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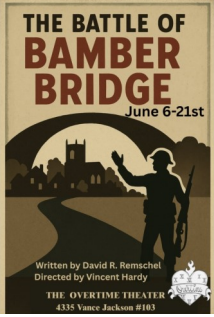
Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant
14535 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78247
Social at 5:30 p.m. - Meeting from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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 program this evening will be a presentation about the current production at the Overtime Theater. The Overtime Theater is a San Antonio live drama theater, that for the last 19 years, has staged only original plays written in San Antonio.



The current production is about a World War II battle most people may not have heard of. It is based on the Battle of Bamber Bridge, next to a U.S. Army base in England. This production shines a light on something that should never have happened, and one that deserves to be remembered. The Battle of Bamber Bridge will be performed from June 6 through June 21, including on Juneteenth.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS
June 24th San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club Installation Banquet
Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.



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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jossi Clark will be celebrating her birthday on June 19th. Happy Birthday, Jossi.
Thomas Brainard will be celebrating his first Rotary Anniversary tomorrow. Congratulations, Thomas.



Elizabeth Monsivais has applied for membership in the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club. Elizabeth is an Executive Administrative Assistant at International Bank of Commerce. Her classification would be Banking Administration. Elizabeth attended our meeting last week.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$314. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$157.

Club Treasurer Becky Robles has e-mailed the club dues invoice for the July - December 2025 time period. Please note that dues have increased to \$100 every six months (or \$200 per Rotary year). This adjustment reflects the increase in dues from Rotary International and helps cover shared costs such as speaker meals and general operating expenses.

As an added option, you may also choose to make a voluntary donation to the Paul Harris Fund when submitting your dues. The donation amount is entirely up to you.

Members who contribute to the Paul Harris Fund will benefit from a reduced weekly meeting cost of \$1.00 for the raffle, compared to the standard \$6.00 weekly. If you wish to continue donating to the Paul Harris Fund weekly, then your weekly cost would be \$4.00

Note: If you will not be continuing your membership with the club, please notify Dan Clark (danclark@ibc.com) and Rebecca Robles (rebeccarobles@ibc.com) no later than Friday June 27, 2025.



Francesco Arezzo of Italy selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.



The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June. Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain Unite for Good, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.



PROUD NATIONAL TEAM

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

Wrap up of last week’s meeting

We were pleased to welcome Jesse Diaz, General Manager, and David Komet, Developer of Texas Pickle Hall. The Live Oak venue will be a destination for pickleball in San Antonio. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, Texas Pickle Hall will offer climate-controlled indoor courts, exciting events, and a welcoming community of fellow players. The venue is being built at 201 Shin Oak Drive, Live Oak, TX 78233, near Interstate 35 and Loop 1604. The 30,000-square-foot, climate-controlled complex will feature 12 obstruction-free courts with professional-grade lighting. After their very interesting presentation, Club President Russell Sturgeon, along with his daughter Maria, our unofficial vice-presented, presented David and Jesse each with a Speaker’s Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the Rotary magazine.



Four New Rotary Fellowships Create Global Connections

by Gianna Consalvo, Rotary Service & Engagement staff

June is Rotary Fellowships Month! Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of people that share a common hobby, profession, or shared identity. They contribute to Rotary’s mission of creating a united global community and offer avenues of meaningful connection. Whether you’re interested in music, art, sports, history, or technology, there’s a Rotary Fellowship for you! We are excited to kick off this month by introducing our newest Fellowships:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Fellowship provides a space for individuals interested in learning more about AI or teaching others about AI a community to continue education on the evolving Artificial Intelligence resources.

Mentoring Fellowship works to create and strengthen a space within the Rotary community where individuals interested in mentoring can organize, take action, and continue education of the practice of mentoring.

Mountains Fellowship brings together mountain enthusiasts from all over the world who share Rotary’s values of friendship and service.

Gaming Globetrotters Fellowship organizes travel around the world to play games together during Rotary events (such as Rotary International Convention) or on individual trips to create connections with gamers from all across the Rotary world.

Rotary Fellowships provide a unique opportunity to connect with people from around the world who share your interests. Join one – or many – today to make new friends, learn from peers, exchange ideas, and collaborate on projects that make a difference. Explore the Rotary Fellowships page to find a group that matches your interests. Visit their websites to discover upcoming events, activities, and how to get involved.

Thousands set to gather in Calgary for Rotary’s international convention, one of the ‘Blue Sky City’s’ most multicultural events to date

Rotary members from 120 countries will be welcomed to Canada’s third most diverse city for the second time since Calgary hosted the event in 1996. More than 15,000 Rotary members and participants from over 120 countries will gather in Calgary from June 21 to 25, 2025, for the membership service organization’s annual international convention. “I am thrilled to welcome my fellow Rotary members from around the world to Calgary and Alberta,” said Alberta Premier, Danielle Smith. “As changemakers who recognize the needs of their communities and then take action to address them, Rotary members are fostering positive and lasting impact – and much needed inspiration at this moment in time.”



As the largest event yet to be held at the newly expanded BMO Centre, the convention is expected to account for more than 30,000 hotel room nights, inject \$81 million CAD to the local economy, and drive significant business for Calgary’s hotels, restaurants, retailers, and tourism attractions. Held in a different city each year, Rotary’s international conventions serve as a hub for members and participants to connect and learn from each other and a range of experts on how to take action to address issues in their communities. They’re encouraged to promote health, peace, and prosperity in communities across the globe.

Often described by attendees as a “mini United Nations”, the convention will transform the BMO Centre and Scotiabank Saddledome at Stampede Park into an energized hub and cultural mosaic as the global network of volunteers gain inspiration from more than 100 humanitarian projects on exhibit and from world class speakers.

“Rotary conventions are about bringing people together to create meaningful connections and to inspire each other to help create a healthier and more peaceful world,” said Rotary International President, Stephanie Urchick. “We are delighted to be hosting the convention this year in Calgary, whose ‘Blue Sky City’ brand is a symbol of belonging and unity under the same sky – something that resonates with our global network of volunteers, and our common values rooted in service. I’m excited to reconnect with so many friends from across the globe in Calgary to celebrate in the joy we bring through our work, and to learn how we can continue to help people and communities thrive in the future.”

“Rotary has long been an integral part of Calgary’s culture, and we are truly honoured to welcome more than 15,000 members back to our city. Since hosting the convention over two decades ago, Calgary has grown and evolved in remarkable ways,” said Mayor Jyoti Gondek. “Now one of Canada’s most diverse cities, with 240 ethnic communities and 165 languages, Rotary members from more than 120 countries will feel at home in our big city with smalltown appeal.”

Organized by Rotary International in conjunction with local Rotary members, the event presents an opportunity to showcase Calgary’s growing tech and creative sectors, diverse cultural representation and the gateway to the majestic Canadian Rockies. The Rotary International Convention in Calgary is supported by Tourism Calgary, The City of Calgary, the Calgary Hotel Association, Calgary Stampede, BMO Centre, Scotiabank Saddledome, and Rotary members in Calgary and from Alberta, across Canada, and around the world.

“We are thrilled to be welcoming the Rotary International Convention to our vibrant ‘Blue Sky City’ in June,” said Tourism Calgary President and CEO, Alisha Reynolds. “Bringing conventions like Rotary to our city has many positive impacts for our local tourism industry, economy, and community – we are excited to showcase all our city has to offer and to welcoming delegates with our world-renowned friendly hospitality, creating lasting connections and impacts for years to come.”

“Hotels across the Calgary region are very excited to welcome the more than 15,000 international Rotary members as we kick off summer in Calgary. The opportunity to host major conventions like this is critical to the economic success of our city and region, supporting the growth of our entire hospitality industry,” said Sol Zia, executive director of Calgary Hotel Association. “The Calgary Hotel Association and our member hotels will be ready to welcome our guests and to showcase the friendly hospitality our Blue Sky City is known for,” said Calgary Hotel Association Executive Director, Sol Zia

“Rotary in Calgary is thrilled to provide a ‘white hat’ welcome to all Rotary members visiting from around the world for this year’s international convention, which will provide an outstanding combination of inspiration, entertainment, and fellowship for our participants,” said Rotary Host Organizing Committee Co-Chair, Mark Starratt. “I’m excited to bring the convention back to Calgary to highlight the positive and lasting change we bring globally and locally.”

About Rotary: Rotary unites a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges and creating lasting change. Rotary connects 1.2 million people of action from more than 45,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world: including approximately 3,000 members in more than 100 clubs in Alberta and more than 20,000 members in over 750 clubs across Canada. Their service improves lives both locally and internationally, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.