



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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September 15, 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 will be a group discussion on our upcoming bowling and silent auction fundraiser. We would like to get all club members involved with this discussion. The more input we get from everyone, the more productive our fundraiser will be.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 22nd Angelica Pilato,
No More UXO in Laos

October 13th Darren Dunn,
General Manager of KWED Radio

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Preston McKinney will be celebrating his birthday on September 20th. Happy Birthday, Preston.

Russell Sturgeon and his wife Ana will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on September 22nd.
Happy Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Sturgeon.

Thanks go out to San Antonio Northeast Rotarians Dan Hernandez, Russell Sturgeon, DeDe Johnson, Tony Hernandez, Dan Clark, Becky Robles, and Debbie Johnson for volunteering their time at the Alzheimer's Association last Wednesday. They were joined by Dave Miller, Captain of the District 5840 Walk to End Alzheimer's Team and a member of the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club. The Rotarians were contacting individuals that had participated in the Walk in years past and to remind them that this year's walk will take place on Saturday, November 7th at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. Thanks as always go out to Alzheimer's Association Walk Manager for being a great hostess at her office.



Dave has also sent out the e-mail below to District 5840 club presidents:

Dear Rotarian Can you help us Fight Alzheimer's as part of our Rotary District 5840/Alzheimer's Walk Fundraising team? If so, please click on link below to register now and self donate any amount to get started thanks! And please forward the link on to any other club members interested.

<http://act.alz.org/goto/Rotary5840>

At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot stands at \$195. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$97.50.

Rotary District 5840 is looking for Rotarians from across the District who are passionate about helping Rotary grow and thrive! You don't have to be a Membership Chair or an expert—if you have ideas, experience, enthusiasm, or simply a desire to help strengthen our clubs, we want YOU on the team!

- Share your experience
- Bring your ideas
- Connect & collaborate
- Help strengthen our clubs and our District

Together, we can build stronger membership, stronger clubs, and a stronger Rotary!

Interested in joining the District Membership Team? Contact [Caroline Goddard](#) to learn more and get involved.



A Proud Moment for District 5840! As your Immediate Past District Governor, I am proud to announce that at the Rotary International Rotary Roadmap Awards program, our District was named District of the Year for Zone 25B for Rotary year 2025-2026!

The Rotary Roadmap is a framework Rotary International has created that helps districts and clubs set goals, measure progress, and focus their efforts in key areas such as Membership, Public Image, The Rotary Foundation, and Polio.

District 5840 received commendations in all four categories, with our Membership and Public Image programs being named Best in the Zone.

This recognition belongs to all of the Rotarians throughout our district whose leadership, dedication, and hard work made these accomplishments possible.

Congratulations, District 5840! We should all be proud of what we accomplished together, and energized by what we can achieve when we Unite for Good to Serve Others Above Ourselves.

Yours in Rotary,

Craig Hardy
District Governor 2025–2026

**pints
for
POLIO**

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club will once again be pairing up with the Alamo Heights Rotary Club for a Pints for Polio event on Tuesday, October 20th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Wetmore Beach House, 12329 Wetmore Road, and raise a glass - and raise lifesaving funds for the eradication of polio. **Please note that this fundraiser will take the place of our regular weekly meeting.** Tickets are \$20 per person and will include one free beer and access to the event. Join us for Pints for Polio, a fun community night where every pint helps Rotary's global effort to eradicate polio. Mark your calendars. More details to follow.

RECAP FROM OUR LAST MEETING

We had a great turnout at our last meeting. We almost ran out of open chairs. It was nice to have club member Thomas Brainard back with us at our meeting. Thomas' ticket was drawn, but unfortunately he did not pull the joker. Our happy bucks pot continues to grow. Jan King shared some interesting Rotary information with us. We were pleased to



welcome Kristy Benitez as our guest speaker at our last meeting. Kristy was joined by her son. Kristy spent 12 years teaching elementary students in Alaska's Bering Strait region, including one of the most remote schools in America. Her experiences gave her a unique perspective on education, rural Alaska, and life in isolated Alaskan Native communities. After her presentation, Club President Dan Hernandez presented Kristy a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciate and an edition of the Rotary magazine.

We are less than two months away from the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club's 16th Annual Bowling and Silent Auction Fundraiser which 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 Please contact Dan Clark at danclark@ibc.com or (210) 799-4474 if you have any questions.



16th Annual Halloween Bowling Fundraiser

Introducing the joy of reading

by Mary Ann Norbom, Rotary Club of Annapolis, Maryland

I had just celebrated my first anniversary as a member of the Rotary Club of Annapolis. I was still trying to find my way when I had the opportunity to see firsthand the difference Rotary members can make right at home without traveling halfway around the world. I watched more than a dozen children discover the joy of reading at our club's newest Little Free Library installation. Their smiles were simply contagious. Sharing and trading books was clearly a joyous new experience for these boys and girls.

Identifying the need

Maryland's state capital is a city of just 40,000 people, often thought of as a well-to-do enclave. But it's also a tale of two cities: the very comfortable and the very underserved. Our club's Community Outreach Lane installs Little Free Libraries in the neediest neighborhoods.

Our latest installation, our 26th, actually has two boxes, one each for children and adults. We set it up on 10 July at a nearby apartment complex categorized as affordable housing and run by a nonprofit management company. It even has its own Boys & Girls Club on site.

Collaborations contribute to its success

While many clubs sponsor Little Free Libraries, ours may be unique in the collaboration involved. Some books are donated by the neighboring Rotary Club of Parole's Books for International Goodwill project. Others come from the local public libraries.

Still others are purchased through our club's innovative relationship with the United States Naval Academy. Club members run one of the concession stands at the Academy's home football games, with the concessionaire paying us a flat fee plus all tips. Our club earned more than \$4,000 during the 2025 season. These funds are essential for construction and installation supplies.

I had volunteered for one of those 2025 games, but it wasn't until attending the grand opening of our newest library that I fully appreciated the impact our work had.

Dedication

Each library has its own librarian who monitors it weekly, determining what books are most in need and what books are of most interest. In the six years since the club began its library project, only one of the 26 installations has been closed for lack of use; testimony to the advance work that goes into deciding on location.

Logistics aside, it is the kids who use the libraries and discover the joy and fun in reading that bring smiles to our members' faces. In this case, Ken Green, who contributed dozens of hours to build out and then install (in 95-degree heat!) these two boxes, enjoyed that privilege. Ken's philanthropic work dates back to his days in the Peace Corps in the 1970s. Once the concrete was dry and the paint set, he was there to welcome the kids. No one seemed happier.

SEPTEMBER IS
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LITERACY MONTH



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Rotary member Ken Green watches children select books during the most recent Little Free Library installation.



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