



San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club
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July 29, 2025

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 Josh Guerrero, Marine Corps Veteran, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, archaeologist, and adventurer. His passion for service and exploration led him to embark on a 1,200-mile thru-hike across the entire state of Michigan to raise funds for American Veterans Archaeological Recovery (AVAR). A nonprofit that helps veterans find healing through field archaeology. By the end of his journey, Josh raised over \$10,000 to support AVAR's global mission.



In addition to hiking across Michigan, Josh has sought out other physical challenges to push his limits and inspire others. Including cycling 300 miles across The Gambia in West Africa, competing as an amateur MMA fighter, and participating in hybrid athletic events such as Spartan Race, Tough Mudder, HYROX, and even a 31-mile ultramarathon.

Today, Josh shares stories and lessons from his adventures, and those of others, to inspire people to live purpose-driven lives through his show, *The All-Around Adventure Podcast*.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 5th To be announced

August 12th Andrea Jacobson,
multidisciplinary visual artist



Please note that District 5840 Governor Craig Hardy's official visit to the San Antonio Northeast Rotary has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 2nd. All club members are encouraged to do their best to be in attendance.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Our Club President Trina Forcey will be celebrating her 2nd Rotary Anniversary on August 1st. Congratulation Madam President.



At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$480. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$240.

We are excited to announce the roll-out of the 2025-2026 Public Image Rotary Rockstar Challenge - a 6-level journey to boost your Club's visibility and community engagement using Rotary's powerful tools and resources. This fun and engaging challenge is designed to help clubs use Rotary's powerful tools and resources to tell your story and build a stronger connection with your community. Here's a quick look at the challenge levels:

- Level 1: Own the Brand - Create a white version of your Club Masterbrand logo using the Rotary Brand Center.
- Level 2: Learn the Basics - Take a short Public Image course on the Rotary Learning Center and submit your certificate.
- Level 3: Tell Your Story - Submit two stories for the District Newsletter and social media.
- Level 4: Celebrate New Members - Submit photos and names of all new Rotarians to be featured on District social media.
- Level 5: Show You're People of Action - Create a People of Action image using the Rotary Brand Center and share your story.
- Level 6: Promote Your Club to the Community - Write and submit a press release to share your impact with local media.

Visit the Rotary Rockstar Challenge webpage for tools, resources, and submission links to guide you through each level.
<https://www.rotary5840.org/sitepage/rotary-rockstar-challenge>

**ROTARY ROCKSTAR
CHALLENGE 2025-26**



**Rotary District 5840
Flood Relief Update**

Thank you for your incredible compassion and support as we respond to the catastrophic flooding in Kerrville and surrounding communities. As you know, the damage is widespread, and the recovery process will be a long and ongoing effort. Rotary's strength lies in our unity and ability to act—and we're already seeing clubs across the District rise to the occasion.

Meet Our Disaster Relief Coordinator

We are pleased to share that Kyle Emmons has been appointed as our Disaster Relief Coordinator. Kyle will serve as the central point of contact for tracking physical donations, coordinating resource distribution, and for questions regarding contributions and logistics. His leadership ensures we stay organized and effective as we respond, recover, and rebuild.

For questions or coordination, you can reach Kyle at: kyleemmons1@gmail.com

Help Us Track Club Disaster Relief Efforts

To ensure we capture the full impact of our collective response, we've created a Disaster Relief Reporting Form for clubs to use. Whether your club is collecting donations, assembling supplies, or helping with cleanup, we ask that you please submit your efforts here:

<https://form.jotform.com/251896056988074>

This helps us tell the full story of how Rotary is showing up for our communities.

Partnering with Disaster Aid USA

Rotary District 5840 is now partnering with Disaster Aid USA, a Rotary-led disaster response organization, to coordinate volunteer efforts on the ground. As conditions stabilize and needs are assessed, Disaster Aid USA will help guide safe and effective volunteer opportunities, such as:

- Debris removal and cleanup
- Distribution of food and supplies

<https://stability.org/join/DisasterAidUSA>

- Once you have created an account - search for the Rotary District 5840 team. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator is James Cox, Canyon Lake Rotary - jamescoxrotary@gmail.com on how to find volunteer opportunities for area.

