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**UNITE
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October 7, 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 Joel Engulu. Joel is a Congolese-American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and marketing strategist based in Texas. He holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

He is the Co-Founder of CROWNED, a Kingdom-driven networking movement that equips entrepreneurs and business leaders to connect, collaborate, and grow while building legacy through faith and excellence.

Beyond CROWNED, Joel serves as the President of Ruth's Home for Children, a U.S.-based nonprofit supporting orphans and widows in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Under his leadership, the organization provides holistic care—offering food, clean water, shelter, education, and spiritual guidance to some of the region's most vulnerable children.

He is also a Board Member of the Abundant Life Foundation, where he contributes to long-term strategic development and community impact initiatives.

Professionally, Joel works as a Business Consultant with RSVP and AndOne Media, helping businesses in Texas grow through innovative marketing strategies and direct mail advertising. His expertise spans across industries with a focus on partner marketing, communications, and brand positioning. Thanks go out to Trina Forcey for arranging for Joel to speak with us tonight.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 14th No meeting due to Pints for Polio event
October 21st Sarah Kahlil, Great Springs Project

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dan and Jossi Clark will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on October 10th. Happy Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

Dan Hernandez will be celebrating his birthday on October 11th. Happy Birthday, Dan.

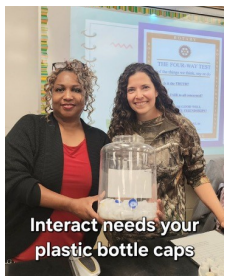


At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot is up to \$753. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the Joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least \$376.50.

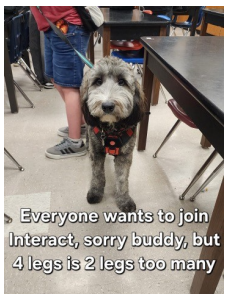
The Madison High School Interact Club held their latest meeting yesterday. San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club President Trina Forcey reports that the Interactors recently constructed 23 beds at Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and prepared 729 boxes for the Hunger Fund.

Current projects include collecting new toothbrushes, and plastic bottle caps (soda, water, pringles etc.). No medical prescription caps please.

Upcoming items include the Interact Conference; Rotary District Youth Exchange Chair and four to five projects scheduled for the month of October.



Interact needs your plastic bottle caps



Everyone wants to join Interact, sorry buddy, but 4 legs is 2 legs too many



DG Craig Hardy's October Message - Rotary's Economic & Community Development Focus in Action After the July Floods

As Rotarians, we are committed to creating lasting change in our communities and around the world. One of Rotary's key Areas of Focus—Economic and Community Development—guides us in helping individuals and communities break the cycle of poverty and build sustainable livelihoods.



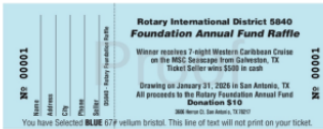
This mission has taken on new urgency following the devastating floods in July, which left many communities in our district grappling with damaged homes, lost income, and disrupted infrastructure. In true Rotary spirit, clubs across our district are exploring meaningful ways to assist those affected—not only with immediate relief but also with long-term recovery and resilience-building efforts. Our District Foundation is working closely with Rotarians to identify ways to create meaningful impact with relief efforts.

Our response will align closely with Rotary's development priorities: supporting local economies, empowering entrepreneurs, restoring livelihoods, and ensuring that communities can rebuild stronger and more self-reliant. Potential initiatives being funded and under consideration include replacing emergency equipment, supporting local Foundations and Rotary clubs and evaluation of other long-term needs.

We know that real recovery extends beyond emergency aid - it involves restoring dignity, opportunity, and hope. With our district's collective strength, Rotary's global resources, and partnerships with local stakeholders, we are well-positioned to make a tangible, lasting impact.

