



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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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 William Phillips, Jr., Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer of University Health System, responsible for the administration and operation of University Health. He leads University Health's efforts to achieve and maintain operational effectiveness, financial success, quality of care and outstanding patient and provider satisfaction. Bill Phillips is committed to planning and shaping the organization's strategic mission through key operations including the overall facility and departmental service objectives.



Bill Phillips also served University Health as the Chief Information Officer since 2006 where he provided vision and leadership in the development, implementation and support of the affiliate-wide information technology program. He led University Health in planning and implementing enterprise information systems to support business operations. During this time he has led the organization through many key healthcare advancements including the implementation of the electronic health record, multiple system integrations, cybersecurity and other leading technologies. By starting on the front lines in 1981, Bill Phillips helped shape the core programs of University Health Information Systems.

In 2021 Mr. Phillips received the Health Care Heroes award from the San Antonio Business Journal and was awarded the Greater San Antonio After-School All-Stars Pandemic Hero Award. This esteemed recognition from the community was due to Mr. Phillips' leadership throughout Covid when he formulated and administrated over a mass vaccine operation and mobilization of vital resources for the community. Mr. Phillips was also recognized with the CHIME Transformational Leadership Award and named by Innotech as San Antonio's IT Executive of the Year.

Mr. Phillips is passionate about cultivating excellence and orchestrating strategy development and implementation throughout University Health. His expertise and leadership has resulted in additional forms of recognition for University Health including CHIME's Most Wired – Level 10 for both Acute and Ambulatory, HIMSS Level 7 for both Acute and Ambulatory, Health Imaging +IT Magazine's Top 25 Most Connected Healthcare Facilities, Information Week's Top 250 Innovators among others.

Bill currently serves on several health care boards and advisory councils. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Texas Health Services Authority under Texas Governors Rick Perry and Gregg Abbott. Bill Phillips is a testimony to the concept that people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. He uses his personal strengths, authenticity and vast experience to influence, lead and develop others

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- June 10th Jesse Diaz,
General Manager, Texas Pickle Hall
- June 17th Rob Barron,
The Overtime Theater

*** Our annual Installation and Awards Banquet will be held the week of June 23rd. More details to follow.**

- July 1st Brian Purcell,
The Texas Highway Man
- July 8th District 5840 Governor Craig Hardy



District Governor Kristen Salazar's June Message

As we step into the final month of this incredible Rotary year, I find myself filled with gratitude, pride, and joy as I reflect on the journey we have shared.



Serving as your District Governor has been one of the greatest honors of my life. From visiting clubs and witnessing the passion in your service projects, to celebrating milestones and forging new friendships, every moment has reinforced what makes Rotary so uniquely powerful—people of action coming together to make a difference in our communities and our world.

This year has been a testament to our collective commitment to Service Above Self. Whether through local initiatives, global grants, youth programs, or fellowship events, your energy, creativity, and resilience have inspired me daily. You've proven that no challenge is too great when we work together with purpose and heart.

As we prepare to pass the torch to the next leadership team, let us finish strong. Let's continue to show our communities the impact Rotary makes—not just through words, but through action. And let's celebrate everything we've achieved, TOGETHER.

Thank you for the joy, the trust, the memories and the opportunity to serve as your District Governor. It has been a privilege to serve you, and I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you, in Rotary fellowship and service. Please continue to use The Magic of Rotary to share with others the great work we do so we can continue to Influence Change!

Kristen Salazar
District Governor

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kelly Carreon will be celebrating her birthday on June 5th.
Happy Birthday, Kelly.

LaVonna Stewart will be celebrating her 9th Rotary Anniversary on June 7th. Congratulations LaVonna.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$265. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$132.50.

Join us for a night of celebration and camaraderie as we welcome the new District 5840 Governor, Craig Hardy and install the District Leadership Team and Club Leaders on Saturday, June 28th. Enjoy an evening of fellowship with Rotarians and guests from across the district! Ticket pricing \$65/per person; \$500 for table of 8.



Click the following link to register for the Governor's Installation:
<https://rotary5840.org/events/2025-governor-installation/>

Mardi Gras-Themed Festivities, Cocktails & Dinner, and Networking & Fellowship

Sponsorships Welcome!
For details, contact Craig Hardy at (361) 946-9603
A portion of proceeds will benefit Zapatos Inc., a non-profit organization that provides shoes for children walking toward a better future.