How to Donate

As a reminder, our 501(c)(3) Foundation is accepting tax-deductible donations to directly support flood relief efforts: Credit Card - <https://rotary5840.org/donate/district-5840-disaster-relief/>

Check - Payable to Rotary District 5840 Foundation, Memo: Disaster Relief

Mail to: Rotary District 5840 Foundation, P.O. Box 13, Boerne, TX 78006

Zelle Payment - Send to: D5840floodrelief2025@gmail.com

Let's continue to Unite for Good, serve with compassion, and show the strength of Rotary when it's needed most.

Craig Hardy
District Governor 2025-2026



Wrap up from last week

Our Assistant Governor Marty Hoenig paid us a visit at our Rotary meeting on Tuesday, July 22nd. Always good to see Marty. Anne Dubose did not pull the joker from our weekly raffle, so our weekly Happy Bucks pot continues to grow.

Our speaker was our own club member Becky Goering. She went to the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and she shared with us her photos and experiences of the event that saw 16,000 Rotarians from 140 countries around the world in attendance. Becky also showed us some amazing photos of her side trip over to Banff, Alberta. Donning her white cowboy hat, she brought back a Rotary banner from the convention. Club President Trina Forcey, and AG Marty posed for a photo with Becky after she concluded her very interesting presentation. Thank you, Becky.



Hill Country Disaster Cleanup

In the aftermath of devastating July 4th flooding along the Guadalupe River, a team of volunteers from the Rotary Club of New Braunfels stepped in to lend critical support to residents of Ingram, Texas. Beginning July 10, six current members and one former member — a past club president — rolled up their sleeves alongside crews from Disaster Aid USA and the Cajun Navy Ground Force. Their mission: to help clear massive debris fields left behind after the river overflowed, causing widespread destruction in the small Hill Country town.

Armed with skid steers, front-end loaders, and chainsaws, the Rotary volunteers worked tirelessly to sort through the wreckage. Natural debris was separated from manmade trash, and large downed trees were cut and staged for eventual removal by FEMA crews. But the effort wasn't just about the physical labor. For the Rotary members, it was also a deeply human experience.

"We were honored to meet and hear the stories of people who lost so much," one volunteer shared. "There's something powerful about being able to stand shoulder to shoulder with folks in their hardest moments and help carry the load — literally and emotionally." The flooding, caused by days of relentless rain, left many homes damaged or destroyed and forced numerous residents to evacuate. With official recovery efforts ongoing, volunteer teams like this one continue to play a vital role in helping Ingram rebuild.



Rotary District 5840 Rotary Foundation Raffle Instructions



Each member will receive one book (10 tickets at \$10 each) to sell and raise funds for our Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Each member can send \$100 directly to Rotary Foundation Annual Fund or your Club Foundation Chair can collect money from members and use the Multiple Contribution form with one check to Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Winner receives a \$5000 voucher for a 7-night Western Caribbean Cruise on the MSC Seascape from Galveston, TX. Ticket value over \$500 in cash. Drawing on January 31, 2026 in San Antonio, TX. All proceeds to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. Donations \$10. All items to be drawn 7/1/2027. You have selected BLANK & if returns blank. This box of four will not print on your ticket.



Seller of winning ticket receives \$500 in cash.



Club Foundation Chair to mail ticket stubs (no staples) and deposit sheet to the following address by January 15, 2026: Monica Gutierrez 3606 Herron Ct. San Antonio, TX 78217



Raffle Drawing will be held at LRI on January 31, 2026 at the Northwest Vista College campus in San Antonio, TX at 12PM.

Note: Raffle tickets per club were distributed at DG installation; contact your Assistant Governor if your club has not received them.



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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



15th Annual Halloween Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, October 18th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Astro SuperBowl, 3203 Harry Wurzbach Rd. at Austin Highway

Funds raised from this event will go to

Awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior at James Madison High School Supporting the James Madison Interact Club Food Pantry

We are asking folks to come out in the finest HALLOWEEN costumes.

***** There will also be a Silent Auction *****

with items for bowlers and non-bowlers to bid on.

Cost is \$25 per bowler

Bowling will consist of 3 games or 3 hours, whichever comes first.

Shoe rental is included with the cost.

* Please try to arrive by 11:45 a.m. to get your shoes and your lane assignment *

For more information, please contact Dan Clark at danclark@ibc.com or (210) 799-4474

In addition to looking for bowlers, we are also looking for sponsors. October 18th is only 81 days away.

