and any non-covered chiropractic services to SwRI, CU, and TX Biomed employees. In network with United Health insurance (takes most insurance). Office located at 11230 West Ave. Suite 3203 Call 210-408-6446 for additional information. [www.restorefamilyhealth.com](http://www.restorefamilyhealth.com).

**In The Weeds Natural Skin Care** will extend a 15% discount, when SwRI, TX Biomed, and Credit Union employees buy 3 or more products. To learn more, please contact Lika Torline at 210-960-3376 or [intheweedsnaturalskincare@gmail.com](mailto:intheweedsnaturalskincare@gmail.com).

**Milano Ristorante Italiano** Employees and family receive 10% off lunch or dinner on M-T-W with work ID. Featuring highest quality and elegance of presentation at a reasonable price. Visit them at 11802 Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230 or call 210-493-3611 for additional information.

**Sunrise Family Dental** offers customer bleaching trays valued at \$200 to RRA members when they complete an exam, cleaning, and x-rays. Dental offices are located 1402 SW Military and 9820 Braun Road #102. Contact Nancy Janse at 210-834-6285 for more information.

**Sylvan Learning Center** RRA members receive \$25 off initial academic testing, 10% off tuition, and a \$25 off any camp. There is no expiration for these discounts. Employees need only to print and present work badge to receive discounts. Visit any three of the Sylvan Learning Centers in San Antonio and Schertz (8425 Bandera Road, 2716 SW Military Drive, or 17460 IH35 N) or contact Mindy Hearn at 210-509-7323 for more information.



# RRA CLASSIFIED

## Automotive

**2010 VW JETTA SEL Vehicle**, 4 door 2.5L, leather interior, navigation, Bluetooth, sunroof, 145,000 miles, cold AC. Replacements and work done to this vehicle include 4 tires, 3 door lock actuators, front brake pads and rotors, rear brake pads and rotors, ABS pump, vacuum pump, brake fluid and coolant have been flushed, Amsoil European synthetic oil used. Window tint has been completely removed and replaced and all 5 plugs and ignition coils replaced. Asking \$6,000. Photos available. Contact Andy at [rjamison@swri.org](mailto:rjamison@swri.org) or text 210-382-4143.

## Hobbies & Sports

**MEADE LX85 6 ACF Telescope**, additional accessories include Meade T-MOUNT F/NIKON, green laser pointer, 152MM F/10 ACF Telescope, LX85 GERMAN EQUATORIAL GOTO MOU. Asking \$1,000. Images of the telescope available. Contact Shulan Qui at [shulanqui1@gmail.com](mailto:shulanqui1@gmail.com) or text 407-922-7666.

**Callaway Chev Stand Bag**, five-way divider white and gray golf stand bag, features include water bottle pocket, valuables pocket, and tee holder. Dewar's Scotch logo embroidered on front. Although unused with tags, bag has small scuff marks from storage. Asking \$30. Contact Michael at [michael.hernandez@swri.org](mailto:michael.hernandez@swri.org).

**Collector Dolls**, Jackie Kennedy (The Franklin Mint) Porcelain Heirloom Bride Doll, 16" height, in original box. Asking \$100. Amelia, (The Hamilton Collection) Doll, 19" height, in original box. Asking \$75. Charlotte (The Hamilton Collection) Doll, 10" height. Asking \$50. Tiffany (The Hamilton Collection) Doll, 10" height, in original box. Asking \$40. Andrew, (The Ashton-Drake Galleries), Baby Doll, sitting position 10" height, in original box. Asking \$50. For information on the Collector's Dolls, contact Suzie at 210-478-2900.

## Household and Tools

**Wooden Beaded Window or Door Curtain**, decorative wooden beaded window or door curtain is 33.5 inches wide and 35 inches long, never used. Asking \$35. Contact Eleanor Mix at [mom.mix@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mom.mix@sbcglobal.net) or 210-639-8624.