Wrap up of last week’s meeting

We were pleased to welcome Justin Moore as our guest speaker last week. Justin has visited us several times over the years. Justin is recognized by the Professional Photography Association as a Certified Drone Photographer and Photographic Craftsman. As usual, Justin gave us a very interesting program. His presentation showed us all the amazing things that drones can do. In addition, Justin is also a Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI) who makes dreams come true for individuals that want to learn how to fly airplanes! Justin also brought with him a couple of his Drone Photography Basics book to raffle off. After his program, Club President Russell Sturgeon presented Justin with a speaker’s Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine. Thanks again, Justin for all an informative and fascinating program.



Family Service satellite club is kid-friendly

by Jessica Hane,
From Rotary 360 - the official blog of Rotary International

As a mom of four little kids, I wanted to find a better way to share the joy of Rotary with my children. My Rotary club, Bloomington Sunrise, Indiana, is an amazing club – friendly, welcoming and supportive of women and their families. It also meets at 7:30 a.m.!

This was great in my 20’s and 30’s when I was building my career, but really difficult with kids in elementary school. Our kids loved going to the annual Rotary holiday party and the occasional family-friendly picnic or Rotary sponsored event. But I wanted my kids to really know Rotary. I wanted them to know that being a Rotary club member means helping others and serving our community, that it is also a great way to make friends and develop lifelong skills. I wanted them to actually have a chance to perform hands-on service. And, I wanted to be able to do that with them.

My goal was to form a Family Service club. But I didn’t want to start from scratch. I wanted the leadership and wisdom that came with my home club. I did not want to leave behind the club members who supported me as a young Rotarian, as a club president, and as a district governor. I wanted to add to, not take away from the diversity of our club.

To my delight, our club agreed to sponsor a family service satellite club. A satellite club provided me with the support I needed in the following ways:

- We only needed to find eight new members, not the 20 required to start a new club (as of 1 July the required number for regular clubs will be 15 following action by the Council on Legislation in April).
- We did not need to form our own board (I serve as Satellite Club Chair and sit on the Bloomington Sunrise Board as our representative).
- We can keep our dues affordable by only charging for Rotary International and District dues. Our home club treasurer creates and manages our invoicing and reporting.
- We also offer a unique second option of attendance for our current members, plus more ways to serve.



We chartered in the summer of 2024. We are approaching our one-year anniversary. It’s been a great year. We chartered with 10 primary members (nine new Rotarians and me). When you include spouses and kids, our small but mighty group includes 19 adults and 23 kids.

We have one service project each month and one meeting/social. We don’t typically have speakers at our meetings, but we do meet at a kid-friendly play space so the kids can run around and the grownups can visit. This non-traditional club format is just what our members want. They lead busy lives, full of work, school, and kids activities. They don’t want to meet each week. As natural leaders and doers, our parent members love being able to show up with their kids and serve others.

Over the past year, our satellite club has completed over 300 hours of service. We have:

- Packaged chocolate chip pancake mix into family-sized servings (this was messy)
- Sorted and organized over 6,000 pounds of canned and boxed food
- Pulled invasive weeds and cleaned birdhouses
- Assembled bead kits for teachers, sorted school supplies, and counted out thousands of teaching supplies into classroom sized bundles
- Packed oatmeal, cereal, and trail mix into weekend portions for kids
- Served as extras in a non-profit film (we are great at walking, then standing, then walking again)

We’ve also shared snacks and celebrated together with an annual holiday party of our very own. It’s been a delight, connecting with other parents, seeing our kids grow in height and in heart.

The Family Service Satellite Club of Bloomington Sunrise has fulfilled my Rotary dream of being able to share the love of Rotary with our kids. I’m so thankful to my club (and my husband, who of course is also a Rotarian!) for supporting this vision.

Jessika Hane has been a Rotarian for over 17 years and served as governor in District 6580 in 2020-2021. She lives in Bloomington, Indiana, with her husband, Bryan, and their four kids.

Why We Walk: We are Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors that have extensive leadership experience around Alzheimer’s including Alzheimer’s education, patient care, prevention management, research for a cure and strategic partnership. We have chosen to band together as a Rotary Action Group to meld our passion and energies and direct them to supporting this wonderful effort. This is why we are proud to support the Alzheimer’s Association’s Walk to End Alzheimer’s, the world’s largest fundraising event for Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias. We share a vision of a world without Alzheimer’s and we are inviting all Rotarians to walk with us in solidarity in more than 600 communities across the country. The funds raised will help fight Alzheimer’s disease through vital research, advocacy efforts and essential support programs and services in your communities. Your team donations will play an important role in improving the lives of people living with Alzheimer’s, their families, and caregivers.

Join San Antonio’s Rotary Team Today!



Team Rotarians Unite For Good

