



**San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club**  
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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



June 16, 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 **Matt Carr**, Director of Cave Development with Natural Bridge Caverns. Natural Bridge Caverns are the largest commercial caverns in the state of Texas. The name is derived from the 60-foot natural limestone slab bridge that spans the amphitheater setting of the cavern's entrance. The span was left suspended when a sinkhole collapsed below it.



Matt Carr began working at Natural Bridge Caverns in 1991. His first duty was tearing guest tickets at the cave entrance gate. Working at the Caverns was always something that Matt looked forward to during breaks in college and grad school.

Eventually, Matt returned to the Caverns as a full time manager in 1999. He has worn a variety of hats at Natural Bridge: Tour Guide Supervisor, Food and Beverage Manager, Human Resource Manager, Operations Manager, and currently works as Director of Cavern Development. Matt remains devoted to both the Wuest Family and the Caverns they own, and is excited about what the future holds for Natural Bridge Caverns, Inc.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

June 23rd Joshua Mair, San Antonio Toros, Continental Football League

June 30th Karon Cuellar and Veronica Caldron, Arms of Hope

**SPECIAL MEETING AND LOCATION AND TIME**

2026-27 District Governor Bobby Martinez will be making his official visit to the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club on **Tuesday, July 7, 2026**. This will also be the **San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's 40th Installation Dinner and Awards Banquet**. 2026-2027 club officers will also be installed at this time. This special meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. and will take place at **El Chaparral Mexican Restaurant** in the Redland Trails Shopping Center located at 2838 N Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, TX 78232.



Club Treasurer Becky Robles has e-mailed out the members' dues invoices to San Antonio Northeast Rotarians for the period of July 2026 through December 2026. **Invoice payments are due no later than Wednesday, July 15, 2026.**



Please note that dues are \$100 every six months (or \$200 per Rotary year). This amount helps cover dues from Rotary International, District dues, and also helps cover shared costs such as speaker meals and general operating expenses.

As an added option, you may also choose to make a voluntary donation to the Paul Harris Fund when submitting your dues. The donation amount is entirely up to you.

Please notify Dan Clark ([danc Clark@ibc.com](mailto:danc Clark@ibc.com)) and Rebecca Robles ([rebeccarobles@ibc.com](mailto:rebeccarobles@ibc.com)) if you will not be continuing your membership with the club **no later than Monday, June 29, 2026**.

**At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$681. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$340.50.**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Jossi Clark will be celebrating her birthday on June 19th. *Happy Birthday, Jossi.*

**HAPPY Father's Day** Father's Day is this Sunday, June 21st.

With June being Rotary Fellowship month, we continue today with one of oldest, largest, and most active Rotary Fellowships. Founded in 1947, the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) boasts nearly 3,500 mariners and over 120 regional "fleets" across 30+ countries. Members blend a passion for boating with hands-on global service.

In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary emblem from their masts. And, thus, the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) was formed in Great Britain, becoming the second official Rotary fellowship following the Esperanto Rotary Fellowship.

Today, there are 120 active Rotary yachting fleets in 31 regions throughout the world. These include Argentina, Albania, Australia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Belgium, Canada, Chile, China (Hong Kong SAR), Colombia, Crimea, Croatia, Czech and Slovak Republics, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mali, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay and the USA.

IYFR has a worldwide membership of 3,537 mariners who are 'enrolled' in the 120 fleets and in the World E-Fleet, which was created to connect mariners who have no other fleet they can join.

The main requirement for joining IYFR is an active interest in boating (ownership of a boat is not required). Once reserved to Rotarians, Rotaractors and their Partners, the Fellowship is now open to any adult applicant that has a good reputation and is willing to abide by the Rotary Four Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct. IYFRANS are gathered into Fleets, Regions and Areas. Local Fleets are located worldwide; if there is not a local Fleet in the Region/Country of his, the applicant can request to temporary join the world E-Fleet

Boating with fellow Rotarians and friends is a delightful way to share ideas, improve your seamanship, provide support for Rotary service activities, make lasting friendships and practice the ideals of Rotary.

The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting all aspects of boating as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

**Trivia Time:** Have you ever noticed the nautical flags down the middle of the front page *The Nor'easter*? The nautical flags are a standardized system used internationally to communicate between ships or from ship to shore with the need for radios. Do you know what the nautical flags in *The Nor'easter* are communicating? You will need to attend our meeting tonight when the answer will be revealed.

**Bring a Friend to Rotary** Have you invited someone to a Rotary meeting lately? Becoming a member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. Through regular meetings and events, you will:

- Discuss your community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them
- Connect with others who are changing the world
- Expand your leadership and professional skills
- Catch up with friends and meet new ones

Rotary offers many experiences beyond your club. By joining our global network of 1.2 million members, you'll have opportunities to participate in Rotary's extensive programmatic offerings that will help you make connections to be around the world.



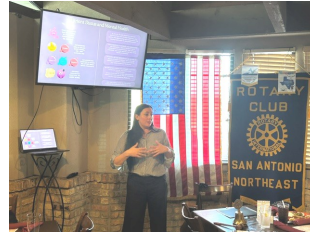
**Sunday, June 21st is also the first day of Summer.**



## RECAP FROM LAST WEEK

We had another great meeting last week. Dan Clark's ticket was drawn for our weekly raffle but he did not pull the joker. Our happy bucks pot continues to grow. What's a San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club meeting without interesting socks. Thanks Becky Goering.

