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Rotary Club of San Antonio Northeast



May 19, 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 Pete Miller. Pete will be speaking to us about the Commercialization of Emerging Technologies. Pete graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Electrical Engineering, where he also met his wife, who is now celebrating 44 years together. A lifelong student of technology and its real-world applications, Pete has always been drawn to the ways innovation shapes industries, communities, and daily life.



After graduation, he began a 34-year career with ConocoPhillips, a Fortune 500 company, whose opportunities took the couple across the country. In addition to Texas, Pete's work led them to Louisiana, California, and Oklahoma, each move adding new experiences and perspectives.

Throughout his career, Pete worked on a wide range of complex and high impact initiatives, from designing and installing major infrastructure projects to negotiating global agreements and leading multidisciplinary teams. He spent more than a decade at ConocoPhillips' corporate headquarters in Houston, where he managed a group responsible for monitoring the company's worldwide operations. This role brought international travel and a deep appreciation for the strength and resilience that diversity brings to organizations and communities.

Although Pete is a relatively new resident of the San Antonio area, his family's history here runs generations deep. His great-great-grandfather, F. I. Meyer, was a founding member of early San Antonio in the mid-to-late 1800s. Meyer helped establish Saint Joseph's Church (Also referred to as Saint Joske's) in downtown San Antonio and served in the city's first volunteer fire department—contributions that remain part of the region's civic legacy.

Continuing that tradition of service, Pete was elected to the Shavano Park City Council in May 2021 and is currently serving his third term. His lifelong passion for technology, combined with decades of hands-on experience in engineering, global operations, and organizational leadership, informs his ongoing work to help communities understand and navigate the opportunities and challenges of emerging technologies.



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.

**SPECIAL MEETING AND LOCATION**

District Governor Elect Bobby Martinez will be making his official visit to the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club on **Tuesday, July 7, 2026**. 2026-2027 club officers will also be installed at this time. This special meeting will take place at **El Chaparral Mexican Restaurant** in the Redland Trails Shopping Center located at 2838 N Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, TX 78232.



**At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$564. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$282.**



Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May, falling on May 25, 2026. Established to honor and mourn U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the Armed Forces. The holiday was originally proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John A.

Logan to decorate the graves of Union soldiers with spring flowers. Following World War I, the day was expanded to honor all American service members who have died in any conflict.

Memorial Day is a time for visiting cemeteries and memorials to mourn the military personnel who died in the line of duty. Volunteers will place American flags on the graves of those military personnel in national cemeteries.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

May 26th	Kyle Emmons Visiting Scotland
June 2nd	To be announced
June 9th	Hannah Wood, M.S., CNS, LDN Gut and Mental Health Nutrition

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club is celebrating its 39th Anniversary TODAY.

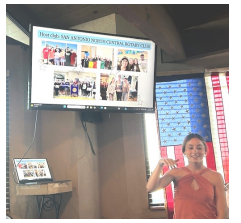
That means that Bob Barron, Charter Member of the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club is celebrating his 39th Rotary Anniversary.

Dennis Heath is also a Charter Member of the club and is now an Honorary Member since moving to the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

DeDe Johnson will be celebrating her 2nd Rotary Anniversary on May 21st.

## Recap from last week

We had a good turnout for our meeting last week. Club President Trina Forcey reminded all those present to make a donation to Petunia, our Purple End Polio Now Pig.



We have started a club popcorn fundraiser. Please see Dan Clark or Becky Robles for more information. DeDe Johnson'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 Noa Aceituno Martinez, a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Spain sponsored by the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club. Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a study-abroad program for students aged 15 - 19, sponsored by local Rotary clubs in over 100 countries.

After her very informative and passionate presentation, Noa received a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation, a San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club banner, and a copy of Texas Highways magazine from Club President Trina Forcey. Thanks go out to San Antonio North Central Rotarian Arden Riley for her help arranging for Noa to come and speak to us.

## Rotary's Role in World Wide Peace

Rotarians and guests were inspired by a powerful keynote presentation from JC (James) Clapsaddle, recipient of Rotary International's highest honor — the Service Above Self Award. Recognized for his extraordinary humanitarian leadership, JC has played a vital role in Rotary International's relief efforts supporting Ukraine since 2023 and continues to serve as coordinator for the Seeds of Hope International Peace Leadership Academy. [Play video](#)

During his presentation, "Rotary's Role in World Wide Peace," JC shared firsthand experiences from the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and highlighted the incredible impact Rotary members around the world are making through service, compassion, and collaboration. His message underscored Rotary's unique ability to respond during times of crisis while building long-term pathways toward peace and understanding.



