

Monthly Newsletter

September 2025

Rotary 
Club of Houston Heights
Established in 1939

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Small Changes, Big Difference

Sometimes, the smallest adjustments can lead to the biggest improvements. Our club is excited to announce a new chapter in our journey—starting with a new meeting space at Cadillac Bar! This vibrant, centrally located venue offers a welcoming atmosphere, great service, and the perfect setting for our meetings and fellowship. We believe this change will enhance the overall experience for our members and guests alike.

Another exciting shift is our growing social media presence. We're increasing our activity on platforms like Facebook and Instagram to better share our impact, events, and stories. Be sure to follow, like, and share our posts to help us reach a wider audience and attract new members who are passionate about service and community.

To make the most of our new location, we're also moving our monthly social meetings to the second week of the month. This ensures we secure the best setup and service Cadillac Bar has to offer, making each meeting more enjoyable and effective. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

Finally, we're always on the lookout for volunteers and guest speakers. Whether you have a passion to share, a story to tell, or just want to lend a hand, there's a place for you in our club's upcoming events and projects, and in the club. Reach out if you'd like to get involved—we'd love to hear from you!

Potential Opportunities

1. Club President Elect
2. Sergeant at Arms
3. Volunteer Committee
4. Fall Fundraising Committee

Erica Alderete
President

In this newsletter you can expect:

Welcome

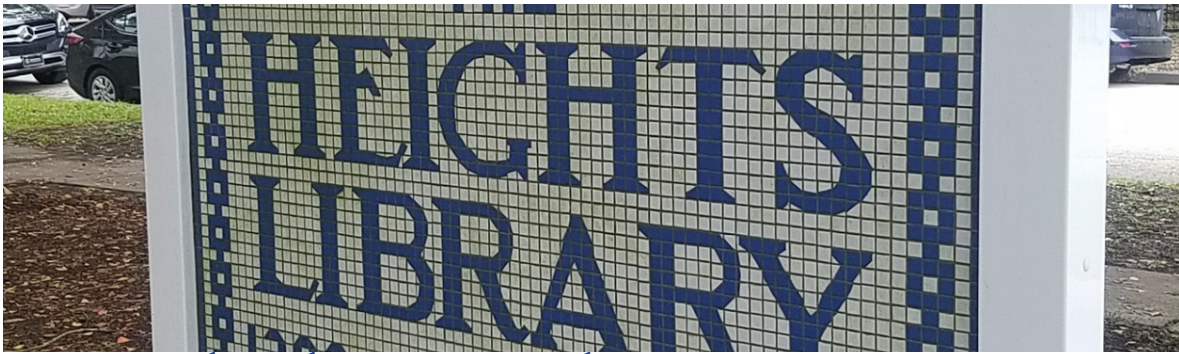
Community Updates

RI August Theme: Basic Education & Literacy

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Understanding Our Community



RI September Theme: Basic Education & Literacy

Each September, Rotary International highlights Basic Education and Literacy as a key focus area. The goal is to promote access to quality learning for all, especially in underserved communities. Illiteracy affects millions worldwide and limits opportunities for growth and success.

Rotary clubs take action by supporting schools, donating books, training teachers, and organizing reading programs. Some clubs build libraries or partner with global organizations to expand their impact. Grants and scholarships also help fund long-term education projects.

This theme reflects Rotary's belief that education leads to peace and opportunity. Literacy gives people the tools to build better lives and stronger communities. By working together, Rotarians make a lasting difference both locally and globally.

Our Annual Heights Library Book sale is scheduled for October 4th and we need volunteers for set-up (6am-9am) and break-down (12pm-3pm). If your schedule permits, please let Ken Fickes as soon as possible.