Our speaker last week was Hannah Wood, Clinical Nutrition Specialist. Hannah's presentation was about the link between digestion, nutrient status, and mental health. She shared with us some very interesting information. After her presentation, Club President Trina Forcey presented Hannah with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine. Hannah welcomes the opportunity to speak to other Rotary clubs. Thanks to Becky Goering for suggesting that Hannah speak to our club. Very informative program.



# 130 DAYS

This is how many days until the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's 16th Annual Bowling and Silent Auction Fundraiser. This sounds like a long way off, but it will be here before you know. Our fundraiser will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Astro SuperBowl starting at 12:00 noon.

As in years past, funds raised from this event will go to awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior at James Madison High School, supporting the James Madison Interact Club's Food Pantry, and sending two students to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Cost is \$25 per bowler, consisting of 3 games or 3 hours, whichever comes first. Registration forms to sign up individuals or teams can be found at [www.sanortheastrotary.com/events](http://www.sanortheastrotary.com/events)

In addition to bowlers, we are also looking for silent auction items. Club members are encouraged to reach out to local businesses and request an item for our auction.

Finally, we are also looking for sponsors for our fundraiser. There are multiple levels of sponsorship. Sponsorship flyer can also be found at [www.sanortheastrotary.com/events](http://www.sanortheastrotary.com/events)

Please contact Dan Clark at [danclark@ibc.com](mailto:danclark@ibc.com) or (210) 799-4474 if you have any questions.



## 16th Annual Halloween Bowling Fundraiser

## Members from around the world gather in Taiwan to forge and renew friendships

By Etelka Lehoczky

A thunder of drums opened the 2026 Rotary International Convention's first general session in Taipei, Taiwan. The rhythmic beats launched a vivid pageant that blended traditional and modern elements to evoke the city's cosmopolitan nature and Rotary's global spirit.

As RI President Francesco Arezzo took the stage on 14 June to welcome attendees, he described the experience of meeting Rotary members throughout his term: "Everywhere I went, I found the same spirit. Different languages, different food, different ways of welcoming a guest — but always the same Rotary heart."

"As we begin this convention, enjoy this city and this magical island. Enjoy the rain. Enjoy this fellowship. Celebrate what we have done. And dream of what Rotary can still become," said Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy.

In addition to forging and renewing relationships with Rotary and Rotaract club members, program participants, alumni, and guests from around the globe, convention attendees will hear from an array of thought-provoking leaders. Keynote speaker Malala Yousafzai is the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate and an advocate for girls' education. Rotary Peace Fellow Natalie Emery works with the World Food Programme to offer guidance and strategic support to countries experiencing humanitarian emergencies. Salome Agbaroji, a Nigerian-American spoken-word poet, was the U.S. National Youth Poet Laureate in 2023-24.

In addressing the opening session, Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te described the event as a truly momentous occasion. "Special thanks go to Taiwan's Rotary members for bringing the world to Taiwan, and to Rotary International leaders for their support," he said.

Beyond the general sessions, convention-goers will have the opportunity to choose from dozens of breakout sessions. Many of them will highlight how clubs are working in Rotary's areas of focus: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving maternal and child health, supporting education, growing local economies, and protecting the environment.

Fighting disease remains in the thoughts of many attendees as Rotary grapples with the difficult final stage of the fight against polio. The paralyzing disease has been eliminated in most of the world, but the goal of eradication has yet to be reached.

"This year was difficult," Arezzo said in his opening remarks. "Funding became harder. Governments faced new pressures. But our efforts on polio do not disappear because the world grows tired of hearing about it. We have to keep our promise to the world's children."

Arezzo described visiting Pakistan to observe Rotary's immunization efforts and seeing a child about three years old who had been paralyzed by polio. She used her hands to pull herself to join a group of children. "That little girl is why we cannot stop," Arezzo said. "We must finish because the next child is still waiting."

Besides providing updates on our top causes, convention breakout sessions will cover many other ways that Rotary members are making a difference in the world. Planned sessions include Rotary Rising: Engaging the Next Generation, Anime Environmental Education: Inspiring Zero Waste Action, and AI for Good: Empowering Rotary's Mission With AI.

Using technology to bring attendees together was a particular focus for members of the convention's volunteer committee. They created an interpretation app to help attendees who don't speak Taiwanese Mandarin or Taiwanese Hokkien, the nation's primary languages. If attendees need help finding their way around or communicating with a convention volunteer, they can use the app to instantly start a video call with an interpreter. The interpreters speak English, Japanese, and Korean.

"We designed the app for attendees who have language barriers and need to find where their hotel is, get to the convention center, get medical services — even get to one of the city's night markets or find a good restaurant," said Volunteer Committee Chair Michael Tseng, a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei Prosperity, Taipei.

While some committee members were designing the app, others began recruiting Rotary members from all over the country to serve as interpreters. The HOC GO! app is available in major app stores. The 2026 Rotary International Convention continues through June 17th.



Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo addresses the opening general session of the Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan