



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



May 12, 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 Noa Aceituno Martinez, a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Spain sponsored by the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club. Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a study-abroad program for students aged 15 - 19, sponsored by local Rotary clubs in over 100 countries.



rotary youth exchange



Students live with host families and attend school in a foreign country for a full academic year (long-term) or a few weeks (short-term) to immerse themselves in a new culture, learn a language, and act as cultural ambassadors. The goal of RYE is to foster global peace and understanding by giving young people an opportunity to dive into another culture. Students live with local, vetted host families, often 2-3 families over the year, to fully experience the local life.

The program focuses on developing leadership skills, creating lasting international friendships, and fostering a sense of global citizenship. Students must be willing to be placed in various countries, as preferences are considered but not guaranteed.



Get ready for an evening of celebration, connection, and a little bit of retro fun as Rotary District 5840 gathers for the District & Club Leadership Installation!

On Saturday, May 30, 2026, Rotarians and guests will come together at Strawberry Pines in Poteet, Texas, to officially install the incoming District and Club leaders for the new Rotary year. This special event marks a meaningful transition of leadership while celebrating the dedication and service that continues to make Rotary thrive.

This year's theme, "Come Together, Right Now," brings a lively Beatles-inspired twist to the evening—reminding us of the power of unity, fellowship, and shared purpose.

Guests can look forward to:

- A celebratory installation ceremony
- A delicious dinner and program
- Exciting fundraising opportunities

And a high-energy singalong and dancing experience with Beatlemania 64

Whether you're a longtime Rotarian or new to the Rotary family, this event offers the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow members, celebrate achievements from the past year, and look ahead to the impact we will create together.

Tickets are \$50 per person - [Click to Register](#)

Let's come together to honor our leaders, celebrate our clubs, and kick off a new Rotary year in unforgettable style.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 19th **Scott Wilson**
Principal - Kitty Hawk Middle School
TENTATIVE

May 26th **Kyle Emmons**
Visiting Scotland

SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION

District Governor Elect Bobby Martinez will be making his official visit to the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club on **Tuesday, July 7, 2026**. This special meeting will take place at **EI Chaparral Mexican Restaurant** in the Redland Trails Shopping Center located at 2838 N Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, TX 78232.

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 \$523. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$261.50.

Have you met Petunia?
Petunia is our Purple Pig to End Polio Now Ambassador. She will gladly accept any loose change, or folding money, that is burning a hole in your pocket to help us do our part to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. Club President Trina Forcey contributed to Petunia at our meeting last week.

Do you know this Rotarian?
Do you know this member of the San Antonio Northeast Rotarian? The photo is from circa 1962. She is portraying a Wood Nymph aboard a float in a parade. She attends our meeting regularly. If you want to find out who this Rotarian is, you will need to attend our meeting tonight.

Volunteer Opportunity with the San Antonio South Rotary Club

In addition to being a member of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club, Becky Goering is also a Rotary District 5840 Assistant Governor. One of the Rotary clubs that Becky oversees is the San Antonio South Rotary Club. Becky would like to share that the San Antonio South Rotary Club will be conducting an Adopt a Highway Clean-Up service project **this Saturday, May 16th** from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and would welcome all or any Rotarians to help out.



Rotary Club of San Antonio South

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Highway clean-up | Meet at the Dept of Family Service
Saturday, May 16 | 3635 SE Military Dr
9-11 am | 78223

Recap from last week

Our program last week was a Club Assembly. Before we got to club business, those in attendance shared their Happy Bucks brags. Each brag costs one dollar and goes to our Happy Bucks pot. Debbie Degollado's ticket was drawn for our weekly raffle but she pulled the 6 of spades instead of the joker. Our Happy Bucks pot continues to grow.

During our Club Assembly, we discussed future fundraisers, and service projects, along with the need to update club bylaws. There were some very good suggestions made for our upcoming fundraisers and service projects. All in attendance were reminded to share their ideas so that our club can continue to grow and prosper.



With our speaker today being from Spain, we thought we would share some facts with you regarding Rotary in Spain.

Rotary International moves Barcelona convention to 2027

Barcelona, Spain, has been selected to host Rotary's international convention, which is often described by attendees as a mini-United Nations conference, on 26 -30 June 26 - 30, 2027 at the Fira de Barcelona. This decision enables the city to bring the Rotary community together two years sooner than was recently announced in March.



Based on previous events, the Rotary convention is expected to attract up to 20,000 participants from over 140 countries and generate more than €68 million for the local economy. The Rotary convention in 2027 was originally scheduled to take place in Dubai. Rotary postponed it to a later year due to the current uncertainty in the region. Leaders of the global membership service organization expressed gratitude to its partners in Barcelona for their flexibility and collaboration in accommodating this change.



