

Monthly Newsletter

August 2025

Rotary 
Club of Houston Heights
Established in 1939



A New Chapter Begins: Searching for the Right Space

As we journey through the second half of the year, our club finds itself at a meaningful crossroads — not only in planning new projects and goals, but also in exploring a new home for our weekly meetings. As many of you know, we've begun the process of evaluating alternative meeting venues, a move that reflects both practical needs and our desire to better align with the evolving vision of our club.

Finding the right meeting location isn't just about tables and chairs — it's about atmosphere, accessibility, and opportunity. It's about creating a space that reflects our values: community, service, fellowship, and growth. A place where new members feel welcome, conversations flow easily, and our projects take root.

This month, we'll continue visiting potential sites, gathering feedback, and keeping our shared goals front and center. Your input is essential in this process. Whether it's about parking, technology needs, or simply the feeling you get when you walk into a room — your voice matters.

Change can be challenging, but it's also an opportunity to refresh, rethink, and recommit to what makes our club thrive. Thank you for your flexibility, your insight, and your continued dedication to Rotary's mission. Together, we'll find the place that feels just right — not only for where we meet, but for where we're going.

Here's to new spaces, new faces, and the same Rotary spirit.

Erica Alderete
President

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RI August Theme: Membership & New Development

The Rotary theme Membership and New Development focuses on growing and strengthening clubs. With changing community needs and aging memberships, it's vital to bring in fresh energy and new perspectives. This theme encourages clubs to be welcoming, diverse, and adaptable.

Members can support by inviting potential Rotarians, mentoring newcomers, and being open to new ideas. Embracing technology, modernizing club activities, and aligning with current global issues help attract and retain members. Every member has a part to play in building a stronger, more dynamic club.

This theme is key to Rotary's future. A growing and engaged membership base ensures clubs stay relevant and effective. By investing in people and progress, Rotary continues to fulfill its mission and make a lasting impact around the world.

Now is the time to take action—reach out, engage, and be the reason someone joins Rotary. Share your passion, bring in fresh voices, and help shape the future of your club and community.



RI Learning App

Learning at Your Finger Tips

It's now easier than ever to complete your role-based courses, track your progress, and explore other courses and resources — wherever you are.

To get started:

1. Download Rotary Learning Center from your app store.
2. Open the app and enter your My Rotary username and password.
3. Find your courses.

If you've accessed the Learning Center previously through the Go.Learn app, you'll find that the RotaryLearn app is a more streamlined experience. After you get started with RotaryLearn, you can remove Go.Learn from your mobile devices.



Upcoming Club Events

- 8/6, 6-8pm: Club Monthly Social at Cavatore
- **8/7, 12pm:** Multi-Club Meeting with District Governor, Tom Kelchner at Tony's Restuarant, 3755 Richmond Ave, 77046. RSVP Required.
- 8/13, 12pm: **New Meeting Location** - Cadillac Bar, 1802 Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77007
- 8/20, 12pm: General Meeting at Cadillac Bar
- 8/27, 12pm: Speaker - Maggie Trendell, Mission Squash

Member Highlights



Rotary on the Go

Traveling abroad? Use the Rotary Club Locator app to easily find local Rotary club meetings worldwide. Stay connected, make new friends, and keep serving—wherever you are!

President Erica Alderete visits Rotary Club Paris Académies



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- Tony Allman (8/15)
- Clint Horne (8/22)
- Tim Vozar (8/30)

Wedding Anniversaries

- Clint Horne (43 Years)
- Tom English (37 years)
- Sue Marshall (5 years)



Meeting w/DG

Join our District Governor, Tom Kelchner for our annual Multi-club meeting with Harrisburg and Houston Club on **Thursday, August 7, 2025, 12pm at Tony's Restaurant.**

RSVP Here:

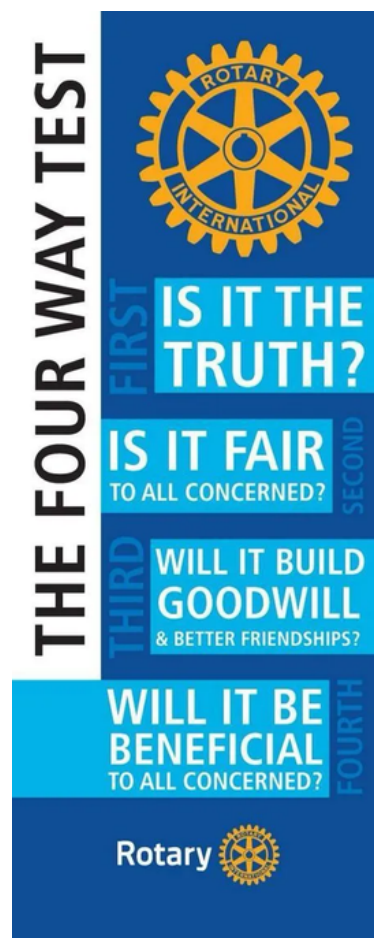
<https://rotaryhouston.org/Event/Register/918f9414-a32e-4bda-b464-baac3bc3613d>



Disaster Donations

Rotary District 5890 is raising funds to support flood relief efforts in District 5840, South Central Texas. Donations will provide immediate supplies and support long-term recovery. To help, visit:

<https://rotaryd5890.org/donate/rotary-district-5840-disaster-donations>



Paul Harris Fellows

Erica Alderete PHF +1
Dwight Aston PHF +1
Tom English PHF +1
Robert Frater PHR +1
Richard Gruen PHF +1
Scott Lester PHF +1
Carroll Sylvester PHF +1
Tony Allman PHF +2
Gahlen Carpenter PHF +2
Rosemary Vega PHF +3
Chad Greer PHF +4
Ervin Lehman PHF +6

See Chad Greer, our RI Foundation Chair, for more information about Paul Harris Fellows



Rotary International: Embracing New Developments for Lasting Impact

Rotary International continues to grow and adapt, year after year, to better serve communities around the world. New developments—from environmental initiatives to expanded grant programs—are helping Rotary clubs tackle today's most pressing challenges with fresh ideas and greater impact. This ongoing evolution reflects Rotary's commitment to staying relevant, responsive, and effective in its mission of service.

Clubs are encouraged to use modern tools and strategies to strengthen their outreach and results. With resources like Rotary Club Central, virtual learning platforms, and new partnership opportunities, members can plan more effective projects and measure success with greater clarity. These updates support clubs in being more collaborative, efficient, and community-focused.

One impactful goal for a club could be to complete three hands-on service projects in the next 12 months, each involving at least 10 members and directly benefiting 100 or more residents. Steps to achieve this include: (1) identifying local needs through community outreach, (2) forming planning teams for each project, (3) setting clear timelines and budgets, (4) promoting efforts through local media and social channels, and (5) reporting outcomes during club meetings. Clubs can contact their Assistant Governor or District Service Chair for support with planning and implementation.

Service Above Self

ROTARY CLUB OF HOUSTON HEIGHTS	Weds, 1145am (Gen Mtg) 1st Weds, 6pm (Social, TBD)
https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3935/	General Meeting Location Cadillac Bar 1802 Shepherd Dr. Houston, TX 77007