



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



March 17, 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?

Our speaker this evening is our own Dan Hernandez. Dan is our club's president-elect and will be giving us a recap on Lone Star P.E.T.S. which he attended earlier this month.



Lone Star P.E.T.S. 2026



San Antonio Northeast Rotarians will be volunteering at the San Antonio and South Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association's on Wednesday, April 15th from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Alzheimer's Association is located at 1100 Northwest Loop 410, Suite 302. Volunteers will be calling those that have participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's before and remind them that this year's walk will take place on Saturday, November 7th, 2026.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- March 24th** Mari Tamez
Bexar Heritage Center
- March 31st** Mark Kunez
Texas LEGO User Group - San Antonio
- April 7th** Carlos Martinez
Texas Cavalier River Parade
- April 14th** Maddie Aguilar
Global Education Scholar

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Becky Robles will be celebrating her 7th Rotary anniversary on March 19th.
Analyn Jimenez will be celebrating her 9th Rotary anniversary on March 21st.

At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$269. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$134.50.

Sponsored bench in UC Veteran's Park

As you may recall, a young man by the name of Zane Cooper visited our Rotary meeting a month or so ago after visiting club member Dan Hernandez to see if the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club would be interested in sponsoring a bench that would be placed in Universal City Veteran's Park. Zane is a member of Trail Life USA, a Christian leadership organization or boys and young men. He is completing his Freedom Award, Trail Life's highest rank, comparable to an Eagle Scout. The Board of Directors of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club decided to sponsor Zane at the \$400 level, which would fund a full bench, that would have an engraved plaque permanently mounted on it that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club had sponsored the bench.



This weekend Dan received a thank you note from Zane thanking the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club for its support towards his Freedom Award. Zane reported that the bench that our club sponsored, is now on Cibolo Creek's Main Trail in Universal City. The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's bench along with its plaque is located on the 3rd bench from Veteran's Park. Zane also shared a few photos of the bench with Dan which we are including in this week's newsletter.

March is a time to recognize and celebrate the strength, leadership, and impact of women around the world. This year, we're inviting Rotarian women across our District (and beyond!) to join us in a month-long celebration highlighting the incredible women who serve and lead in Rotary. Rather than limiting the celebration to March 8, we are turning International Women's Day into a movement that lasts the entire month.



How to Participate
We've made it simple and fun!
Wear your favorite Rotary shirt.
Take a photo that reflects your passion for service.
Snap a photo (Use the [WOMEN IN ACTION Canva Template Design](#)) and share it on your social media, with the hashtags #D5840ServiceStrong #RotaryWomenRock #WomenInRotary
Share it with the District (pblankenlee@rotary5840.org) so we too can promote District 5840 Women in Rotary!
Let's fill social media throughout March with proud Rotarian women united in service. Together, we will showcase the strength and influence of women in Rotary — not just for a day, but all month long.

WANTED
"LET'S GO WESTERN NIGHT"

Hosted by
The Greater Randolph Area Services Program, Inc.
GRASP COMMUNITY CENTER
250 Donalan Drive
Converse, Texas 78109

SPONSORED AND PRESENTED BY:
Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club
Northeast San Antonio Rotary Club

Thursday April 16, 2026
6p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Dinner catered by Bluebonnet Palace
Dinner, Dancing & Prizes
Music by Carlos Barrera

(Western Attire Preferred)
RSVP 210-658-6351

\$15 per plate



We had a good turnout for our meeting last week. We were pleased to welcome visiting Rotarian Lauro Rivera from the Rotary Club of Zapopan, Mexico. Russell Sturgeon's, daughter Maria picked out the card for our weekly raffle. Our speaker was Paul Rezaei. Paul is a member of the Mayor's Fitness Council and the founder of Work Out Help Out (WOHO), a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening communities and volunteers. WOHO hosts weekend volunteer service events, integrates exercise into every event, and makes volunteering fun by incorporating socialization, music, and healthy eating into every event! Thanks to Cathy Criado for arranging for Paul to visit with us. After his presentation, Club President Trina Forcey presented a speaker's certificate of appreciation and an edition of the *Rotary* magazine to Paul.



The Rotary Club of San Antonio is partnering with River Aid SA for the 31st Annual Basura Bash River and Waterway Clean Up on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Check-in: 8:30 a.m. – Cleanup starts at 9:00 a.m.!

Meeting Point and Parking: Olmos Basin Park Northside
Start Point: Olmos Creek at Olmos Basin Park
End Point: Olmos Creek upstream at Jones Maltsberger

For more information and to register, please go to the link below:
<https://www.rotarysa.org/events/rotary-day-sa-2026>

Attire: Long pants, closed toe shoes, (long sleeve shirt recommended). If you have work gloves, please bring them. Sunscreen and bug repellent is also encouraged. Water will be provided but please bring a Reuseable Water Bottle!

Join Us at the District 5840 Conference & Club Leader Training

Join us in New Braunfels for the Rotary District 5840 District Conference & Club Leader Training on May 1–2, and be sure to lock in early bird pricing before rates increase! We kick off at the Brauntex Theatre with an inspiring keynote from JC (James) Clapsaddle, recipient of Rotary International's prestigious Service Above Self Award. In his presentation, "Rotary's Role in Worldwide Peace," JC will share firsthand insights from his experience in Rotary's humanitarian relief efforts and the global impact of our mission.

