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October 6, 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 Jeff Jubela,
Director of Sales with Freeze Miser®

Over the years, the Freeze Miser® family has pioneered several innovations in the freeze protection industry. The first three products developed eliminated the possibility of ice formation in livestock waterers.

In 2006, Freeze Miser® created the first of our freeze prevention products, the ICE SWEEPER™. In 2008, we developed a product called the MINI-SWEEPER™. In 2012, Freeze Miser® pioneered the development of the MICRO-SWEEPER™. In 2017, after five years of development and testing, Freeze Miser® was first sold for distribution and introduced into the retail market. It was launched as a freeze protection product for outdoor faucets and supply lines. It has many other applications as well.

Continuing innovation at Freeze Miser® keeps us competitive in the freeze protection industry. We continue our research regarding freeze protection. Freeze Miser® is a leader in freeze protection and water conservation, and we maintain the highest standards in producing freeze-prevention valves.

Freeze Miser® represents our goal to be a pioneer at the forefront of quality outdoor freeze prevention products. Our products use the minimum water for freeze prevention and are manufactured in the USA with exact standards that provide for many years of service.

Club President Dan Hernandez arranged for our speaker to be with us this evening. Thank you, Dan.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 13th Darren Dunn,
General Manager of KWED Radio

pints for POLIO In place of our regular meeting next week, 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. 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Tony Hernandez's wife, Nicole will be celebrating her birthday on October 10th. Happy Birthday, Nicole.

Also on October 10th, Dan and Jossi Clark will be celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Dan Hernandez will be celebrating his birthday on October 11th. Happy Birthday, Mr. President.

At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot stands at \$258. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$129.

James Madison Interact Club



The Madison Interact Club, which the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club proudly sponsors, has started there club meeting for the 2026-2027 school year. Meetings are held every other Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. in room L115. Club members are encouraged to attend these meetings and show our support for the great things that these young adults do for our community. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th.

October is Rotary Economic & Community Development Month



Rotary supports investments in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable, and long-term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by:

- Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
- Developing opportunities for productive work;
- Reducing poverty in under-served communities;
- Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.

Rotary District 5840 is forming a team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, November 7, in San Antonio, and we would love to have you join us!



Location - Six Flags Fiesta Texas

This is an opportunity for Rotarians across our district to come together, raise awareness, support families affected by Alzheimer's, and make a difference in the fight against this devastating disease.

How You Can Help

Join the Rotary District 5840/Alzheimer's Walk Fundraising Team and help us reach our fundraising goal!

Click the link below to register and join our team. Once registered, consider making a self-donation of any amount to get your fundraising started. Every contribution helps!

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

Whether you walk with us in San Antonio, make a donation, or encourage friends and family to support the team, every effort makes a difference.

Let's come together as Rotary District 5840 and show what happens when Rotarians unite for a cause that touches so many lives.

Together, we can help fight Alzheimer's!



Thanks go out to everyone that came out for our club social last Tuesday night at Big Hops. A good time was had by all. In addition to fellowship, we enjoyed playing trivia. The club members divided up into two teams. The ladies against the gents. The ladies won on the last question. Congratulations ladies. Special thanks go out to Russell Sturgeon for coordinating the event.

RECAP FROM OUR LAST MEETING

We had a great speaker at our meeting on September 22nd. We were pleased to welcome Angelica 'Angel' Pilato, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.), Ph.D. In 2023 she launched the NO MORE UXO in LAOS Project in partnership with MAG (Mines Advisory Group), an international nonprofit dedicated to clearing landmines and unexploded bombs in post-conflict countries around the world. She committed to raise \$50,000, enough to clear an area the size of 25 football fields! And, has exceeded the goal every year since raising date. Dr. Pilato auctioned off one of her books titled "Angel's Truck Stop: A Woman's Love, Laughter, and Loss during the Vietnam War". Preston McKinney was the lucky recipient. Angel is also a Rotarian from Rochester, New York. She and Club President Dan Hernandez exchanged club trading banners.



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ONLY 18 DAYS UNTIL OUR BOWLING FUNDRAISER

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 only \$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.

Bridge of Harmony

by Marty Peak Helman, Rotary International Director

It was a beautiful Saturday morning in late September. I joined more than 100 Rotary members at a small park in Detroit overlooking the brand -new Gordie Howe International Bridge, which spans the Detroit River between Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. There were balloons and kids and smiles all around as we turned and waved to an equal number of Rotarians who had similarly gathered on the Canadian side. On both sides, Rotarians and friends admired new Peace Poles, they sat on newly installed benches designed for rest and reflection, they came together to recite a Peace Pledge and sing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Excitement was in the air! For more than a year, District 6400 has been working to plant twin Peace Poles at either end of the international bridge. The endeavor was the brainchild of Linda Morrow, who was district governor in 2025-26. Morrow worked with both municipal governments to make it happen. She was also enthusiastically supported by past, present, and future governors in the district, many Rotary clubs in the area, and ultimately, the parks and recreation departments on both sides of the border. Liz Smith Yeats, a past district governor, designed T-shirts that showcased the Bridge — red shirts for the Canadians and blue for the Americans —and she also made sure plans for the event went viral.

