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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



June 2, 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 Eric Anderson. Eric is the founder and owner of E.R. Anderson and Associates, where he has been inspiring individuals, as a presenter, facilitator, speaker, and consultant, for over 25 years, across the globe. Eric has presented widely across the U.S. and abroad, including Finland, Singapore, Russia, Viet Nam, Thailand, and throughout Europe.



Through his professional services, Eric conducts training, workshops, seminars, and offers keynote speaking engagements and personalized performance coaching. He was named, "One of the Top 50 Speakers, Consultants, and Facilitators in the World," by International Speakers Association. His mission statement is "To Bring Out the Best in You"

Eric was born and raised in Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma State University on a football scholarship. After college, he moved to San Antonio, where he taught elementary school and high school.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- June 9th Hannah Wood, M.S., CNS, LDN Gut and Mental Health Nutrition
- June 16th Speaker from Natural Bridge Caverns
- June 23rd Joshua Mair, San Antonio Toros, Continental Football League
- June 30th Speaker from Arms of Hope

SPECIAL MEETING AND LOCATION

District Governor Elect Bobby Martinez will be making his official visit to the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club on **Tuesday, July 7, 2026**. 2026-2027 club officers will also be installed at this time. 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.

At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$620. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$310.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Belated Wedding Anniversary Wishes to Honorary Club Rotarian Jan King and her husband Joe who celebrated their anniversary yesterday.

Kelly Carreon will be celebrating her birthday on June 5th. Happy Birthday, Kelly.

Honorary Rotarian Janeen Downen will be celebrating her 2nd Rotary Anniversary with our club on June 11th.

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) becomes more common in Rotary communications, Rotary International has released AI Guidelines for Members to help clubs and districts use these tools responsibly while protecting privacy and the Rotary brand. The guidelines encourage the use of AI for tasks such as drafting social media posts, newsletters, presentations, and generating creative ideas. However, members are reminded that AI-generated content should always be reviewed and fact-checked before publication.



One of the most important guidelines for Public Image teams involves Rotary branding. Rotary's logos, branded content, photos, videos, and other intellectual property should not be uploaded into AI generators. This includes club and district logos. While AI can be used to create graphics and illustrations, official District and Club logos should be added after the design is created using tools such as Canva or Adobe Express.

The guidelines also emphasize protecting privacy by avoiding the upload of confidential Rotary information, donor records, financial information, or identifiable photos of individuals without their consent. AI offers exciting opportunities to enhance Rotary storytelling and outreach, but it should be used thoughtfully, ethically, and in alignment with Rotary's values. Public Image Chairs and club leaders are encouraged to review the new guidelines and share them with members who use AI tools in their Rotary work. [Read AI Guidelines.](#)



June is Rotary Fellowship Month. Rotary Fellowships are

international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. Rotary was founded on fellowship, a concept that has been expanded internationally through the Rotary Fellowships, groups that bring together members from different countries and cultures to enjoy a shared interest. In addition to fostering lifelong friendships, Rotary Fellowships keep members active in Rotary, sustaining their interest and further inspiring commitment.

The nearly one hundred Rotary Fellowships encompass a variety of vocations and avocations, ranging from sports and hobbies to professional interests — all of which serve as a way to extend international fellowship, friendship, and service. In addition to offering members an opportunity to share their passion for a particular interest with like-minded Rotarians, many individual fellowship groups enable members to use their hobbies or skills to serve others. Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has changed much over the years, but today their common purpose is still to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.



RECAP FROM LAST WEEK

We had another great meeting last week. We presented a \$1,000 check to our Madison High School Scholarship recipient Daniel Segundo. Daniel posed for a photo with San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club President Trina Forcey. Daniel will be attending The University of Texas at Austin.



Our speaker was fellow Rotarian Kyle Emmons of the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club. Kyle gave us a presentation about he and his wife, Claudia's recent trip to Scotland. One of the places that they visited while in Scotland was The Rotary & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. He shared a photo of he and Claudia standing on the famous Swilcan Bridge. After his presentation, Trina presented Kyle with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation. Being a Rotarian, we did not think that Kyle needed another copy of the Rotary magazine.

