



**San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club**  
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**UNITE FOR GOOD**



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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



April 7, 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 Carlos A. Martinez, Jr. He will be speaking to us about the Texas Cavaliers River Parade. This one-of-a-kind tradition began in 1941, when members of the Texas Cavaliers were inspired by the flower-adorned boats they saw in Mexico City's "floating gardens."

Carlos is an Executive Vice President at the International Bank of Commerce. A Summa Cum Laude graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a licensed CPA, Carlos previously served as an Audit Senior at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., managing major SEC-regulated engagements.

A dedicated community leader, he has held roles with Via Metropolitan Transit Authority, the San Antonio Zoological Society, a past-president of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club, Junior Achievement of South Texas, and the Notre Dame Club of San Antonio. Fluent in Spanish and deeply rooted in the San Antonio community, Carlos brings financial expertise, steady leadership, and a genuine commitment to service. Carlos joined TEAMability's board in 2025.



**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**April 14th** Maddie Aguilar  
Global Education Scholar

**April 21st** Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell  
McNay Art Museum

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Trina Forcey will be blowing out the candles on her birthday cake on April 9th. Happy Birthday, Madam President.



**Do you recognize this young man?**  
Our former Charter Member Dennis Heath celebrated his 90th birthday on March 31st. In case you cannot read the words on the cup in front of him, it says "I'm not 90. I'm, 18 with 72 Years Experience". We all hope you had a wonderful birthday, Dennis.

At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$377. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$188.50.



**District Governor Craig Hardy's April Message**

April's Rotary theme - Environment reminds us that Service Above Self extends to the world we all share. Through Rotary International, we are called not only to care for our communities, but to protect and sustain the natural resources that make those communities thrive. Whether it's supporting clean water initiatives, reducing waste, planting trees, or promoting conservation, each action reflects our commitment to a healthier planet. When we Unite for Good, our collective efforts create meaningful, lasting impact for generations to come.



This month also offers a special opportunity to celebrate a remarkable milestone. The San Angelo Rotary Club is marking its 100th year of service—a century defined by leadership, generosity, and community impact. That legacy was on full display this past July, when historic flooding affected their region. In response, not only did the San Angelo club step up in extraordinary ways, but several Rotary clubs across the area came together to support their communities—mobilizing resources, providing relief, and demonstrating the power of Rotary in action. It was a powerful reminder that in times of need, we are stronger together.

As we prepare for our District Conference in May, let us take time to offer our congratulations and respect to our district and to every club that rose to the challenge during those floods. Your leadership, compassion, and commitment embody the very best of Rotary.

As we focus on environmental stewardship this April, let us be inspired by these examples of service and collaboration. Caring for our environment and responding to our communities go hand in hand—both require vision, compassion, and a willingness to act.

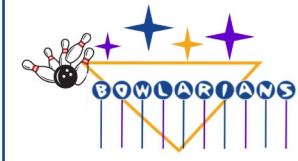
Together, let us continue to *Unite for Good* - for our communities, for our neighbors, and for the world we all share.



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.



**MEET THE BOWLARIANS**  
San Antonio Northeast Rotarians Becky Robles, Jossi Clark, Dan Clark, and Thomas Brainard rockin' their new Rotary themed bowling shirts. The Bowlarrians bowl on the Thursday Nite Mixed League at Astro SuperBowl on Thursday nights.



**WANTED**  
"LET'S GO WESTERN NIGHT"

Hosted by  
The Greater Randolph Area Services Program, Inc.  
GRASP COMMUNITY CENTER  
250 Donalán 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

**Review from last week**

We had another great turnout at our meeting last week. Anne DuBose gave us a very interesting talk about her time when she was living in Europe and going to school in London, England, where she met a friend that ended up becoming her best friend. She talked about visiting Berlin with her friend and going to Checkpoint Charlie. She and her friend also were able to go on a guided tour of East Berlin. Kelly Carreon's ticket was drawn for our weekly raffle but he did not pull the joker. Our happy bucks pot continues to grow.



Our speaker last week was Mark Kunetz, Ambassador of Texas LEGO® User Group – San Antonio (TexLUG-SA). The organization is a loose-knit group of individuals living in and around San Antonio bound together by a single trait: their love of the LEGO building brick. Mark brought a couple of examples of what can be built using LEGO bricks. LEGO bricks have certainly gotten a lot more fancy over the years. After his presentation, Club President Trina Forcey presented Mark with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine. Thanks again to Anthony Strickland for arranging for Mark to pay us a visit.



**Have you heard of EarlyAct?**

EarlyAct is a school-wide service club for elementary students from ages 5 to 13 sponsored by Rotary clubs and chartered by the district. The mission of EarlyAct is to promote goodwill, understanding, and peace through active participation of student members so that with committed citizenship and effective leadership they improve the quality of life for their school, local and global communities.

The object of EarlyAct is to provide young students with the opportunity to serve and lead in their school, community and global community. EarlyAct is based upon the Rotary 4-Way Test and further, EarlyAct teaches...Caring, Respect, Empathy, Responsibility, Tolerance, Citizenship, Compassion, Friendship and Leadership. EarlyAct engages student members in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects which benefit their school, local and global communities. Through its association with Rotary, EarlyActors gain increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world and understanding of the dignity and worth of each individual which builds respect for others. EarlyAct provides the foundation and natural succession into Interact.

There are currently 10 EarlyAct clubs in Rotary District 5840 sponsored by the Rotary clubs of San Antonio at the Dominion, Boerne Sunrise, Fair Oaks Ranch, San Antonio Oak Hills, San Antonio South, San Marcos, and San Antonio North Central. The two articles below were posted in the April 2026 edition of the District newsletter.



**Blessings in a Backpack**

We are so proud of our Fabra Elementary School EarlyAct Club and their friends from the Viola Wilson Elementary EarlyAct Club for the massive success of their recent Mac & Cheese drive supporting students within the Boerne Independent School District. This is the third year the Fabra EarlyAct Club and the first year of the newly formed EarlyAct Club at Viola Wilson collected Mac & Cheese through a friendly competition.

Naomi Jendrusch, a Boerne Club Rotarian and Fabra Elementary School teacher, initiated this program three years ago and continues to build on its success of this school-wide activity. These young world-changers gathered over 5,156 servings for Blessings in a Backpack, an organization that feeds 600+ Boerne ISD students every single week. It is estimated that one in five children in Boerne lives in poverty and is at risk for hunger and malnutrition. The organization covers all 16 schools in Boerne ISD who might otherwise go hungry when school meals are unavailable. Blessings in a Backpack strives to alleviate these consequences of hunger by ensuring at-risk children receive consistent nutrition seven days a week.



A special "thank you" goes out to the Boerne Sunrise Rotary Club and the Boerne Rotary Club for helping us reach this amazing total. It is a blessing to see our youth so ready to give back and make a real difference for families in our community! The Boerne Sunrise Rotary Club and the Boerne Club co-sponsor EarlyAct at Fabra Elementary. The Boerne Club sponsors EarlyAct at Viola Wilson Elementary.

If your Rotary club is interested in sponsoring an EarlyAct club, please contact District 5840 EarlyAct Chair Darcee Grivel at [darcee.earlyact@gmail.com](mailto:darcee.earlyact@gmail.com)

**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 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](mailto:arden.riley@gmail.com).