After all the planning, I was excited the day had finally arrived. District Governor Kim Spirou and I keynoted on the American side; across the river, Morrow and Nick Krayacich, governor in 2024-25, shared the honors with Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens and other community leaders. Members of the Rotary Action Group for Peace and the UN-affiliated nonprofit May Peace Prevail on Earth International were on hand, as well as at least three inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students.

"A bridge can be more than a crossing of steel and concrete. This bridge represents connection — bringing together cultures, friends, families, ideas, and futures. A Peace Pole is a signpost reminding us that peace begins within each of us and grows through understanding, respect, and service to humanity." Spirou summed it up: "In dedicating a Peace Pole, we are planting a promise."

The idea of the Peace Poles began in post-World War II Japan, and always carry the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in four or eight languages. By the 1990s, Peace Poles became an international phenomenon and began to be erected in countries beyond Japan. Over the past decade they have become a popular Rotary project. Today, the Peace Pole Project makes it easy to both acquire a Pole and provide for the translation in over 500 languages —more being added every year.

Peace Poles have become a defining symbol of Rotary's peace work. They have been planted in over 250,000 communities on every continent by Rotary members and nonmembers all working to uplift the consciousness of humankind. From city parks and schools to places of worship, businesses, and private gardens, Peace Poles spread the universal message of peace on earth.

For me, the most evocative Peace Pole I have ever witnessed is at the site of the former slave market in Zanzibar. In the United States, there is a Peace Pole at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham where the four girls were murdered during the country's Civil Rights struggles. Peace Poles also mark peaceful communities across the nation — perhaps including one in your own hometown.

In Windsor, the Peace Pole carries its message in English, French, Arabic, and Ojibwe. In Detroit, the message is in English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Arabic. These languages were selected to reflect the communities in which they stand.

In Rotary, the emphasis on peace work has always been to rise above the headlines and differences in order to create sustainable and positive peace. It's critical to recognize that Rotarians work toward that goal every time we fulfill a humanitarian need, either in our home communities or internationally.

Every time we sponsor a Rotary Youth Exchange student or embark on a Rotary Friendship Exchange, we are forwarding the goals of positive peace. Every district and global grant that provides nutrition, health, education, or a better tomorrow to needy people is a work of peace. Our Rotary Peace Fellows are of critical importance in carrying this work forward.

"This is Rotary at its best. Rotary International has funded almost 2,000 Peace Fellows over the past 25 years. Rotary does not just talk about peace. We invest in people who can create it." Nick Krayacich

Rotary not only invests in international connections, our governance is designed around it. Along the 3,000-mile border that separates Canada and the United States are 12 Rotary districts that span the border and include clubs and communities on both sides. These international districts aren't happenstance. They were planned.

When district boundaries were first established, our Rotary forefathers knew that there are things more critical than political lines drawn on a map. Just as Rotarians know that if a communicable disease is anywhere in the world, it can be everywhere in the world, just as we know that if any of our children are without clean drinking water or the ability to go to school it affects us all, so we also know that peace starts at home, within ourselves, and in our relations with our closest neighbors.

In my remarks at the American side of the bridge, I commented that sports legend Gordie Howe, for whom the bridge is named, lived a life and career that spanned the two nations. Howe was born and raised in Saskatchewan. He was scouted by the Detroit Red Wings and played with them for 25 seasons, then came back from what he euphemistically called "retirement" to play for the Houston Aeros and the New England Whalers. Gordie Howe, just like the span that bears his name, bridged our two nations; he never divided them.

After the speeches, Rotary members who were able got out their passports to walk the bridge and met and mingled in the middle of the span, right at the international border. There were many spontaneous moments of celebration, a lot of high-fives and photos, and that's when I overheard a passer-by, who had noticed our matching T-shirts, say: "I want a selfie with those Rotarians!"

Hey! We're the cool kids! After that, we all returned to our homes, with photos, origami cranes that symbolize the Japanese origins of the Peace Pole movement, and even cookies with a red maple leaf and blue star marked in sugar icing. And lots and lots of hugs and memories. We had come together to recognize and rekindle important friendships, and we left determined to continue to do our part — both individually and collectively — to work toward positive peace.

About the author: Marty Peak Helman is a member of the Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, USA, a past Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, a Rotary International director, and a member of the Arch Klumph Society. She and her late spouse Frank were charter members of the Legacy Society of The Rotary Foundation.



Rotary members and attendees on the pedestrian walkway of the new Gordie Howe International Bridge during the peace event.
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