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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 Brian Purcell, The Texas Highway Man. Brian has a bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, a fluke got him into the computer biz even before he even graduated from college, and he is currently a systems architect at a university in San Antonio. Believe it or not, he is not affiliated in any way with any road-building or transportation agency or contractor. All his life, though, Brian has had an interest in all forms of transportation, and his website, TexasHighwayMan.com is the manifestation of that hobby and interest that continues to this day.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 8th District 5840 Governor Craig Hardy
July 15th To be announced
July 22nd Andrea Jacobson, artist



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Honorary club member Kristine Gusman is celebrating her birthday today. Happy Birthday, Kristine.
Jossi Clark will be celebrating 1st Rotary Anniversary on July 2nd. Congratulations, Jossi.



2nd Publication

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.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$384. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$192.

Why we stopped the presses

In the news business, time is of the essence. But every now and then, last-minute developments force us to sacrifice deadlines to bring you the most timely information. Our July print issue, which will arrive in your mailboxes in mid-July, is a case in point.

As Rotary magazine was about to go to press in early June, we received news that Mário César Martins de Camargo had resigned and would not serve as Rotary's 2025-26 president so he could focus on personal and business matters at home in Brazil. Given that the July issue is dedicated to Rotary's new class of leaders, including articles that chronicle the life and work of the new RI president, we stopped the presses to update our pages while waiting to learn what would come next.

Within a week, President Stephanie Urchick (2024-25) convened a special session of the RI Board of Directors to address the unexpected leadership gap. Guided by RI's Code of Policies, they selected Francesco Arezzo of Italy to lead our organization in the coming Rotary year.

Because we delayed print publication, we're able to introduce RI President Arezzo, albeit rather briefly, in this handbook issue. A more in-depth feature will come in September once we meet up with President Arezzo and his family and dive deep into his Rotary journey. Until then, please check Rotary magazine or the Rotary Voices podcast for updates.

We join the rest of the Rotary world in congratulating President Arezzo. As he inspires clubs with the message Unite for Good, we'll bring you comprehensive coverage ... in a timely fashion.

Wen Huang
Editor in chief, Rotary magazine

2025-2026 District Governor Craig Hardy's July Message

Just like that, another successful Rotary year has come to a close. Please join me in extending heartfelt thanks to Immediate Past President Kristen Salazar and her leadership team for their dedication and hard work in continuing to position our District as strong, vibrant, and impactful. They truly demonstrated The Magic of Rotary.



L-R: DGE Bobby Martinez, DG Craig Hardy, San Antonio Pearl Club President Rudy Rubio, Executive AG Dan Clark

As we turn the page to a new Rotary year, our goals as a District and as club leaders should be to build on the strengths and successes of the past while continuing to grow and evolve. With that in mind, I'd like to offer three key ideas for your club to consider as you plan for the year ahead:

1. Be Innovative in Membership Growth

Rotary International now recognizes a variety of club models, including satellite clubs and companion clubs. These alternatives can offer flexibility and accessibility that attract new members and help retain current ones whose lives and schedules may have changed. Think creatively about how your club can meet people where they are.

2. Plan for Continuity

Just as our District follows a strategic Three-Year Plan and a succession of governors, your club should also develop a flexible long-term plan. Early identification of future leaders allows them time to grow into their roles. A three-year outlook gives your club a roadmap that can be adjusted as needed, while maintaining momentum and direction.

3. Explore Strategic Partnerships

Look beyond your club walls. Partnering with other Rotary clubs, districts, businesses, professional groups, chambers of commerce, and academic institutions can open doors to new service projects, leadership opportunities, and membership growth. Collaboration expands both impact and visibility.

As we embrace this new year together, let's remember when we Unite for Good - Let's Keep the Good Times Rolling!



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



We had a great turnout for our club's 39th Annual Installation Dinner. In addition to San Antonio Northeast Rotarians, we had fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of San Antonio, the San Antonio North Central Rotary Club, and the San Antonio Pearl Rotary Club (also known as Team Pearl) in attendance. Outgoing Club President Russell Sturgeon was joined by his wife Ana and their daughter Maria. Russell's parents also came in from Corpus Christi for the event. Our club's Assistant Governor for 2025-2026 Marty Hoenig and his wife Nancy also joined us. Russell thanked everyone for making it out. He gave everyone an overview of the accomplishments that the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club made during the 2024-25 Rotary Year. Club Secretary Dan Clark presented Russell a presidential plaque for his service to our Rotary club over the past year.

District Secretary Jan King inducted incoming Club President Trina Forcey, and her Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2025-26. Trina said that she is looking forward to serve as club president for the upcoming Rotary year. A great time was had by all. We would also like to thank Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant for hosting our Installation Dinner.



While we were celebrating our club's Installation Dinner here in San Antonio, our fellow club member Becky Goering was attending the Rotary International Conference in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Becky has shared with us some of the photos she took while in Calgary. Thank you, Becky.



Rotary and Gates Foundation extend partnership to end polio

Rotary and the Gates Foundation are renewing their longstanding partnership to end polio, announcing a joint commitment of up to US\$450 million to support the global polio eradication effort at the annual Rotary International Convention. “While historic progress has been made toward defeating polio—90 percent of the world’s population is free from the wild poliovirus—we’re facing significant challenges from competing financial priorities to fragile health systems. Furthermore, the detection of polio in places like Papua New Guinea that were previously polio free demonstrates that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere,” said Rotary International PolioPlus Committee Chair Mike McGovern. “The extension of our fundraising partnership with the Gates Foundation allows us to reach children around the world with lifesaving vaccines, keeping every child and community safe from this preventable disease.”

Rotary will continue to raise \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This renewed agreement will translate into up to a total of \$450 million to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). “Rotary was the first to envision a world without polio—and today, we have the tools and knowledge to make that vision a reality,” said Bill Gates, Chair of the Gates Foundation. “If we all maintain our commitment and keep funding the solutions we know work, then soon, no family will have to live in fear of this horrific disease ever again.”

The funds are used to support everything from vaccine delivery, surveillance, and community engagement to the implementation and maintenance of polio eradication programs in affected regions, including Afghanistan and Pakistan, the only countries that continue to report cases of wild poliovirus. The funding also allows Rotary to help aid emergency response for polio outbreaks, and in late 2024, Rotary committed US\$500,000 to support the first round of a two-round polio vaccination campaign in Gaza following confirmation of a 10-month-old child who contracted polio in the region.

Polio - a paralyzing and sometimes deadly disease - will become the second human disease in history to be eradicated, and this critical funding ensures that efforts to protect children in at-risk countries continue. “For 40 years Rotary has remained steadfast in our commitment to ending polio for good, and the Gates Foundation partnership renewal underscores the importance of this effort,” said Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick. “With gratitude to the Gates Foundation, we remain resolute in delivering on our promise of a polio-free world.

Canadian Rotary members have contributed US\$50 million of the more than US\$2.9 billion Rotary has committed to fighting polio and countless volunteer hours since Rotary launched its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary joined in partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to form the GPEI. The Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance later joined. When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year, but thanks to the GPEI’s efforts, in partnership with world governments - including Canada’s which most recently pledged CAD\$151 million to the GPEI and has committed more than CAD\$1 billion to date as demonstration of its longstanding, unwavering support for polio eradication—the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.

