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CREATE LASTING IMPACT

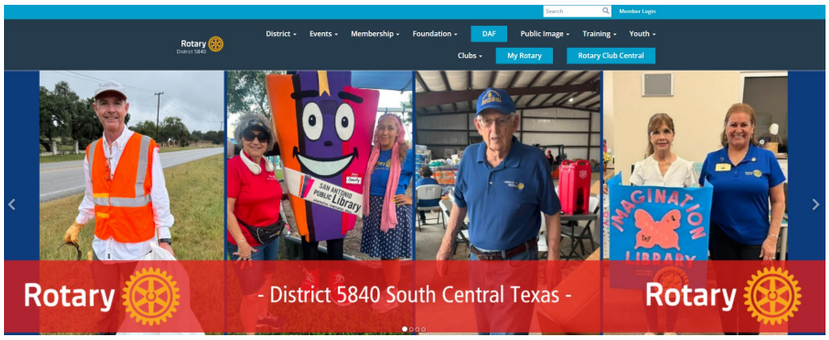
November 10, 2026

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.

Salsalito CANTINA MEXICAN RESTAURANT

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 our own Jan King. She will be giving us a tour of our Rotary District 5840 website. Have you visited our website? If not, Jan will show you how easy it is to access. If you have visited www.rotary5840.org before, do you have questions? Jan will show us all the information, resources, and tools available on our District website.



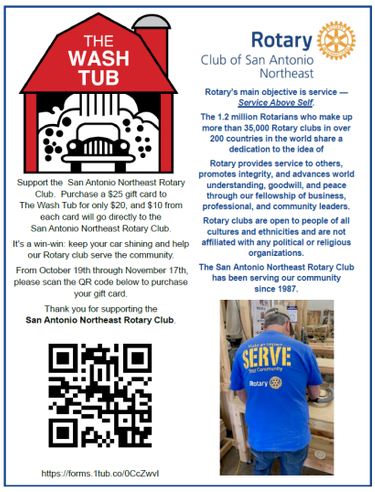


Birthdays and Anniversaries

Becky Robles is celebrating her birthday TODAY.
Happy Birthday, Becky.

At the start of tonight our Happy Bucks pot stands at $414. That means if your ticket is drawn tonight and you pull the joker out of the deck, you will leave with at least $207.





For only $20, you can buy a Wash Tub gift card worth $25. That's a savings right there of $5. In addition, $10 of your purchase price comes back to the San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club to help us serve the community like we have been doing since 1987. It's a win – win situation. Just scan the QR code on the flyer to the left to purchase your Wash Tub gift card today. It's as simple as that. Please share this deal with your family and friends. You can also purchase multiple gift cards at the same time. **While this fundraiser only runs through November 17, 2026, the Wash Tub gift cards do not have an expiration date. They would make great stocking stuffers.**

Please see Dan Clark to pick up your Rotary District 5840 Foundation Raffle tickets. Tickets are only $10 apiece. There will be a $500 Frost Bank Stored Value Card awarded in each of 8 drawings.





Following the event on Saturday, November 7, 2026, the San Antonio Walk to End Alzheimer's has raised $665,436 toward its $784,000 goal. That total represents roughly 85% of the chapter's target, with fundraising continuing through the end of the year.

The event held at Six Flags Fiesta Texas drew 3,003 participants across 352 teams. According to the 2026 San Antonio Walk to End Alzheimer's leaderboard, the leading teams include Rudy's Bar-B-Q San Antonio Team Members and Family ($64,918.20), 2026 Car Show ($51,362.23), and TEAM HONEY BUNCH ($45,365).

The Rotarians District 5840 "Create Lasting Impact" team, captained by Dave Miller, including 48 members and raised $13,628.33. You can still donate to the Rotarians District 5840 “Create Lasting Impact” team by clicking on the link below.

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Interact Clubs of District 5840

The District 5840 Interact Conference will take place this Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at The Winston School, 8565 Ewing Halsell Drive, San Antonio, TX 78202. District 5840 has 31 active Interact Clubs. Club members are encouraged to attend this event to show your support for the amazing accomplishments that these Interactors do all over our District. Interact is Rotary International’s service club for young people aged 12 to 18. Interact fosters leadership and responsible citizenship and promotes international understanding and peace. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community. Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 22,000 clubs in 125 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 511,000 young people are involved in Interact.



Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11 to honor all military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The holiday began as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, marking the first anniversary of the end of World War I (which formally ceased on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918).