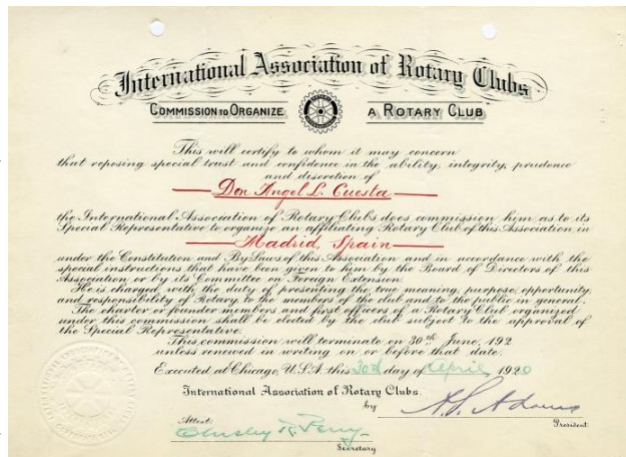
"With enthusiasm and energy, we are prepared to pivot quickly to host the international convention in 2027," said Sergio Aragón, chair of the Barcelona Host Committee and a member of the Rotary Club Barcelona Diagonal. "We look forward to welcoming our international guests and delivering an exceptional experience."

Regarding this news, the Mayor of Barcelona, Jaume Collboni, stated: "Rotary International's decision to move its international congress to Barcelona forward, in light of the war in the Middle East, reinforces the city's role as a safe, stable, and reliable environment in the global context and reaffirms our unequivocal commitment to peace, dialogue, and cooperation. Faced with a serious international crisis that we reject, Barcelona is responding by protecting its economy and strengthening its international position as a safe city for investment and events. As we announced a few days ago, we have launched a package of measures to support small and medium-sized enterprises, the self-employed, and families, while intensifying our strategy to attract investment, trade fairs, and congresses, which is already bearing fruit, as demonstrated by Rotary International's decision.

Rotary in Spain survives challenges

After successfully establishing a presence in Great Britain and Ireland, Rotary expanded its reach to mainland Europe with the chartering of a club in Madrid, Spain, on New Year's Day 1921. To get the club started, the secretariat had contacted Rotarians in Havana, Cuba, for a recommendation of someone who might be well suited to organize it in Spain. The Havana members suggested Angel Cuesta, a cigar magnate originally from Spain who had also helped organize clubs in Cuba. Now living in Tampa, Florida, USA, he was assigned as special representative in 1920. Cuesta traveled to Spain, and working with Ely Palmer, the American consul in the Spanish capital, led an organizational meeting in October 1920.

With so many highly qualified potential members in Madrid, the organizing group wanted to grow the clubs quickly and asked the secretariat to exempt them from the slow-growth policy that previous countries and regions employed. But the secretariat felt strongly that to reach the region's full potential, a more moderate approach to growth was best.



Certificate authorizing Rotarian Angel Cuesta of Tampa, Florida, to organize a Rotary club in Madrid, Spain

Cuesta believed that once the Madrid club was well-established and the Rotary concept of service became better known in Spain, it would be easy to organize in Barcelona. The club there received its charter in April 1922. The Zaragoza club followed in December 1925, then the San Sebastián club in February 1926.

The appetite for Rotary in Spain continued to grow. The Rotary clubs of Spain held their first conference in Barcelona in 1928. In the late 1920s, the Barcelona club promoted international understanding by hosting its first youth exchange, an activity that was emerging throughout the Rotary world at the time and continues today. The Barcelona members hosted the sons of London Rotarians for a weeklong stay in Spain's Catalonia region, where they witnessed the industry, cultural activities, and home life of typical Spanish families. In 1929-30, the Rotary International Board of Directors included its first Spanish member. Another Spaniard sat on the board in 1935-36.

The outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936 and Francisco Franco's rise to power quickly halted Rotary's expansion in the country. The Franco regime persecuted perceived "enemies of the state," and anti-Rotary rhetoric was pervasive. In 1936, Rotary was banned. Because clubs were unable to function, the 28 clubs in the country had their membership in Rotary formally terminated in 1940.

With the death of Franco in 1975 and a return to democracy in the late 1970s, Rotary clubs began to re-emerge throughout Spain, starting in Madrid. In 1976, a group in Madrid dedicated themselves to restarting Rotary and began meeting unofficially as a Rotary club. At the time, it was necessary to work with the Spanish government before affiliating with Rotary International. In May of that year, RI President Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello and Vice President Bernardo Guzmán traveled to Spain. Together with Jaime Enseñat, president of the newly formed Madrid club, and other Spanish Rotarians, they had the honor of being received by King Juan Carlos de Borbón.

The next year, Guzmán served as Rotary's special representative to organize the Madrid club. It was officially chartered on 6 June 1977, but in consideration of why it had closed, was later granted the retroactive charter date of 1921. Rotary celebrated its return with a charter signing and presentation at the 1977 Rotary International Convention.

While Rotary was growing in pre-war Spain, members also worked with Rotary International's leaders to start clubs elsewhere in Europe. In April 1920, Rotarian E.J. Felt of Tacoma, Washington, USA, went to Paris, France, to lay the foundation for a strong club there. He identified potential members locally and in consultation with J.E. Lloyd Barnes, a member of the Rotary Club of Liverpool, England, and president of the British Association of Rotary Clubs (now RIBI). After Felt's death, Rotary designated John Bain Taylor of London to assist business leaders in Paris to complete the organization of the club. The Rotary Club of Paris received its charter on 1 April 1921.

Today Rotary has a strong, revived presence in Spain with over 4,670 members across 250+ clubs, focusing on local community projects and international service. Following a ban during the Franco regime (1936-1975), Rotary re-emerged in the late 1970s and is currently very active, with Barcelona set to host the 2027 Rotary International Convention. Many clubs are geared toward international residents, such as the Rotary Club Madrid International and Rotary Sevilla International, which operate in English.