Instead, Dan Clark and Kyle shared a toast to Scotland with Buchanan's Master Blended Scotch Whiskey.



District Governor Craig Hardy's June Message

As we approach the close of another Rotary year on June 30, this month's theme of Rotary Fellowships reminds us of the friendships, partnerships, and spirit of service that unite Rotarians across our district and throughout the world.

This Rotary year presented both challenges and opportunities for service. Early in the year, communities in the Texas Hill Country faced significant flooding, and Rotary clubs throughout District 5840 joined together to provide assistance and support where needed. The response demonstrated the compassion and commitment that define Rotary and our dedication to Service Above Self.

Beyond these challenges, our district experienced tremendous growth and achievement. We are proud to report more than a five percent increase in membership, due in large part to the formation of five new clubs: two traditional Rotary clubs, two satellite service clubs, and one new Rotaract club. In addition, we were honored to celebrate the 100th anniversaries of two clubs within our district — remarkable milestones that reflect a century of service and fellowship.

Our Foundation fundraising efforts also reached new heights this year. A successful district raffle and generous contributions from our members allowed us to provide multiple grants supporting impactful community service projects throughout District 5840. Many clubs joined together to host creative, fun, and highly successful PolioPlus fundraising events. These events not only raised critical funds to support Rotary's mission to eradicate polio worldwide but also strengthened fellowship among our members and increased awareness of Rotary's global impact.

This year's District Conference in New Braunfels was exceptionally well attended and received high praise from participants. One of the highlights was an inspiring presentation by our own J.C. Clapsaddle regarding his continued humanitarian work in Ukraine and the Seeds of Hope project. It was my distinct honor to present J.C. with Rotary's prestigious Service Above Self Award in recognition of his extraordinary commitment to others. We also experienced record participation in our leadership training sessions held during the conference.

Communication and leadership development continued to thrive this year. We had a record number of clubs contributing stories to our district newsletter, and our Rotary Leadership Institute remained a valuable and successful program for developing future Rotary leaders.

Our commitment to Youth Services also remained strong. Through our Youth Exchange, Interact, EarlyAct, Rotaract, and RYLA programs, young people were given opportunities to develop leadership skills, serve their communities, and experience different cultures. We are especially proud that the district selected three outstanding Global Scholars who will receive our support during the coming year as they pursue advanced studies and prepare to make a positive impact in communities around the world.

As this Rotary year comes to a close, it has truly been my honor and privilege to serve as your District Governor. Through my visits to clubs across District 5840, I have had the opportunity to meet so many dedicated Rotarians who work tirelessly to identify and address the needs of their communities. Your commitment to Service Above Self continues to inspire me and gives me great confidence in the future of Rotary.

No governor serves alone, and I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to several exceptional individuals who helped make this year a success. Monica Gutierrez, our District Foundation Chair, acted quickly to secure our initial funding from Rotary International in support of flood relief efforts following the devastating Hill Country floods. Kyle Emmons, working alongside DisasterAid USA, helped mobilize and coordinate critical boots-on-the-ground relief efforts during those challenging times.

I am grateful to Dan Clark, who provided outstanding leadership to our team of Assistant Governors as they served as my direct connection to our clubs throughout the district. John Wall stepped into the role of District Treasurer and performed admirably, ensuring our financial operations remained strong and transparent. Pam Blankensee was instrumental in helping communicate district initiatives and messages to our members, ensuring that information was shared effectively and consistently.

I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to my home club, the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club, for nominating me, supporting me throughout the years, and serving as a shining example of what a vibrant and engaged Rotary club can be.

Finally, I could not have fulfilled the responsibilities of this office without the extraordinary support of Christine Tovar, my Chief of Staff; Jan King, our District Secretary; and Carole Hardy, my wife. Their dedication, wisdom, encouragement, and positive attitudes were invaluable as we faced every challenge and opportunity together. Their unwavering support made this journey not only successful but deeply rewarding.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Together, we truly lived Rotary's theme of Unite for Good, and I am excited to see our district continue to Create Lasting Impact in the year ahead.

