



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



August 4, 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 program this evening is a **Club Assembly**. A **Club Assembly** is an opportunity for **ALL** club members to review and discuss club issues. Club assemblies allow club members to:

- Brainstorm ideas for projects, fundraisers, and activities
- Review the club's strengths, opportunities, and weaknesses
- Set goals and develop action plans
- Coordinate committee activities
- Learn more about Rotary and its programs

All club members are encouraged to please be in attendance for this meeting. Remember, this is **YOUR** Rotary Club.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 11th	To be announced
August 18th	Brian Purcell, The Texas Highway Man
August 25th	Susannah Zani, Luxury African Safaris

Birthdays & Anniversaries

We start off this section with a correction from last week's newsletter. We published that Debbie Degollado was celebrating her 11th Rotary Anniversary on July 28, 2026. While this is true, what we neglected to mention is that this is her second time in the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Debbie originally joined our club in June 2001 and had left for a short time period when she moved. She rejoined the club when she moved back. In reality, Debbie has been a vital member of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club for the better part of 25 years and is a very valuable member of our club. Our apologies, Debbie for the error.

Honorary Member Mayra Rivero and her husband Antonio will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on August 9th. Congratulations, Mayra and Antonio.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot stands at \$66. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$33.

Tax-free weekend in Texas runs from Friday, August 7, until midnight on Sunday, August 9. During those days, shoppers can grab the gamut of items without paying sales tax, such as most clothing and footwear, cloth and disposable face masks, school supplies and backpacks. Items must be sold for less than \$100 each, and in most cases, you won't have to provide the seller with a tax exemption certificate.

Shoppers can grab school supplies free from tax, including but not limited to:

- Backpacks and lunch boxes
- Binders and folders
- Calculators
- Composition books, notebooks and paper
- Crayons, pencils (and sharpeners), pens, markers, highlighters and erasers
- Scissors
- Pencil boxes
- Glue and cellophane tape

The Comptroller's Office encourages all taxpayers to support Texas businesses while saving money on tax-free purchases. Qualifying items can be purchased tax free from a Texas store or from an online or catalog seller doing business in Texas.

**TEXAS
TAX-FREE
WEEKEND**



District Governor Bobby Martinez's August Message

August is Rotary's Membership & New Club Development Month, and it offers us an opportunity to reflect on what membership truly means. Now more than ever, Rotary doesn't simply need more members - we need more Rotarians.



There is an important distinction. A member may attend meetings, but a Rotarian embraces our mission of Service Above Self. Rotarians are the ones who volunteer at service projects, lead committees, mentor new members, and inspire others to become part of something bigger than themselves. They don't just fill a seat at the table—they help build the table.

Sustainable membership has never been about growing numbers alone. It is about attracting people whose hearts are aligned with Rotary's purpose. When we focus on recruiting individuals who are passionate about making a difference, we create clubs that are stronger, more engaged, and better equipped to serve our communities for years to come.

As we celebrate Membership Month, I encourage every club to consider these simple but powerful approaches:

Look for a Heart for Service

When prospective members ask, "What does your club do in the community?" pay attention. Those questions often reveal someone motivated by impact rather than simply networking or fellowship. Fellowship is one of Rotary's greatest strengths, but service is what brings us together and keeps us united.

Let Service Tell Our Story

Rather than beginning with a membership presentation, invite prospective members to experience Rotary firsthand. A service project is our best introduction. Whether packing meals, planting trees, mentoring students, or supporting a local nonprofit, serving side-by-side allows people to see Rotary in action. They experience the friendships, the purpose, and the impact long before they're asked to complete a membership application.

Make the Invitation Personal

Instead of saying, "We could use more members," offer a meaningful opportunity to serve.

"We're looking for someone to help organize our literacy project."

"We'd love someone to join our veterans committee."

"We're assembling hygiene kits this Saturday, and we'd love for you to help."

Specific invitations help people envision how their unique talents and passions can make an immediate difference.

Membership growth isn't just about adding names to a roster—it's about building a community of people committed to creating positive change. Every new Rotarian brings fresh ideas, new relationships, and new opportunities to expand our impact.

This month, I challenge every Rotarian to invite someone who has a heart for service to experience Rotary. Bring them to a project. Introduce them to our mission. Let them witness the joy of serving others alongside people who genuinely care. Together, we won't just grow our membership - we'll grow Rotary.

August is Membership and New Club Development Month, a time to focus on and appreciate your members, celebrate their devotion to the club and the impact they have made. It's also a time to think about developing strategies around growing your membership. The reason why Rotary is such a successful organization is because it is full of members that have one trait in common - the passion to make a difference in the world. All of us share this passion and it's what drives us to work together.



RECAP FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Our speaker last week was Gretchen Peterson-Dunlap, Director of Community Outreach and Education with Peterson Chiropractic. She gave us a very informative presentation on the importance of people to transform their health through chiropractic care. Gretchen pointed out that a big part of good chiropractic care is how to deal with stress. Gretchen also said that she would welcome the opportunity to speak to other Rotary clubs in the future. Thanks to Cathy Criado for arranging for Gretchen to speak to us. After her presentation, Club President Dan Hernandez presented Gretchen a Speakers Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the *Rotary* magazine.



