

# Monthly Newsletter

July 2025

**Rotary**   
Club of Houston Heights  
Established in 1939

## ***UNITE FOR GOOD***

**25-26 RI PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE**

### Embracing a New Chapter: Welcome to the Rotary Year 2025!

Rotary International begins a new year of service on July 1st, uniting a global network dedicated to making a positive impact. The 2025-2026 Rotary year, under the leadership of incoming Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo of Italy, will be guided by the presidential message, "Unite for Good".

This message calls for action that reflects Rotary's core values. "Unite for Good" highlights the power of connection, collaboration, and shared purpose. Rotary clubs worldwide will embody this message by:

- Welcoming new members and collaborating with diverse people.
- Working together to address humanitarian challenges, including promoting peace, fighting disease, and providing clean water.
- Creating lasting change through partnership and collective action.

The 2025-2026 year also sees the implementation of a new 3-year rolling goal strategy for clubs, encouraging a focus on key priorities such as supporting The Rotary Foundation, polio eradication efforts, and annual fund contributions. This refined approach to goal-setting is designed to provide clarity, continuity, and enhanced impact for clubs.

Let's embrace "Unite for Good" and work together to build a brighter future as this new Rotary year begins. Together, a difference can be made!

*Erica Alderete*  
President

In this newsletter you can expect:

Welcome a New RI Year

Rotary Monthly Themes

Early Registration for District 5890 Conference

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Club, District and RI Updates

RCOHHs New Leadership

July Maternal and Child Health	August Membership & New Development	September Education & Literacy	October Community Economic Development	November Rotary Foundation	December Disease Prevention & Treatment
January Vocational Services	February Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution	March Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	April Environmental	May Youth Services	June Rotary Fellowships

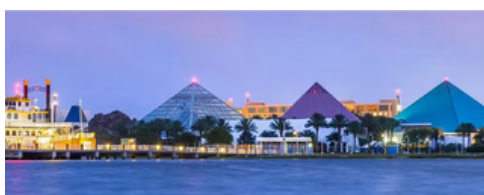
## RCOHH Embraces Rotary International Themes

The Houston Heights Rotary Club is proud to align its service and programming with Rotary International's monthly themes, beginning this July with the theme of Maternal and Child Health. With new officers and board members, we welcome fresh vision, renewed energy, and a strong commitment to service. This transition sets the tone for a strong and purposeful Rotary year ahead.

Each month, the club will spotlight a monthly theme—ranging from basic education and literacy to maternal and child health, economic development, and peacebuilding.

We begin the year with a focus on Maternal and Child Health, recognizing the vital importance of supporting healthy lives for mothers and children. Strong families build strong communities, and our club is committed to making a difference through educational outreach, local health initiatives, and global partnerships.

By aligning with RI's monthly themes the Heights Rotary strengthens its mission while addressing real needs in our city. With thoughtful programs and hands-on service, we look forward to starting this July with a heartfelt commitment to Maternal and Child Health.



### District 5890 Conference

Galveston, Texas

Join District Governor, Dr. Tom Kelchner and me at the annual Rotary 5890 District Conference on April 30 - May 3, 2026 at **Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa & Convention Center**.

The weekend will be packed with opportunities to connect, learn, and celebrate the incredible impact you've made during our 2025-2026 "Unite For Good" Rotary year. You'll be inspired by heartfelt stories from fellow Rotarians showcasing how lives were changed. I look forward to seeing you there!

[Click here to register and reserve your room today!](#)



### Upcoming Club Events

- **7/1:** Beginning of new Rotary year/ Membership Dues Due
- **7/2:** No Social
- **7/9:** New Meeting Location, Cowboys and Indians, 519 Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77007. Speakers: Dr Porsche Chiles and Tying Huang, Rice University, International Friends Program
- **7/16:** Speaker: Ruth Kravetz, CVPE
- **7/23:** Meeting
- **7/30:** Meeting

## Member Highlights



### Julian Rodriguez

Welcome our newest member, Julian Rodriguez.

Julian is no stranger to Rotary; he was once a member with the WestU club. We are excited to have him join us as the Joe Foster YMCA, Center Executive Director representative.

Welcome to the Rotary family, Julian!



### Adam Birch

Welcome to our newest member, Adam Birch.

Adam is a Heights resident and Insurance sales person that you may recognize. He helped at our Christmas food sort and Crawfish Boil! He now joins us officially.

Welcome to the Rotary family, Adam!



### RI Updates

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26 on 1 July.

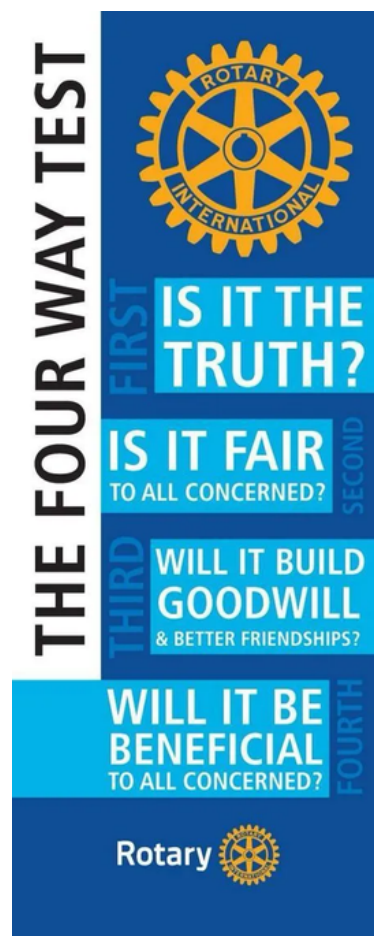
The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of [RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo](#) on 8 June.



### D5890 Updates

[July 14: Rotary Means Business through Service networking event \(5-630pm\).](#) Click to RSVP

[District 5890 is ready for their close up, Mr. DeMille. See how D5890 is being highlighted in media!](#)



### 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 SSylvester 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**



## Welcome to a New Chapter: Heights Rotary Officers Take the Lead

As we welcome the new officers of Heights Rotary into office, we celebrate the spirit of leadership and service that defines our club and fuels our mission. This new team steps into their roles with energy, vision, and a deep commitment to our community. Their leadership marks the beginning of another impactful year of service, friendship, and progress.

District 5890 Governor, Dr. Tom Kelchner has outlined ambitious and meaningful goals for the year ahead. These include strengthening partnerships with community organizations, deepening our collaboration in youth services, combating human trafficking, and expanding support for veterans. These priorities reflect a compassionate, action-driven vision for positive change across our region.

At the club level, our President is focused on expanding educational outreach—both for students and club members—while launching new programming for students with disabilities. In addition, plans are underway to increase hands-on service projects, introduce a new fall fundraiser, and elevate the club's public image and recognition. These goals aim to deepen our local impact and strengthen the visibility and vibrancy of Heights Rotary.

With strong leadership and a renewed commitment to service, we are poised for a year filled with purpose and progress. Together, we look forward to building on our legacy and making a lasting difference in the lives we touch. Congratulations to our new officers—your work is already inspiring!

*Service Above Self*

<p><b>ROTARY CLUB OF HOUSTON HEIGHTS</b></p>	<p>Weds, 12pm (Gen Mtg) 1st Weds, 6pm (Social, TBD)</p>
<p><a href="https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3935/">https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3935/</a></p>	<p><b>General Meeting Location Cowboys and Indians 519 Shepherd Dr. Houston, TX 77007</b></p>