As plans develop, we encourage clubs to stay informed, share local insights, and consider how they might contribute—whether through hands-on projects, funding, or collaboration. Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to being People of Action—and ensure that those affected by the floods are not forgotten, but empowered toward a brighter future as we **Unite For Good!**

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 to be taken anytime in 2026.



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 RLI 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.



Wrap up from last week

Our scheduled speaker from last week, Sean Corbett, General Manager of Astro SuperBowl, was unable to attend our meeting last week due to illness. We hope to have Sean visit us a future date.

Necessity being the mother of invention, we showed a video of 2025-2026 Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo speaking at the Rotary International Convention held earlier this year in Calgary, Albert, Canada. If you have not seen RI President Francesco’s presentation, you need to. You can find RI President Francesco’s passionate presentation on Facebook at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1396723594871624>



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 and silent auction items. October 18th is only 11 days away. Please pick up a team registration form and a sponsorship form at our meeting tonight.

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
Supporting other humanitarian causes that will help serve our community



Pints for Polio

Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Alamo Heights and San Antonio Northeast, you are invited to come out on Tuesday, October 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to Wetmore Beach House, 12329 Wetmore Road, and raise a glass - and raise lifesaving funds for the eradication of polio. Please note that this fundraiser will take the place of our regular weekly meeting. Join us for Pints for Polio, a fun community night where every pint helps Rotary’s global effort to eradicate polio.

Bring friends and family, meet your local Rotarians, and enjoy great conversation for an even greater cause. Why it matters: Polio has been pushed to the brink through vaccination and community outreach, but it’s not gone yet. Your support helps Rotary provide vaccines, rapid-response teams, and education in hard-to-reach areas—

protecting children and working towards a world that is polio-free. Tickets are \$20 per person and will include one free beer and access to the event. Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets.

NOTE: You will not be asked to pay for your tickets at the time you scan the QR code. Check in when you arrive at the venue to pay for your tickets.

The venue will also have \$2 crispy tacos just for our event.
Can’t attend? You can still support the cause by making a contribution: <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> and selecting PolioPlus Fund. If you have questions please contact Scott Sitterle at (210) 213-3324.



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.

Rotary District 5840’s Team is already #5 out of 315 teams registered for the ALZ Walk!! As of last week, the Rotary District 5840 Team has raised \$6,800! Let’s keep the momentum going by sending your page link to all your contacts and keep raising ALZ Walk \$\$! October is ask for donations month!! If you have any questions, please contact Dave Miller at (512) 656-2852



Join San Antonio’s Rotary Team Today!



Team Rotarians Unite For Good

District 5840 Virtual Fireside Chat on Monday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what Rotary is truly all about? Whether you are brand new to Rotary or a long-time member, you’re invited to join us for an engaging District 5840 Virtual Fireside Chat on Monday, November 10th at 6:30 PM (on Zoom). You might be asking yourself why you should attend. The Fireside Chat is designed to orient new Rotarians and give them a deeper understanding of Rotary’s mission, values, and opportunities. It’s a chance to go beyond the basics of club meetings and service projects to explore topics such as:

- What does it really mean to be a Rotarian?
- How does Rotary change lives—locally and globally?
- What opportunities exist for personal and professional growth?

Fireside Chats aren’t just for new members. Even if you’ve been in Rotary for years, your presence is valuable. Fireside Chats are not only about learning but also about sharing experiences and building connections. Seasoned Rotarians can bring insight, stories, and inspiration that help new members feel truly welcomed into the family of Rotary. Rotary is more than a club—it’s a movement of people who believe in service above self, who come together to create lasting change in the world. This Fireside Chat is your opportunity to connect, learn, and be inspired by what it means to be part of that movement.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us! Invite new members, prospective members, and long-standing Rotarians alike. Together, we’ll celebrate what it truly means to be Rotarians!

Event Details

When: Monday, November 10, 2025
Time: 6:30 p.m. (Online)
Where: Register in advance at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/CdJWCMPyR2iCFvaHNDTmhw>

