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July 14, 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 Dr. Scott Sitterle, O.D. Dr. Sitterle is a Dry Eye & Ocular Nutrition Specialist. Dr. Sitterle founded Sitterle Vision Source & Dry Eye Center in the Thousand Oaks area of San Antonio in 1994 with a vision to deliver medically focused, prevention-driven eye care to the community he calls home. With over three decades of clinical experience, he is recognized for his expertise in dry eye disease, ocular health, and the critical role nutrition plays in preventing and managing chronic eye conditions.



Dr. Sitterle earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Houston College of Optometry in 1990. He is licensed as an Optometric Glaucoma Specialist and is certified in the diagnosis and treatment of eye disease, injury, and infection. Throughout his career, he has emphasized comprehensive medical eye care and long-term disease prevention.

Dr. Sitterle has a special interest in treating dry eye disease and ocular surface inflammation. He believes that chronic dry eye is often a systemic issue — not just an eye problem — and that successful treatment requires a deeper understanding of inflammation, lifestyle, and nutrition.

A long-standing member of the San Antonio community, Dr. Sitterle has been active at Community Bible Church since 1993, where he plays trumpet in the praise orchestra. He has also served as a board member and past vice president of the San Antonio Northeast San Antonio Rotary Club, and is now a member of the Alamo Heights Rotary Club.

Outside the office, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Gloria, to whom he has been married since 1990. They have two sons, Philip and Clifton and are now expecting two granddaughters this summer! Dr. Sitterle loves music, sunshine, and relaxing near the water — whether at the beach, lake, river, or pool.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 21st Kristen Salazar,
Real Estate

July 28th Gretchen Peterson Dunlap,
Peterson Chiropractic

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.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$809. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$404.50.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Russell Sturgeon will be celebrating his birthday on July 18th. Happy Birthday, Russell.

Cathy Criagdo will be celebrating her birthday on July 19th. Happy Birthday, Cathy.

Elizabeth Monsivais will be celebrating her 1st Rotary Anniversary on July 15th. Congratulations, Elizabeth

President Yinka takes office as president of Rotary International



Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, took office as president of Rotary International on July 1, 2026, becoming the second African to lead the global membership organization.

During his one-year term, Babalola will focus on strengthening Rotary's contribution to peacebuilding and supporting sustainable, community-led solutions that address local and global challenges and improve lives.

"Rotary gives people the opportunity not only to make a difference in their communities, but also to grow through meaningful relationships, collaboration, and a deeper appreciation of different perspectives," said Babalola. "At a time when many societies face division and uncertainty, I believe Rotary has an important role to play in building understanding, advancing peace, and creating opportunities for communities to thrive. As president, I look forward to highlighting and strengthening that impact around the world."

Babalola brings to the role decades of experience advancing community development, peacebuilding, and public health initiatives across Africa. He has been actively involved with Rotary's Peace Center at Makerere University in Uganda – the organization's first on the continent.

As head of Rotary's 45,000 clubs worldwide, Babalola will lead Rotary's top priority of ending polio. Together with its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, Rotary has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent and contributed more than US\$3 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect over 3 billion children from this paralyzing disease. He has also been deeply engaged in Rotary's polio eradication efforts, serving on the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee and advising the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee.

Rotary members throughout the world develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, grow local economies and protect the environment. More than 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 – to support these initiatives over the last 100 years.

About Olayinka Hakeem Babalola: Babalola holds a degree in engineering and spent more than 30 years in the oil and gas sector, including senior leadership roles at Shell PLC. He founded the Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery firm, as well as Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance consultancy.

Babalola is a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals, and the Association of Change Management Practitioners. He also belongs to the Jericho Business Club, a civic organization in Ibadan that contributes to national policy dialogue.

Babalola became involved with Rotary in 1984 through Rotaract — Rotary's program for young professionals and students — and joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in 1994. He has since held a number of leadership roles within the organization and currently serves as a trustee of ShelterBox UK, Rotary's official project partner for disaster relief.