**Heavy Solid Oak Clawfoot Pedestal Table** with 2 leaves, includes two Captain's Chairs, four additional chairs, table legs are assisting

legs 29" (adjustable). The entire table piece is 76" in width, table itself is 48" across in width, both two table leaves are 48" by 14". Also includes a 20" Oak Lazy Susan, and a matching sideboard/server that has with 2 doors, 1 drawer, 2 towel holders, is 17" deep, 30" across, 28.5" tall. Asking \$700 for all items listed. Photos available. Contact Linda Houy at [lindanellhouy@gmail.com](mailto:lindanellhouy@gmail.com) or 210-316-7976.

**Dining Set**, solid dark mahogany parquet dining table that includes lattice-style two-pedestals that are 44" by 70" in dimension, two 15" wide additional leaves, and total of six cream-padded lattice-back-style chairs, 2 arm, 4 side. Asking \$750 for all items. Willing to also take payments. Photos available. Contact Sheril at [svineyard@swri.org](mailto:svineyard@swri.org) or 210-522-2226, or at [sheril.vineyard@gmail.com](mailto:sheril.vineyard@gmail.com) or cell 210-663-0809.

**Bedroom Set**, Golden oak solid wood Ashley & Thomasville 5-piece set, the whole set includes a bedframe, armoire, women's dresser with tri-fold mirror, men's chest, two beside cabinet that have two drawers each. Asking \$900 for all items. Willing to take payments. Items can be sold separate for individual prices. Asking \$250 for bedframe, asking \$350 for armoire, asking \$350 for the women's dresser w/ tri-fold mirror, asking \$200 for bedside two drawers cabinets, \$200 for men's chest. Photos available. Contact Sheril at [svineyard@swri.org](mailto:svineyard@swri.org) or 210-522-2226, [sheril.vineyard@gmail.com](mailto:sheril.vineyard@gmail.com) or cell 210-663-0809.

**Eufy Robotic Vacuum**, gently used Eufy Robotic Vacuum RoboVac 11S includes vacuum, charging station, remote, spare parts, and a pdf manual. Asking \$20. Contact Mike at [mkoets@swri.org](mailto:mkoets@swri.org).

**Scotts Accugreen 2000 Spreader**. Asking \$25. Scotts Handy II Hand Spreader, very good condition. Photos available. Asking \$6. Contact Suzie at 210-478-2900.

**22-foot Extendable, Aluminum Ladder**, with a 250-lb capacity, Asking \$50. Worx 10-foot extendable electrical pole saw, practically

new, including a standalone 8-inch blade chainsaw. Asking \$50. Wagner Power Painter Plus, designed for mid-size, heavy-duty projects, never used and still in box with all instructions, Asking \$90. New Siemens 50-amp, double-pole type QP circuit breaker, purchased for \$65 on Amazon to use with whole-house surge suppressor, but did not fit circuit box. Asking \$30. Details and photos of all items available. Contact Jim at [jpryor01@gmail.com](mailto:jpryor01@gmail.com) or call 210-314-1011. If there is no answer at home phone, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

## Contact Information

The RRA operates through committees headed by a chair. The RRA Board of Governors Officers and Committee Chairs are listed below.

### RRA Executive Board

<b>Chair</b>	Mary Ramos	x3353
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Daniel Cooksey	x5203
<b>Secretary</b>	Angie Gallardo	x2440
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jennifer Dietrich	x5369
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	Andrea Morantes	x5455
<b>SwRI Fitness Center</b>	JoLyn Swain	x5100

### Committee Chairs

<b>Athletics</b>	Luciano Smith	x6857
<b>Employee Engagement</b>	YongLi McFarland	x2715
	Carlos Sanchez	x3663
<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>	Mark Griffin	x3502
<b>Membership</b>	Linda Estes	x5624
<b>Outreach</b>	Shane Siebenaler	x5758
<b>Publicity &amp; Historical</b>	Kimberly Guzman	x2714
<b>Recreation</b>	Natasha Albracht	x3971
<b>Social</b>	Sheri Baetz	x6667

**For questions or comments about the Happy Times, call 210-522-5100.**

### Submit your ad for free!

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