Rotary Zone Restructuring

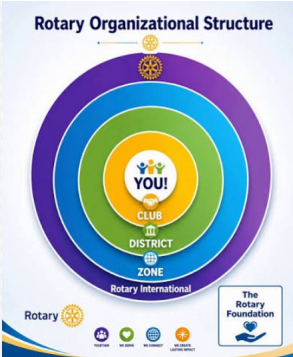
District Governor Bobby Martinez has some news regarding our Rotary Zone. A Rotary Zone is a large administrative group of Rotary International districts, featuring 34 total zones worldwide designed to maintain an equal number of members in each region. DG Bobby said that there is a significant restructuring — moving from 25B and 29 (South America plus a part of Canada) into a combined 31A and B alongside India is a much bigger shift than a typical zone tweak, since it changes the geographic and cultural makeup of who you're coordinating with at the zone level.

A few things likely to be in play once 31A/B takes effect on July 1, 2027:

- Zone institute and training structure — governor training, zone institutes, and PETS-equivalent gatherings will likely realign around the new pairing, which could mean new travel patterns and new relationships with India-based district leadership.
- Rotary Coordinators and Rotary Public Image Coordinators — these zone-level volunteer roles get reassigned along zone lines, so your district's coordinators may change.
- Trustee representation — zones elect RI Directors and Trustees, so 31A/B combining with India changes the voting bloc and who ends up representing your area at the RI Board level.
- Best practice sharing — pairing with India means access to a different set of district conference themes, membership strategies, and project models than what you've had with South America and Canada, which can be a real opportunity given India's Rotary membership density.

Since this is still over a year out and the mechanics are being worked out, it's worth watching for:

- Communication from RI's Zone/Regional Leadership team about transition timing
- Whether your current Rotary Coordinator territory shifts before or after the July 2027 date
- Any joint zone institute planning between the outgoing and incoming zone leadership



India's Bharat Pandya selected to be 2028-29 Rotary International President

by Etelka Lehoczky



Bharat Pandya, a member of the Rotary Club of Borivli, Mumbai, India, is the selection of the nominating committee for Rotary International president for 2028-29. He will officially become the president-nominee on September 15 if there are no other challenging candidates.

After receiving undergraduate and postgraduate degrees from Seth G. S. Medical College and King Edward Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, Pandya practiced as a general and laparoscopic surgeon for 38 years. Among other professional recognitions, he was awarded fellowships by the Association of Surgeons of India and the International College of Surgeons and earned the Borivli Medical Brotherhood's Outstanding Performance Award. He is a founding member of the Association of Minimal Access Surgeons of India and was a board member and vice chair of Jan Shikshan Sansthan, a government-sponsored vocational training and skill development institute. He received the Mumbai Gaurav (Pride of Mumbai) Award from Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha and the Indian Global Foundation.

Pandya has served as an RI director and treasurer and on numerous committees, among them the Finance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. He has served in multiple positions for The Rotary Foundation: trustee, vice chair, Executive Committee chair, and vice chair of the Finance and Stewardship committees. He is currently chair of the RI Programs Committee and vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Programs Committee. He served on the India PolioPlus Committee in 2011-15, during which time India was certified polio-free.

Pandya and his wife, Madhavi, a past district chair of Inner Wheel District 314, are Major Donors and Benefactors. They have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Only 81 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 item for our auction. 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. The forms are also shown below. Please contact Dan Clark at danclark@ibc.com or (210) 799-4474 if you have any questions.

16th Annual Halloween Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at
Astro SuperBowl,
3203 Harry Wurzbach Rd. at Austin Highway
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 Food Pantry
Supporting other humanitarian causes that will help serve our community.
We are asking folks to come out in the finest HALLOWEEN costumes.
***** There will also be a Silent Auction *****
with items for bowlers and non-bowlers to bid on.
Cost is \$25 per bowler
Bowling will consist of 3 games or 3 hours, whichever comes first.
Shoe rental is included with the cost.
* Please try to arrive by 11:45 a.m. to get your shoes and your lane assignment.*
For more information, please contact Dan Clark at danclark@ibc.com or (210) 799-4474

Bowling Team Registration Form

Team Name: _____

Player 1 (Team Captain)
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ e-mail address _____

Player 2
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ e-mail address _____

Player 3
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ e-mail address _____

Player 4
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ e-mail address _____

Player 5
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ e-mail address _____

Don't know how to bowl? Not to worry. Just let us know by marking the box below and we can have the bumpers set up for you so that your ball stays on the lane and does not go into the gutter.

Will any players need use of a bumper? Yes ☐ No ☐

16th Annual Halloween Bowling Fundraiser

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

CORPORATE SPONSOR - \$500

- 2' X 3' SPONSOR BANNER WITH LOGO AND VERBIAGE
- ONE (1) FREE TEAM ENTRY
- SPECIAL PA ANNOUNCEMENT DURING FUNDRAISER
- LOGO ON EVERY WEBSITE
- RECOGNITION IN SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

LANE SPONSOR - \$200

- 2' X 3' SPONSOR BANNER WITH LOGO AND VERBIAGE
- LOGO ON EVERY WEBSITE
- SPECIAL PA ANNOUNCEMENT DURING FUNDRAISER

IN-KIND / SILENT AUCTION SPONSOR

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Scan the QR Code and enter the dollar amount of your sponsorship