He and his wife, Preba, support The Rotary Foundation through a named endowment and are members of the Arch Klumph Society, which recognizes Rotary's highest level of philanthropic giving. His Rotary honors include the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Service Above Self Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.



RECAP FROM OUR LAST MEETING

We were pleased to have Karon Cuellar, and Veronica Calderon as our guest speakers for the last meeting of the 2025-2026 Rotary Year. Karon is the Executive Director of Family Outreach Services, and Veronica is the Director of the San Antonio Texas Family Outreach Center, for Arms of Hope. Arms of Hope, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Christian care organization that assists children and single-mother families in need. Arms of Hope's facilities include Medina Children's Home, Boles Children's Home, the Refuge Campus and Family Outreach Centers in four major cities across Texas. We thank now Past Immediate President Trina Forcey for arranging for Karon and Veronica to speak to us on June 30th. After their very interesting presentation, Trina presented Karon and Veronica Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and each a copy of the Rotary magazine.



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club welcomes 2026-2027 District Governor Bobby Martinez

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club had the honor of being the first club in District 5840 for District Governor Bobby Martinez to make his official visit to. He was joined by his Chief of Staff Karen Allen-Mirabeau. Our Installation and Awards Banquet was held on Tuesday, July 7th at El Chaparral Mexican Restaurant.



DG Bobby informed us of his plans for the upcoming Rotary year. Bobby installed incoming Club President Dan Hernandez and his Board for the new Rotary year. Dan presented Bobby a token of our appreciation along with one of our Rotary club trading banners.



Bobby also installed our newest club member Tony Hernandez. Tony was formerly with the Austin South Rotary Club and we are very happy that he has joined the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Last, but definitely not least, Dan presented our outgoing club president Trina Forcey a Rotary plaque for her dedication to service during the 2025-2026 Rotary year. Thank you very much, Trina.



16th Annual Halloween Bowling Fundraiser

Only 102 days until the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's 16th Annual Bowling and Silent Auction 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. 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 sponsorship. Finally, we are also looking for sponsors for our fundraiser. There are multiple levels of sponsorship. For forms and additional information, please check out the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's website at www.sanortheastrotary.com Please contact Dan Clark at danclark@ibc.com or (210) 799-4474 if you have any questions.

Rotary International observes Maternal and Child Health Month every July. This designated month highlights Rotary's commitment to improving the health and well-being of mothers and their children. Maternal and child health is one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus. Globally, millions of children under five die each year from preventable causes like malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation, while mothers face high risks during childbirth. Maternal and child health is not a headline area of focus. It rarely trends. But it may be the most human one. Every other cause Rotary works on, from clean water to education to peace, depends on a mother surviving childbirth and a child living long enough to grow up. Rotary's work is to close that gap, one community at a time. The scale of the need is stark. According to Rotary International, an estimated 5 million children under the age of 5 died in 2020, mostly from preventable and treatable causes. Roughly half of those deaths, 2.4 million, occurred in the first 28 days of life. The leading causes are largely preventable or treatable with basic care. Rotary's response is community-led. Members provide education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. They train community health workers, distribute insecticide-treated bed nets, and help mothers learn how to breastfeed and protect their families from disease. Through The Rotary Foundation, global grants fund longer-term work, from maternal health centers to pediatric surgeries, in partnership with local ministries and health organizations.



Rotary District 5840 ROTARY FOUNDATION REPORT 2025-2026

TOTAL District Grants Awarded & by Area of Focus 35



Global Grant Scholars 1

Masters at The London Metropolitan University

AOF:Maternal and Child Health

D5840 Raffle Annual Fund: \$88,000.00



Number of Donors 1,232

Annual Fund: \$437,929.33
Polio Plus: \$109,974.00
Disaster Response: \$1,725.88
Global Grants: \$1,575.81
Endowment: \$93,496.27

TOTAL: \$644,701.29

New PHF: 270
New Major Donors: 16
TRF Banner Clubs: 9
EREY Banner Clubs: 9
Number of Giving Clubs
Annual Fund: 50
Polio Plus: 38