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May 26, 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 Kyle Emmons. Kyle will be speaking to us about he and his wife's recent trip to Scotland.



Kyle has been a Rotarian since 2019, but in many ways grew up in Rotary through lifelong involvement with his club and the relationships built through service from an early age as his father joined the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club in 1989. Professionally, Kyle works as a financial advisor for the oldest privately owned firm in the state, M.E. Allison & Co.

Within Rotary District 5840, Kyle currently serves as an Assistant Governor, Youth Exchange Vice Chair, and has helped coordinate disaster relief efforts during the Kerr County floods. He also serves as the Youth Exchange Officer for his club, where he oversees and supports their current exchange student, Noa Martinez.

Outside of work and Rotary, Kyle enjoys anything related to dove hunting, fishing, scuba diving, and discovering great wine. He is passionate about service, leadership development, and building meaningful connections through Rotary both locally and internationally.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 2nd	To be announced
June 9th	Hannah Wood, M.S., CNS, LDN Gut and Mental Health Nutrition
June 16th	To be announced
June 23rd	Joshua Mair, San Antonio Toros, Continental Football League

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 \$602. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$301.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anthony Stickland will be celebrating his birthday on May 29th. Happy Birthday, Anthony.

110 years of making history

With Kyle speaking to us this evening about his trip to Scotland, we thought this might be a good time to share a little Scottish Rotary history with you. Scotland has 181 Rotary clubs, seven Rotaract clubs, and more than 4,300 members across two districts (1010 and 1320). At the same time, Scottish Rotarians continue to make Rotary history. Gordon McNally was the second RI president from Scotland; the first was John Kenny of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth in 2009-10. Kenny had been the first member of a Scottish club to be elected to the RI Board of Directors since Tom Stephenson in 1928. More recently, Tony Black of the Rotary Club of Dunoon served on the Board in 2019-21.



More than 75 years after Edinburgh hosted the first Rotary Convention outside the United States, Glasgow hosted the 1997 convention, with the theme Welcome Home to Scotland. With more than 23,000 attendees, the event was touted at the time as the largest meeting ever held in Scotland.

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! **This 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.



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BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

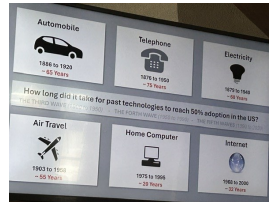
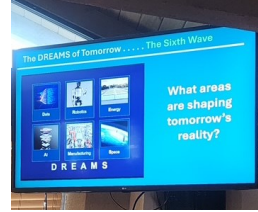
TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A BETTER WORLD!

Recap from last week

We had a good turnout for our meeting last week. Club President Trina Forcey reminded everyone that our club is holding a popcorn fundraiser. All club members should contact Dan Clark or Becky Robles if you need more popcorn to sell. 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 Pete Miller as our guest speaker. Pete gave us a very interesting and informative presentation about the Commercialization of Emerging Technologies, touching on DREAMS (Data, Robotics, Energy, AI, Manufacturing, and Space).

After his very informative presentation, Pete received a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation, and a copy of the Rotary magazine from Trina. Trina and Pete also posed for a photo next to our refurbished retractable club banner.



Rotary's Scottish past

Scotland has important ties to the history of Rotary International. The British Association of Rotary Clubs, which eventually became Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, set up its original headquarters in Edinburgh in 1914. Seven years later, Edinburgh became the first city outside the United States to host a Rotary Convention. The city was also the birthplace of Jean Thomson Harris, the wife of Rotary founder Paul Harris, and the couple witnessed the organization's growth in Scotland over several visits.

The enthusiasm and missionary zeal of Irish American Rotarian William Stuart Morrow set the course for Rotary's development in Scotland. Morrow helped form numerous clubs in Great Britain and Ireland, including the first two in Scotland, the Rotary clubs of Glasgow (chartered April 1913) and Edinburgh (May 1913).

Another pioneer was Scottish pharmacist Tom Stephenson. As charter secretary of the Edinburgh club, Stephenson emphatically directed Rotarians to forget the "business-boosting" aspect of club membership and instead focus their efforts on useful civic service. After the club's charter president, R.W. Pentland, was elected to the RI Board of Directors at the 1913 Rotary Convention in Buffalo, New York, he and Stephenson encouraged other clubs in Great Britain and Ireland to form the British Association of Rotary Clubs.

The association officially came into being in May 1914. Stephenson became its honorary secretary and set up its headquarters in Edinburgh. Even after the headquarters moved to London in 1921, Stephenson remained involved. He was 1927-28 president of the group, which by then had changed its name to Rotary International — Association for Great Britain and Ireland, before he served on the RI Board of Directors in 1928-29.

In June 1921, Edinburgh welcomed 2,500 attendees to the 12th annual Rotary International Convention, the first held away from the country where the organization was founded. The ocean liners Cameronia and Caronia, full of Rotarians and their wives, crossed the Atlantic from North America. It was at this convention that Rotary amended its constitution to include the goal "to aid in the advancement of international peace and goodwill through a fellowship of business and professional men of all nations united in the Rotary ideal of service." Summing up the event's success, 1920-21 RI President Estes Snedecor told delegates: "This convention is Rotary's greatest opportunity. It gives promise of being Rotary's greatest achievement."



Although serious business was accomplished, fun and friendship were also on order. Convention festivities culminated with a grand parade through Edinburgh's streets. Participants included Rotarians and their wives, as well as Edinburgh's lord provost, magistrates, and councilors, resplendent in their robes of office. One highlight for many of the American visitors was sailing down the River Clyde with the Rotary Club of Glasgow, led by its most famous member, entertainer Sir Harry Lauder. Another was the offer of "home hospitality" by Stephenson and members of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh to visiting Rotarians, a tradition that remains a popular feature of the conventions.

Rotarians parade through the streets of Edinburgh, Scotland during the 1921 Rotary Convention.

Courtesy Rotary International archives



Poster welcoming attendees from the United States and Canada to the convention, and luggage tag used by convention goers traveling to Edinburgh, Scotland.

Courtesy Rotary International archives

Following World War I, Rotary expanded gradually in Scotland despite an economic depression. The visits of Paul and Jean Harris to Scotland in the 1920s and 1930s were reported in the national press, and the couple were given civic receptions during their visits to Edinburgh.

Many Scottish Rotarians regarded Paul Harris as a close friend, especially those in the coastal town of Ayr, near the birthplace of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. On 2 April 1934, members of the Rotary Club of Ayr presented Harris with a copy of the complete works of their world-famous poet, which is now part of Rotary's archives.

After her husband's death, Jean Harris returned to her native land, where she lived the rest of her life. Although her expressed desire was to remain essentially a private person, Rotarians paid her regular visits. She also attended a small reception in honor of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh's 50th anniversary. A commemorative plaque is now displayed outside her birthplace in central Edinburgh.

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