



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



March 31, 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 Mark Kunetz, Ambassador of Texas LEGO® User Group – San Antonio since 2017 after retiring as an Executive in 2015 with nearly 36 years of Federal Service. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering under the Cooperative Education Program and furthered his education while working, completing a Master of Science in System Engineering from Johns Hopkins University. Mark is striving to maintain a healthy lifestyle to live life to the fullest.



Mark collects and builds LEGO® bricks and sets. When not creating with LEGO® bricks, he is cruising with his spouse of 42 years and spending quality time with his three daughters and five grandchildren. Throughout the past 9 years, Mark has been managing the multiple interests of a variety of mostly adults in various backgrounds as we share our love of the LEGO® brick with each other and the public at various displays and events around the State of Texas.

Thanks go out to Anthony Strickland for arranging for Mark to speak with us this evening.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- April 7th** Carlos Martinez
Texas Cavalier River Parade
- April 14th** Maddie Aguilar
Global Education Scholar
- April 21st** Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell
McNay Art Museum

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DeDe Johnson is celebrating her birthday today.
Happy Birthday, DeDe.

Dan Hernandez will be celebrating his 4th Rotary Anniversary on April 5th. Congratulations President-Elect Dan.

At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$341. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$170.50.

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



Thank You for Celebrating Women in Rotary

Thank you to the many Rotarian women and clubs across our District who participated in the Women in Rotary in Action campaign throughout the month of March. The campaign invited Rotarian women to share photos proudly wearing their Rotary shirts as a way to celebrate International Women's Day and the incredible women who serve through Rotary. Clubs across the District responded by posting photos that highlighted the leaders, volunteers, and changemakers who make a difference in their communities every day.



These images did more than celebrate our members — they helped tell Rotary's story. By sharing these photos on social media, clubs helped showcase the strength, diversity, and leadership of women in Rotary while increasing our visibility in the community.

Women in Rotary serve as club leaders, project organizers, mentors, and advocates for change. Their dedication continues to strengthen Rotary and expand our impact locally and around the world.

Thank you to all the clubs and Rotarian women who took part in this celebration and helped shine a spotlight on the powerful role women play in Rotary. Together, we showed that women in Rotary are truly People of Action.

Participating Clubs: San Antonio North Central, Blanco County, San Antonio Pearl, San Marcos, Pleasanton, Jourdanton, San Antonio Oak Hills, Wilson County, E-Club San Antonio, and Beeville.

District 5840 Welcomes Two New Rotary Clubs



Our Rotary District is growing! We are excited to welcome two new clubs to our Rotary family — the **Rotary Club of Wilson County** and the **Rotary Club of Atascosa County**.

These new clubs expand Rotary's presence in our communities and create new opportunities for service, leadership, and fellowship. Their members join a global network of people committed to making a difference through Rotary's motto of Service Above Self.

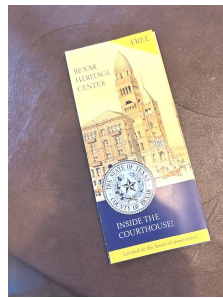
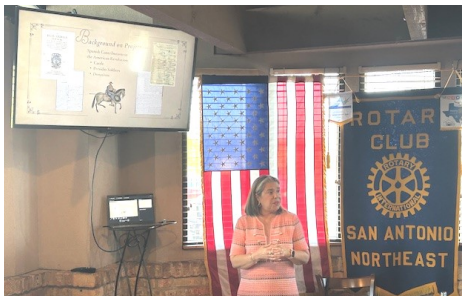
The chartering of these clubs reflects the dedication of Rotary leaders and members who worked together to bring these new groups to life.

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to the Rotary Club of Wilson County and the Rotary Club of Atascosa County!

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.



We were pleased to welcome Mari Tamez, Outreach Manager with the Bexar Heritage Center as our speaker last week. She gave us an excellent presentation on the Bexar America 250 project, showing the hidden history that Bexar County played in the American Revolution.



