



**San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club**  
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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



May 5, 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 meeting this evening will be a Club Assembly. All club members are highly encouraged to be in attendance for this very important meeting. In addition to discussing upcoming fundraisers, and service projects, along with other club business, we will also be discussing updating our club bylaws. We need your input.



**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- May 12th Noa Aceituno Martinez from Spain  
San Antonio North Central Rotary Club  
Exchange Student
- May 19th Scott Wilson  
Principal - Kitty Hawk Middle School  
**TENTATIVE**
- May 26th Kyle Emmons  
Visiting Scotland

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Trina Forcey and her husband Tye are celebrating their wedding anniversary today.  
DeDe Johnson and her husband will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on May 11th.



**Meet Petunia**

Petunia is off and running. In just three meetings, she has already taken in **\$41.50**. Thanks to everyone that made a contribution. If you have not had a chance to meet Petunia, please donate your spare change to her and help us eradicate polio.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to **\$498**. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least **\$249**.

A Peace Pole was dedicated at the American Legion Walton F. Hoffman Memorial Post 179 Hall as part of the Rotary District 5840 Conference in New Braunfels. Peace Poles carry the message of peace, May Peace Prevail On Earth, in the languages of the world. They are recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument dedicated to peace on earth.



Peace Poles have been planted on every continent in over 200,000 communities by friends and supporters working in unison to uplift the consciousness of humankind. They serve as reminders to cultivate peace in thought, word, and action while symbolizing humanity's shared desire for a world at peace and in harmony with all of creation.



**District Governor Craig Hardy's May Message**

May is Rotary's month to celebrate Youth Service — a time to recognize that one of our greatest responsibilities is investing in the next generation of leaders, peacemakers, and changemakers. Across District 5840, our clubs are making a lasting impact through Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, scholarships, mentoring programs, and student leadership opportunities. These efforts do more than support young people academically or professionally—they help shape character, compassion, and a lifelong commitment to service above self.



When we empower youth, we truly **Unite for Good**. We create opportunities for young people to discover their voice, serve their communities, and understand that leadership begins with caring for others. Whether it is a student leading a service project, a young professional finding purpose through Rotaract, or a scholarship recipient pursuing their dreams, Rotary is planting seeds that will grow for generations.

Youth Service is also one of our strongest pathways to Unite for Peace. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, it is the presence of understanding, opportunity, and hope. By mentoring young leaders and teaching the values of respect, inclusion, and service, we help build communities where peace can thrive.

As Rotarians, we are called not only to lead today but to prepare leaders for tomorrow. Let us continue opening doors, sharing wisdom, and creating spaces where young people can grow into servant leaders who will carry Rotary's mission forward.

The future of Rotary — and the future of peace - depends on how well we serve our youth today. Let us continue to **Unite for Good** and Unite for Peace by investing in those who will shape the world ahead.

**Volunteer Opportunity with the San Antonio South Rotary Club**

In addition to being a member of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club, Becky Goering is also a Rotary District 5840 Assistant Governor. One of the Rotary clubs that Becky oversees is the San Antonio South Rotary Club. Becky would like to share that the San Antonio South Rotary Club will be conducting an Adopt a Highway Clean-Up service project on Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and would welcome all or any Rotarians to help out.



Rotary Club of San Antonio South

**HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP**

Highway clean-up  
Saturday,  
May 16  
9-11 am

Meet at the Dept of  
Family Service  
3635 SE Military Dr  
78223

*Mother's Day is this Sunday.*

**Recap from last week**

Our own Wonder Woman, Club President Trina Forcey led a full house at our meeting last week. Anne DuBose's ticket was drawn for our weekly raffle but she did not pull the joker. Our happy bucks pot continues to grow.