In 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, Congress renamed the holiday Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Sacramento man, 103, might be oldest active Rotary club member in United States

by Graham Womack - The Sacramento Bee



It was time for Bob Cole to address the 100 or so people at a recent luncheon for the Rotary Club of Sacramento. The club, a volunteer service organization, was honoring Cole, who is a 103-year-old World War II and Korean War veteran who joined Rotary in 1951. Fellow member John Wood said Cole was “the oldest active Rotarian in the United States” and that he might be the fifth oldest worldwide.

Cole hadn’t come to sit quietly and bask in praise, though. He spoke for more than four minutes to address the luncheon, giving anyone listening a glimpse of his service, humility and remarkable vitality. “We’re all optimists,” Cole said. “We have to be. But the opportunities, I think, are just wonderful in the world today.”

Cole’s background Cole was born in Portland, Oregon, on July 11, 1922. He moved to Fresno in early childhood. As a boy, Cole saw Civil War veterans in a parade, Wood said during the luncheon. Cole also spent time in the Monterey area, with Wood saying Cole had known famed author John Steinbeck, who taught him ocean fishing. Cole also got to know Steinbeck’s friend Ed Ricketts, the inspiration for the character of Doc in Steinbeck’s 1945 novel “Cannery Row.” Times weren’t easy when Cole was a young boy. The morning after he was honored by the Rotary club, Cole discussed his life, including his memories of the Great Depression, during an interview with The Sacramento Bee at a senior home in Land Park. Cole got his first job at age 12, folding canvas in a factory for $1 an hour, he remembered. His father made him start paying room and board of maybe $1 a week, Cole added. Cole was a student at Stanford University when Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He remembers hearing the announcement of the war while he was at a restaurant for lunch.

“The President of the United States came on and said we were at war,” Cole said. “He said we were bombed by the Japanese.” He was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the school, participating in horse cavalry. Cole studied at Stanford for two years before heading to U.S. Marine Corps boot camp in 1944, according to his engagement announcement. He wed the former Billie Thomas in Washington, D.C., in early 1945. “We were married in the Washington Cathedral, and that’s a magnificent church,” Cole said. “I remember the minister, he let me come in with my new bride-to-be and we walked down the aisle. And when I was done, I asked the minister what I could pay him. He said, ‘No charge.’” Cole and his wife would be married for 69 years until her death in 2014. Asked what he was proud of in life, Cole replied, “Marrying one of the prettiest girls in the world.” He did not see combat in World War II. Cole was in Guam, awaiting the potential invasion of Japan, when the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, ending the war in the Pacific. He was then sent to China with a rifle platoon.

Cole would be called back for service as an instructor during the Korean War, primarily at Parris Island in South Carolina. At Stanford, Cole had studied political science, thinking he would go to law school. By the time his World War II-related service had concluded, things had changed. “I had a wife and a baby, and I had to go to work,” Cole said. How Cole got involved in Rotary There are around 1.2 million Rotary Club members worldwide. The organization can offer a good reflection of its surroundings, according to Kerry Wood, president of the Rotary Club of Sacramento. “Community service clubs like the Rotary Club of Sacramento and others around the region are really telltale for, I think, the kind of heart that a community has,” she said. Cole's father had been a Rotarian when Cole was growing up. Cole also joined for practical considerations.

“I was a salesman in my company first,” said Cole, who travelled around the state for work. “It helped me get to know people out of town and that was good. It helped my business.” Other things have kept him involved over the years. “The principles of Rotary are all good,” Cole said. “Their principles are very high. By that, they like to see a town where the education is good, the business atmosphere is good and that’s what Rotary stands for.”

Cole eventually became a partner in Goodwin-Cole, which manufactures awnings and coverings. The company Cole helped run for decades is still in existence, near Power Inn Road in Sacramento. He only stopped working about six years ago according to his son Dan Cole, who now runs the business. Stephanie Graff, a Rotary International spokesperson, said the organization couldn’t verify if Cole was America’s oldest-active Rotarian. Graff added via email that “it seems likely that Mr. Cole is among our oldest members and his tenure in Rotary is certainly an achievement that would inspire would-be and existing members.” Dan Cole, who is also a Rotarian, said his father had paid attention to his sleep, exercise, spirituality, socialization and diet. He noted that his father never ate hors d’oeuvres. “Most of us know what to do, and we don’t necessarily do it,” Dan Cole said. “He does it.”

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Rotary provides service to others, promotes integrity, and advances world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Rotary clubs are open to people of all cultures and ethnicities and are not affiliated with any political or religious organizations.

The San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club has been serving our community since 1987.