Club President Trina Forcey presented Mari with a Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine afterwards. Mari also led us in the Four-Way Test at the end of our meeting.

Six young leaders named Rotary's 'Champions of Tomorrow' for empowering youth across the globe

Rotary is recognizing six of its members and program participants age 30 and under as Rotary People of Action: 'Champions of Tomorrow' for their leadership in advancing impactful, youth-centered initiatives that are helping to create the foundations for brighter futures, today.

As a global membership organization that unites people across cultures and continents in humanitarian service, Rotary empowers its members to create lasting solutions alongside the communities they serve. Through its programs, Rotary fosters intercultural understanding, develops emerging leaders, elevates youth voices, and advances peace.

"Improving society begins at the local level by addressing the issues communities face," said Francesco Arezzo, Rotary International President. "By leading projects that provide educational resources to those in need, foster personal development, support mental health, and champion conflict resolution, these honorees are creating more peaceful and resilient communities today, and unlocking their own potential to become the next generation of service-minded leaders."



For more than 120 years, Rotary has addressed the needs of communities across the globe. To recognize these efforts, Rotary honors six sustainable and scalable initiatives annually through the People of Action Honors program. This year's 'Champions of Tomorrow' include:

Maria Grazia Rava (Italy) – A member of Rotaract—Rotary's global network of young adults ages 18 and older committed to community service and leadership development—Rava created How to Save a Life, a first-aid training program for teens in Northern Italy and San Marino. The scalable program has trained more than 1,000 students in essential emergency response skills, including CPR, and prepared them to take more active roles during school emergency drills.

Vansh Saini (India) – A Rotaract member who leads the Empowerment Academy, Saini has turned a basic life skills program into a comprehensive initiative to support multiple facets of learning and development for underprivileged students ages six to 15 in Delhi. The Academy offers educational resources, health and hygiene workshops, mentorship, career training, and more.

Raymond "Arky" Manning (Philippines) – A Rotary member, law student, and local elected official in the Rizal province, Manning has transformed his community's justice system to be more innovative, economical, and inclusive through leadership of a reform initiative, System for Amicable Grievance and Inclusive Peacebuilding (SAGIP) Barangay. By facilitating the training of peer mediators, creating spaces for mediation, fostering mental health awareness, and supporting anti-violence campaigns, SAGIP Barangay is reshaping the system into a body where youth are valued stakeholders in conflict resolution.

Maria Manuela Córdoba Aguirre (Colombia) – A Rotary member and founder of Rotary en Señas (Rotary in Sign Language), Córdoba Aguirre's initiative brings young Rotary members and deaf youth together to develop communication and leadership skills through workshops and regular activities. Deaf participants become program facilitators and leaders while hearing volunteers gain proficiency in sign language and collaboration.

Olivia Raley (USA) – A Rotary member and recent Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participant, Raley's work with the Nelson County Yellow Tulip Project—an initiative supported by multiple local organizations—has helped combat the stigma around mental health in a rural community in Kentucky. Raley has empowered youth participants to drive education and awareness around the topic and maintain Hope Gardens as visual symbols of the community's commitment to creating a culture of optimism and mental health wellness.

Derrick Kabuye (Uganda) – A Rotaract member in Kampala, Kabuye and his club have turned a rural school facing multiple challenges into a thriving educational facility through the Educate a Community Project. Under his leadership, the school's footprint has expanded to serve more students, resolve sanitation issues, provide menstrual hygiene education, and offer job skills training. Rotary members throughout the world develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, help mothers and children, grow local economies and protect the environment. Over the last 100 years, US\$5.5 billion has been awarded through The Rotary Foundation – Rotary's charitable arm that helps clubs work together to perform meaningful, impactful service.

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/>

Today is the last day to lock In Early Bird pricing for the District Conference.

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

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