We were pleased to welcome Joslyn Campbell with Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio. Joslyn has proudly served as secretary for Mobility Worldwide San Antonio since 2018, a role that reflects both her commitment to service and a lifelong connection to the organization. The Mission of Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio is to provide mobility to those with disabilities, often from landmine accidents or polio, to help them move from the ground to a mobile, durable, hand-cranked cart. Joslyn said that there are volunteer opportunities to work with Mobility Worldwide TX-San Antonio. She also said that she welcomes the opportunity to speak to other organizations. After her very informative and passionate presentation, Joslyn received a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine from Club President Trina Forcey. Joslyn also led us in the Rotary 4-Way Test at the end of our meeting.



Get ready for an evening of celebration, connection, and a little bit of retro fun as Rotary District 5840 gathers for the District & Club Leadership Installation! On Saturday, May 30, 2026, Rotarians and guests will come together at Strawberry Pines in Poteet, Texas, to officially install the incoming District and Club leaders for the new Rotary year. This special event marks a meaningful transition of leadership while celebrating the dedication and service that continues to make Rotary thrive. This year's theme, "Come Together, Right Now," brings a lively Beatles-inspired twist to the evening—reminding us of the power of unity, fellowship, and shared purpose.

Guests can look forward to:

- A celebratory installation ceremony
- A delicious dinner and program
- Exciting fundraising opportunities

And a high-energy singalong and dancing experience with Beatlemania 64. Whether you're a longtime Rotarian or new to the Rotary family, this event offers the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow members, celebrate achievements from the past year, and look ahead to the impact we will create together.

Tickets are \$50 per person - [Click to Register](#)

Let's come together to honor our leaders, celebrate our clubs, and kick off a new Rotary year in unforgettable style.



**Rotary District 5840 Conference in New Braunfels**

Rotarians gathered this past Friday and Saturday for the Rotary District 5840 Conference in New Braunfels. The fun started at the Brauntex Theater with a Happy Hour followed by a program lead by District Governor Craig Hardy. The keynote speaker was J.C. Clapsaddle who shared his firsthand insights from his experience in Rotary's humanitarian relief efforts and the global impact of our mission. DG Craig awarded J.C. the prestigious Service Above Self award. On Saturday morning there was the aforementioned Peace Pole dedication at the American Legion Hall. Saturday afternoon included District Awards and presentations from the inbound exchange students. The afternoon wrapped up with District training sessions for the upcoming Rotary Year.



**Chance encounter inspires new commitment to End Polio**

by Habiba Bennani, assistant Rotary public image coordinator and a member of the Rotary Club of Tunis La Paix, Tunisia

We often wear our Rotary pins or display our logos out of habit, or a quiet pride. But sometimes, a simple sticker becomes a bridge between two lives.

A few weeks ago, I was in a lounge waiting for my flight when I opened my laptop to get some work done. On the cover is my End Polio Now sticker. A gentleman approached me, intrigued by the logo. What could have been a brief moment of curiosity turned into one of the most moving testimonies I have ever heard.

He told me the story of his father — who contracted polio at the age of three in Brooklyn, New York. Driven by an iron will as an adult, his father wanted to join the army to serve his country, but was turned down for active combat duty because of the physical after-effects of the disease.

Nevertheless, he accepted a position as a mechanic with the army. It was a life of hard, physical labor. He had a permanent limp, but served with resilience and dignity. He would not let a virus define his limits. And he passed down to his son both the will to overcome adversity and the importance of showing compassion to all people, whoever they are and whatever their life situation may be. Listening to this son speak about his father with such raw emotion, I suddenly saw faces, struggles, and destinies behind the word "eradication."

I have been a member of Rotary for four years. I've seen the charts, read the brochures, and attended the meetings. But it took this chance encounter — this human "spark" — to truly feel the absolute urgency of our mission. When I got home, I made my first personal donation to the Polio Plus fund (I'm far from the Major Donor level, but this first step was a personal milestone).

It was no longer just a figure in an annual report. It was for that father, the mechanic. It was so that no other child would ever have their dreams limited by a preventable disease. Sometimes, the biggest inspiration and motivation for ending polio isn't found in our meetings, but in the people we meet and their heart-felt stories.