On May 2nd, we begin with a Peace Pole installation, followed by our District Awards celebration and Club Leader Training for Rotary Year 2026–27.

Raffles will be held throughout the event — two-day attendees receive one raffle ticket, first-time attendees receive two, with more available for purchase.

Don't miss this opportunity for inspiration, celebration, and leadership development.

Register at the link below now to secure early bird pricing while it lasts!

<https://rotary5840.org/events/2026-district-conference-club-leader-training/>

Lock In Early Bird Pricing until March 31st.

UNITE FOR PEACE
DISTRICT CONFERENCE & CLUB LEADERSHIP SEMINAR
NEW BRAUNFELS – MAY 1-2
Join us for two inspiring days of fellowship, celebration, and leadership!

- Hear Service Above Self Award recipient JC (James) Clapsaddle
- Peace Pole installation
- District Awards Celebration
- Club Leadership Seminar for 2026–27
- Raffles throughout the event

FRIDAY – BRAUNTEX THEATER
SATURDAY – COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

2 DAY - \$125 EARLY BIRD UNTIL MARCH 31ST
\$150 APRIL 1-26
FIRST TIME ATTENDEE (2 DAY) \$100
FRIDAY ONLY - \$60
SATURDAY ONLY \$75

REGISTER

There will be a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday, April 11th, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Northwest Vista College, 3535 N Ellison Dr, San Antonio, TX 78251.

Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. The institute is \$50 and is open to all Rotarians. [Click to Register.](#)

RLI is a very informative and fun day. You will 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, contact Arden Riley, at arden.riley@gmail.com.

Take your leadership skills to the next level with RLI -
Rotary Leadership Institute

Dublin, Ireland secures rights to host Rotary International Convention 2031

Courtesy rotary-ribi.org

Rotary International has announced Dublin, Ireland, as the winner of the provisional bid to hold its annual international convention June 7-11, 2031. It will be the first time that Rotary's international convention will be hosted in Ireland and up to 20,000 Rotary members and participants are expected to attend the organization's 122nd annual convention. The winning bid was led by Rotary clubs across Ireland, with strong support from Fáilte Ireland's Dublin Convention Bureau, and the Royal Dublin Society, where the five-day gathering will be based.

According to Rotary International, the event is projected to generate an estimated €68 million for the local economy from the convention itself, with additional economic impact anticipated as many delegates extend their stay in Ireland. Rotary, which has clubs in almost every country in the world, describes itself as a membership service organisation whose members develop and support sustainable, community driven projects in the areas of health, education and the environment.

Often described by attendees as a "mini-United Nations", delegates from over 140 countries are expected to attend the convention, which will include an exhibition of over 100 humanitarian projects, workshops, presentations and entertainment. Speakers at previous Rotary international conventions have included philanthropist Bill Gates, former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and UN General Secretary António Guterres.

"Rotary conventions are powerful global gatherings where people unite to exchange ideas, celebrate service, and drive new thinking toward a healthier, more peaceful future," said Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo. "We're thrilled for our members to experience the hospitality of Dublin and the whole of Ireland when we come together at the RDS in 2031."

Garth Arnold, Co-Chair of the Bid Committee said Rotary club members in Ireland are thrilled to be bringing the international convention to Ireland for the first time. "Rotary in Ireland has a long and proud history of service—Dublin Rotary Club, founded in 1911, was the first Rotary club established outside North America—yet we have never hosted the Rotary International Convention. Bringing this global gathering to Ireland has been a long-held ambition of our members, and we are now very much looking forward to realizing that ambition in 2031."

According to Paul Mockler, Head of Commercial Development with Fáilte Ireland, the Rotary International Convention is projected to be one of Dublin's most significant events in 2031. "Fáilte Ireland is pleased that Dublin has been selected to host the Rotary International Convention in 2031. It is the largest convention ever secured through Fáilte Ireland and a major milestone for Ireland's business events sector. With up to 20,000 international delegates expected, securing the convention is a testament to the Team Ireland approach underpinned in the Business Events 2030 strategy, which was launched by Minister Peter Burke in 2025." "The convention provides a valuable opportunity to showcase Dublin and Ireland's culture, heritage and visitor experiences. Many attendees are expected to extend their stay and explore regional destinations across the country, creating further economic benefit for tourism businesses and communities nationwide."

Ireland's 1,500 Rotary members belong to 67 clubs and volunteer their expertise and time to a range of local and international projects, such as:

The Rotary Tree of Remembrance, which gives people the opportunity to remember loved ones in a simple way during the Christmas period by placing their message on a yellow ribbon on the Tree, the Youth Leadership Development Competition involves Rotary Clubs running competitions in and between schools. Twenty future young leaders, North and South, are selected to represent Ireland at the Euroscola event in the European Parliament in Strasbourg, School Bikes Africa involves the collection of unwanted bicycles nationwide, refurbishment by prison inmates and then shipping to The Gambia for use by secondary school children, and Just 1 Life, a safe driving awareness program for secondary school students.

Rotary members throughout the world develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, improve maternal and child health, grow local economies and protect the environment. Over US\$5.5 billion has been awarded through The Rotary Foundation to support these programs worldwide.