Keynote Address by JC Clapsaddle

Through moving stories and real-world examples, JC demonstrated how Rotarians are providing hope, humanitarian aid, leadership development, and community support in areas deeply affected by conflict. His presentation served as a meaningful reminder that peacebuilding is not only a global effort but also a responsibility shared by every Rotarian through acts of service both large and small. The keynote left attendees encouraged and inspired to continue Rotary's mission of creating lasting change and advancing peace worldwide. Be sure to watch the keynote video and experience this impactful message on the power of service and peacebuilding through Rotary. [Play video](#)

## Mentoring the next generation of leaders

May is Rotary's Youth Service Month, when we celebrate young leaders' energy, idealism, and service. Rotary offers numerous ways to nurture the next generation of leaders. Get young people involved in your next club project or activity. Provide mentorship and support to youth in your community. Meet Pedro Casadei, an assistant Rotary public image coordinator from Brazil. He developed his leadership skills in Interact and Rotaract before joining Rotary. Currently, he serves as a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers.

*By Pedro Casadei, assistant Rotary public image coordinator, Brazil*

I like to say I was born into Rotary. Long before I had a name, my parents were already wearing Rotary pins and serving together. They met in Rotaract, fell in love in meetings and projects, and my father was president of the Rotary club I belong to today while my mother was a Rotarian in the same club while she was pregnant with me, the Rotary Club of Tupa-Vanuire (São Paulo), São Paulo, Brazil.



Pedro Casadei, middle, and his parents in front of One Rotary Center.

I grew up hearing how she sat in meetings with a baby kicking inside her while my father rang the bell to open the session. Rotary isn't just part of my family story — it is my family story.

The image that stuck with me most from my childhood in the late 1990s was my mother helping to teach elderly people who couldn't read or write. They sat at simple tables, and she would guide an older hand across a page, turning shame into pride. That image has shaped my entire life.



Pedro's parents during a Rotaract meeting in 1991.

Today, I'm a physician and researcher, and I serve as a preceptor, teaching young doctors in a state hospital. Every time I walk through a difficult case with a new resident, I think of my mother and her adult students. She taught them to read; I teach my students to listen to a patient, read a chart, and see the person behind the disease.

My own service journey began at age six, when I joined Rotary Kids in 2005. Back then, I was the child running around at district conferences, watching the adults and desperately wanting to be part of the action. They taught me that even children can help change a community.

As a teenager, I moved into Interact and I was able to experience all of Rotary's youth programs. I spent a year in Turkey as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Seeing Rotary global health projects up close helped solidify my path toward medicine. I also joined Interact, serving several roles, including as my district's Interact representative. Reviewing district projects, it was the first time I looked at a world map and felt that our youth

work in one corner of Brazil could echo across continents.

Soon after, I became president of the Interact Multidistrict Information Organization (MDIO) in Brazil, the only Interact MDIO in Rotary since 1999. We coordinated a national Interact response after the Mariana (Minas Gerais, Brazil) dam disaster on 5 November 2015, which occurred in the middle of World Interact Week. Interact clubs across Brazil mobilized to support one of the worst environmental tragedies in our history. I had the unwavering support of my parents in all the trips and activities I was able to undertake; even as I prepared to enter the highly competitive medical school.

In Rotaract, I served as club president, chaired the Rotaract Council of the Brazilian Filiated Association of The Rotary Foundation (ABTRF), and helped organize the first national Rotary Foundation seminar for Rotaractors. Later as a Rotarian and member of the RI Youth Advisory Council, I had the irony of joining RI President Jennifer Jones on her visit to the Rotary Centenary in Rio de Janeiro ... with my parents!

As a kid, my playground was the district conference floor. From that time on, I was at almost every District 4510 conference and seminar, sitting quietly in the back or running down hotel corridors with other Rotary kids. Over time, those rooms multiplied. Because of Rotary, I have visited 29 of the 31 Rotary districts in Brazil attended six Rotary International Conventions, moderated breakout sessions at conventions in São Paulo and Melbourne, and taken part in nine Rotary Institutes in Brazil, currently serving as a learning facilitator.

Every time I walk into a meeting, I still think of my parents falling in love in Rotaract and of holding a tiny Rotary banner in my hands. Rotary youth programs are designed to help young people grow through service and leadership, moving from one stage to the next in the Rotary family.

Pedro Casadei is a physician and researcher, a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, a past president of Interact MDIO Brazil in 2015-16; and 2025-28 assistant Rotary public image coordinator and 2022-25 assistant Rotary membership coordinator in Region 31 (Zones 23 and 24).