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January 6, 2026

Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant
14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247
Social at 5:30 p.m. - Meeting from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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

1.) Is it the TRUTH? 2.) Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3.) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4.) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Being Rotary Vocational Service Month, our program tonight will consist of several of our club members telling us about their occupation and what all their job consists of.



BUSINESS MEETING

Being the beginning of a new year, we also have several items that we need to discuss as a club that are coming up on the horizon.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$1,022. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$511.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Club Treasurer Becky Robles has emailed the club dues invoice for the January - June 2026 time period. Please note that dues have increased to \$100 every six months (or \$200 per Rotary year). This adjustment reflects the increase in dues from Rotary International and helps cover shared costs such as speaker meals and general operating expenses.

As an added option, you may also choose to make a voluntary donation to the Paul Harris Fund when submitting your dues. The donation amount is entirely up to you.

Members who contribute to the Paul Harris Fund will benefit from a reduced weekly meeting cost of \$1.00 for the raffle, compared to the standard \$6.00 weekly. If you wish to continue donating to the Paul Harris Fund weekly, then your weekly cost would be \$4.00

Note: Club Membership payment is due no later than January 15, 2026.

Past District Governor Doug Whinnery Passes Away

District 5840 has lost a great member of our Rotary family. Past District Governor Doug Whinnery passed away. Please keep the Whinnery family in your thoughts and prayers.



Please find below a tribute to PDG Doug Whinnery from PDG Jerry Hardy:

Doug and his wife Sue both served as President of Kerrville Rotary, and twenty years ago Doug served as District Governor. For the next twenty years he led, guided, and directed the Rotary Foundation programs at district and zone levels.

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award he received in 2018 (one of only fifty awarded world-wide that year) cited his numerous seminars throughout Texas and Oklahoma, at Lone Star PETS, Zone Institutes, and Multi-District Training.

Many will recall the District's 2011 Million Dollar Dinner fundraiser where the guest of honor was RI President Kalyan Banerjee. Doug was the District Foundation chair at the time, Sherri Muniz was the District Governor, and the RI President's presence was saved by a local business providing their jet and crew at the last minute. \$1.07 million was raised to further the work of The Rotary Foundation.

It was in 2020 when the District undertook another Million Dollar Dinner that Doug and Sue gave a major gift that put us over the goal and put them well on their way to induction into the Arch Klumph Society Trustees Circle at the Rotary International Convention in Houston in 2024.

"Doug was a mentor and a role model for selfless service" said PDG Jerry Hardy, "He was in the charter group of RLI facilitators in 2012, often served as registrar for regional Rotary events and was always somebody I could talk to about Foundation issues." "Doug's civic mindedness didn't end with Rotary," Hardy added. "This year PDG Doug was serving as chair of the Board of the Salvation Army Kroc Center in Kerrville when the July 4th flooding disaster response engaged leaders throughout our Rotary world."

District Governor Craig Hardy's January Message

Vocational Service is at the heart of Rotary's mission and speaks directly to who we are as Rotarians. It recognizes the value of all occupations and reminds us that our professional skills, experience, and ethical standards are powerful tools for service.

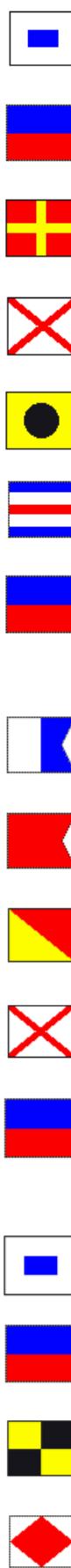


Through Vocational Service, we connect what we do for a living with our commitment to doing good in the world. At its core, Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve society through their vocations and to promote integrity, high ethical standards, and respect in the workplace. The Four-Way Test - asking whether what we think, say, or do is the truth, fair to all concerned, builds goodwill and better friendships, and is beneficial to all—guides us in our professional and personal lives. When Rotarians model these principles, we strengthen trust within our communities and elevate expectations for ethical behavior.

Vocational Service also provides meaningful opportunities to mentor and inspire others. By sharing our knowledge with students, young professionals, and entrepreneurs, we help prepare the next generation for success. Career days, mock interviews, job-shadowing opportunities, and scholarships are tangible ways Rotary clubs can support workforce development and economic stability in their communities.

Globally, Vocational Service extends beyond borders through vocational training teams and service projects that address local needs using professional expertise. Whether improving access to clean water, strengthening healthcare systems, or supporting small businesses, Rotarians apply their skills to create lasting, sustainable impact.

DG Craig Hardy



Rotary Foundation Raffle Instructions



Each member will receive one book (10 tickets at \$10 each) to sell and raise funds for our Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Each member can send \$100 directly to Rotary Foundation Annual Fund or your Club Foundation Chair can collect money from members and use the Multiple Contribution form with one check to Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Winner receives a \$5000 voucher for a 7-night Western Caribbean Cruise on the MSC Seaside from Galveston, TX to be taken anytime in 2026.



Seller of winning ticket receives \$500 in cash.



Club Foundation Chair to mail ticket stubs (no staples) and deposit sheet to the following address by **January 15, 2026**:
Monica Gutierrez
3606 Herron Ct. San Antonio, TX 78217



Raffle Drawing will be held at RLI on **January 31, 2026** at the Northwest Vista College campus in San Antonio, TX at 12PM.

Note: Raffle tickets per club were distributed at DG installation; contact your Assistant Governor if your club has not received them.



We were pleased to welcome Christine Hill, Film Commissioner & Music Program Manager for the San Antonio Film Commission and the City of San Antonio's Department of Arts & Culture as our speaker at our last Rotary meeting of 2025. She gave us an overview of what all she and the San Antonio Film Commission does in the Alamo City. One of the items that she discussed was the filming of an episode of Paramount + series '1923'. Club President Trina Forcey presented Christine with a Certificate of Appreciation for visiting our club.



ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment



There will be a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday, January 31st, 2026 from 8:30AM to 4:30PM at the Northwest Vista College, 3535 N Ellison Dr, San Antonio, TX 78251. Classes will begin at 9AM. The institute is \$50 and is open to all Rotarians. Click the following link to register:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/registrations/publicfill/eventpublicfill.aspx?evtid=5674128a-d94e-4502-b81a-8a710c3b069c>

RLI is a very informative and fun day. You will be enjoy a program that is well-planned and presented by district leaders. There is great inter-action amongst attendees and you will learn quite a bit about leadership qualities and the "nuts and bolts" of Rotary. This program will prove invaluable in preparing you or your fellow Rotarians for leadership positions within your club and district.

RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation and to those identified by Rotary Clubs as having a potential in club leadership. These educational opportunities will teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service.

For questions, please contact Arden Riley: arden.riley@gmail.com

What is Rotary Vocational Service?

Rotary Vocational Service is one of Rotary's core areas of focus, emphasizing high ethical standards in all professions, recognizing the value of all useful work, and using one's vocational skills to serve the community, bridging personal careers with community betterment. It encourages members to be models of integrity in their workplaces and to contribute their expertise to address societal needs, linking their professional lives with Rotary's broader service goals. Key aspects of Vocational Service:

Ethical Conduct: Promoting honesty, fairness, and integrity in all business and professional dealings, guided by principles like the Four-Way Test.

Valuing All Occupations: Recognizing the inherent worthiness of every useful job, not just those held by Rotarians, and dignifying each profession as an opportunity to serve.

Using Talents to Serve: Contributing professional skills (e.g., legal, medical, educational) to solve community problems and help others discover their own vocational paths.

Mentorship & Career Development: Supporting youth and young professionals through career days, job fairs, and sharing expertise to foster new opportunities.

Club & Member Responsibility: Clubs implement projects, while members exemplify the ideal in their own careers and support club initiatives.

In essence, Vocational Service transforms a Rotarian's daily work into a powerful form of service, making their profession a vehicle for positive change.

Leaders affirm their organizations' historic, enduring relationship

By Etelka Lehoczky

Members of Rotary International joined representatives of the United Nations on 11 December to observe a key milestone in the quest for global solidarity: The 80th anniversary of the signing of the UN charter. Leaders from both organizations reflected on and reaffirmed the principles the UN stands for. "In the 1940s, when the world was torn apart by war, visionary people began to ask the most urgent questions of all: 'How could trust be rebuilt across borders where violence had reigned? And how would humanity guard itself against repeating its own worst mistakes?'" said Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo. "In that pivotal moment, Rotary was one of the few organizations in the world that stepped forward with both hope and ideas."

Rotary members served as official observers at the UN Charter Conference in 1945. They helped create agendas, proposed wording for resolutions, and mediated disputes between delegates. The event, which took place in the building where the charter was signed in San Francisco, California, USA, was a moment to acknowledge a long-standing relationship and inspire future efforts. Committing to collective action has never been more crucial, said Melissa Fleming, UN/United Nations under-secretary-general for global communications. With the 2030 deadline for the UN's Sustainable Development Goals fast approaching, she said, there's still a long way to go. "Raging conflicts, deepening inequality, runaway technologies, and a burning planet: None of these problems will fix themselves. And no one nation can fix them alone," she said.

Cyril Noirtin, dean of the Rotary Representative Network, said the values that the UN and Rotary share are threatened as never before. "Today, multilateralism faces serious challenges," he said. "Political tensions, declining funding, and weak commitments threaten global cooperation when it is needed most." But there are signs of progress and hope, Fleming said. She noted that the number of girls in school is at a record high, and graduation rates for all students are rising. HIV infection rates are down, as are maternal and child mortality rates. And 1.5 billion people have been lifted out of extreme poverty since 1990.

"Momentum is building," she said. "When we boost education, we boost gender equality. When we stabilize the climate, we strengthen food security. When we fight famine, we pave the way for peace. This progress doesn't happen by accident. It is the result of hard work, by real people, day in, day out." That's the kind of work Rotary members can do, Noirtin said. "A Rotary club working on literacy can align with UNESCO's global education standards," he said. "A health initiative can benefit from the World Health Organization's technical guidance. A peace-building project can draw on expert knowledge from UN agencies."

Rotary's relationship with the UN has been strong since Rotary members were invited to participate in the charter conference. "The invitation to Rotary International was not merely a gesture of goodwill and respect toward a great organization," said Edward Stettinius Jr., then U.S. secretary of state, at the time. "It was a simple recognition of the practical part Rotary's members have played and will continue to play in the development of understanding among nations."

Stettinius' prediction was fulfilled, and Rotary's unique relationship with the UN has endured. Through the decades, Rotary members have worked alongside UN agencies in areas ranging from global health to peacebuilding to environmental protection. Rotary's quest to eradicate polio has received crucial support from the UN, with the World Health Organization and UNICEF serving with Rotary as partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. In 2023, a new collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme empowered Rotary and Rotaract members to clean up, protect, and monitor their local waterways.

The UN's wide-ranging impact may be taken for granted today, but there was a time when it was difficult to imagine. Arezzo asked attendees to put themselves in the place of those who were present at the charter signing. Those men audaciously insisted that lasting peace was possible amid the ashes of a worldwide war. "Imagine those early Rotarians in San Francisco trying to articulate what a peaceful world might look like. Their words were fragile but powerful, as if they were lighting a lantern in a world still full of smoke," Arezzo said. "And yet they saw beyond the ruins. They believed that peace could be built, not only by treaties, but by the quiet, steady courage of people who chose connection over division."

