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September 2, 2025

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?

District 5840 Governor Craig Hardy is making his official visit to the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club this evening. Edward "Craig" Hardy is a Past President of the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club. He has served his club as the Treasurer, a member of its Board of Directors and Scholarship committee.



He is a Paul Harris Fellow and was awarded the President of the Year in District 5840 after the 2014 Year. He and his wife Carole recently became Bequest Society Members. With over 30 years of Rotary experience, Craig has chaired the district's RLI Committee from 2019-2021, frequently serving as a facilitator. He has served as an Assistant Governor, and on the District Conference Organization Committee. In addition, he has facilitated training for club treasurers throughout the District.

Craig is married to Carole, and they have four children and eight grandchildren. His hobbies include golf, watching UT athletics, hunting, and the Arts. Craig is a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, and Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. He has a master's degree in healthcare administration and is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Craig recently retired from his career as a healthcare consultant.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Becky Goering is celebrating her birthday TODAY.
Happy Birthday, Becky.
Honorary Club Rotarian Mayra Rivero-Diaz will be celebrating her birthday on September 6th. Happy Birthday, Mayra.



Why We Walk: We are Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors that have extensive leadership experience around Alzheimer's including Alzheimer's education, patient care, prevention management, research for a cure and strategic partnership. We have chosen to band together as a Rotary Action Group to meld our passion and energies and direct them to supporting this wonderful effort. This is why we are proud to support the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's, the world's largest fundraising event for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. We share a vision of a world without Alzheimer's and we are inviting all Rotarians to walk with us in solidarity in more than 600 communities across the country. The funds raised will help fight Alzheimer's disease through vital research, advocacy efforts and essential support programs and services in your communities. Your team donations will play an important role in improving the lives of people living with Alzheimer's, their families, and caregivers.

Join San Antonio's Rotary Team Today!



Team Rotarians Unite For Good



DG Craig Hardy's September Message
The Value of Education and How Rotary Supports It

The Rotary area of focus for September is Education & Literacy. Education is one of the most powerful forces for change. It breaks the cycle of poverty, opens doors to opportunity, and builds stronger communities.



Beyond knowledge, it gives people dignity, confidence, and hope.

Rotary has long recognized this power. Education is one of Rotary International's key areas of focus. Clubs worldwide dedicate their time, talent, and resources to make learning accessible for from early childhood literacy to adult vocational training. These efforts create opportunities that ripple through families and communities for generations.

Why Education Matters

The need is great: more than 250 million children are not in school, and millions more lack basic reading or math skills. Without education, futures are limited. But when people learn, societies thrive—literacy leads to better health, stronger economies, and greater peace.

And education is personal. A child who learns to read opens doors to the world. A graduate with skill gains independence. A parent who helps with homework models pride and confidence for the next generation.

Rotary's Commitment

Rotary supports education in many ways:

- Donating books, tutoring, and building libraries.
- Providing scholarships locally and globally.
- Supporting teachers with training, materials, and calm rooms.
- Building schools, clean water systems, and sanitation facilities.
- Offering vocational training for adults.

These efforts are often connected with Rotary's other focus areas, especially health and clean water. A classroom with safe water and sanitation helps all students, especially girls—attend regularly and thrive.

Local and Global Impact

In our district, Rotary clubs provide mentoring, supplies, backpacks, technology, and calm rooms. Many clubs sponsor Interact programs. Globally, Rotary has built schools in India, improved literacy in Guatemala, and helped girls stay in school across Africa.

Education and Peace

Education builds peace. Rotary Peace Fellowships prepare leaders to promote human rights and cooperation worldwide.

Conclusion

By investing in education, Rotary invests in hope, equality, and peace. Together, as we **UNITE For GOOD**, we are shaping a brighter tomorrow.

James Madison



The next Madison Interact Club meeting will be held on Monday, September 8th at 4:30 p.m. in room D07. Club members are encouraged to attend the Interact meetings to show support for the amazing things that these young adults do for our community.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$606. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$303.

Wrap up from last week

We had a great meeting last week. We were joined last week by visiting Rotarian Oscar Hawit Garcia from the Rotary Club of San Pedro Sula, Honduras along with his son, Sahid. Debbie Degollado's raffle ticket was drawn but she did not pull the joker. Our Happy Bucks Pot continues to grow. Randy Coats gave us a presentation on the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and how it affected Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi where he was stationed at the time. After his presentation, Club President Trina Forcey presented Randy with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine. By the way, we will be inducting Randy as our club's new member at our meeting tonight.



Olayinka Hakeem Babalola selected to be 2026-27 Rotary International president

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. His term will begin on July 1, 2026.

The Board, guided by the RI code of policies, conducted a special session to select the organization's leader after the resignation of RI President-elect SangKoo Yun, who decided to step back from his Rotary responsibilities and focus on his recovery from recent cancer treatment.

Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1988 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi six years later. His leadership roles include serving as district governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and member of the RI Board (2018-20). He was also an active leader and participant in RI committees such as the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

An attorney, Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He has worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in Shell PLC and carrying out projects on four continents. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola's professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals, and the Association of Change Management Practitioners. He is a member of Jericho Business Club, an organization in his home city that provides input to governments on economic and social policy.

Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. A trustee of ShelterBox UK and director of the Safe Blood Africa project, he is a recipient of the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.



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

15th Annual Halloween Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, October 18th 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

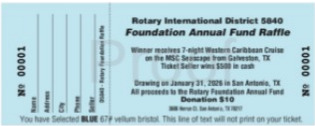
Supporting the James Madison Interact Club Food Pantry

Supporting other humanitarian causes that will help serve our community

In addition to looking for bowlers, we are also looking for sponsors. October 18th is only 46 days away. Please up a team registration form and a sponsorship form at our meeting tonight.



Rotary Foundation Raffle Instructions



Each member will receive one book (10 tickets at \$10 each) to sell and raise funds for our Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Each member can send \$100 directly to Rotary Foundation Annual Fund or your Club Foundation Chair can collect money from members and use the Multiple Contribution form with one check to Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Winner receives a \$5000 voucher for a 7-night Western Caribbean Cruise on the MSC Seascapes from Galveston, TX to be taken anytime in 2026.



Seller of winning ticket receives \$500 in cash.



Club Foundation Chair to mail ticket stubs (no staples) and deposit sheet to the following address by January 15, 2026:
Monica Gutierrez
3606 Herron Ct. San Antonio, TX 78217



Raffle Drawing will be held at RLI on January 31, 2026 at the Northwest Vista College campus in San Antonio, TX at 12PM.

Note: Raffle tickets per club were distributed at DG installation; contact your Assistant Governor if your club has not received them.



Take your leadership skills to the next level with RLI - Rotary Leadership Institute

There will be a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on Saturday, September 20th, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Northwest Vista College, 3535 N Ellison Dr, San Antonio, TX 78251. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. The institute is \$50 and is open to all Rotarians. Please use the following link to

register:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/registrations/publicfill/eventpublicfill.aspx?evtid=120769ab-5739-4f12-8c29-2543bb253e89>

RLI is a very informative and fun day. You will enjoy a program that is well-planned and presented by district leaders. There is great inter-action amongst attendees and you will learn quite a bit about leadership qualities and the "nuts and bolts" of Rotary. This program will prove invaluable in preparing you or your fellow Rotarians for leadership positions within your club and district.

RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation and to those identified by Rotary Clubs as having a potential in club leadership. These educational opportunities will teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service.

For questions, contact Arden Riley, at arden.riley@gmail.com.