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

- 9/3, 1145-1: Speaker, Priya Kurup, Houston Symphony
- 9/6, 10-1130am: Emily Cole's Service
- 9/6, 1130-330: Emily Cole's Celebration of Life
- 9/10, 4-6: Volunteer with Project CURE, 8303 Kempwood Dr, Houston 77055 (Registration Needed)
- 9/10, 6-8pm: Social at Homestead, 600 N. Shepherd Dr, Suite 440
- 9/17, 1145-1: Speakers, Houston Holocaust Museum
- 9/24, 1145-1: Meeting

****Reminder to pay membership dues if past due.**

<https://rotaryclubofhoustonheights.org/invoicepayment>

Member Highlights



Project Cure Volunteer Registration

Please sign up at least **one week** before your session.

New Volunteers:

- First, create an account at <http://bit.ly/4p1QxIj>.
- We recommend using your email address as your username.

All Volunteers:

1. Go to your group's landing page:
<https://vhub.at/1CAN020>
2. Select the event session and review volunteering information.
3. Click Sign Up (log in if prompted).
4. Complete the annual waiver (required once per year; valid through 2025).
 - Volunteers must be at least 15 years old.Volunteers under 18 must bring a waiver signed by a parent/guardian. Print, sign, and bring it with you.
5. After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email with details about the location, what to wear, and what to expect.

Share your ideas for volunteering!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

9/3: Joy Lewis
9/21: Howard Moon

Anniversaries

9/1: Ken & Sally Fickes

Rotary Anniversaries

9/1: Howard Moon (54 yrs)

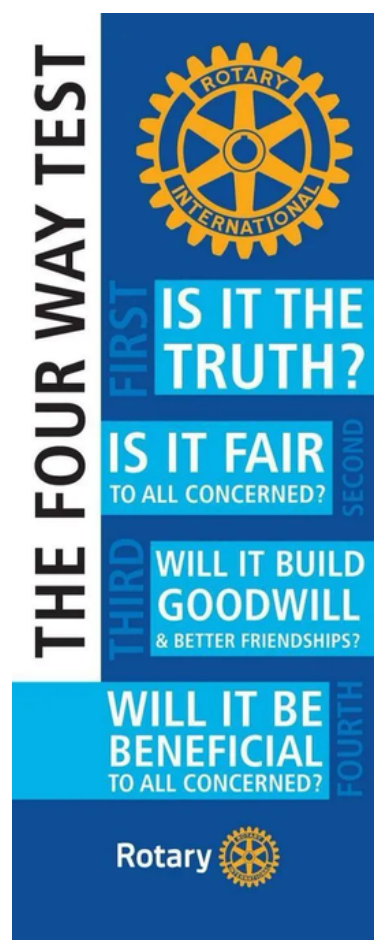


Upcoming District Events

9/13, 830-12pm: Vibrant Club Training
(<https://rotaryd5890.org/event/vibrant-club-training-2>)

9/13, 8-330pm: Rotary Leadership Institute
<https://rotaryd5890.org/event/districts-5890---5910-rotary-leadership-training/>

4/30-5/3: District Conference:
Registration is open!
<https://rotaryd5890.org/page/2026-district-conference>



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



Understanding Community Needs: A Service Club's 1st Step

For any service club, making a meaningful impact begins with understanding the real needs of the community. This can be done through regular engagement with local leaders, schools, nonprofits, and residents. Attending town halls, reviewing local news, and staying connected with civic organizations can provide valuable insight into where help is needed most. A successful club listens first, then acts.

Members play a vital role in this process. By sharing their own observations, connections, and experiences, they help paint a fuller picture of the community's challenges and opportunities. Whether it's noticing a lack of resources at a neighborhood school or hearing about an underserved senior population, every member's input adds value to the club's mission.

Once needs are identified, clubs can design projects that truly make a difference. From organizing food drives to mentoring youth, aligning service efforts with local priorities ensures time and resources are used effectively. With active participation from members, a service club becomes a powerful force for positive change right where it's needed most.

We are currently looking for members or interested community partners to serve as neighborhood liaisons—individuals who can help us connect more deeply with the areas we aim to serve. If you're willing to host or coordinate a small meeting with local residents or representatives, we'd love your help. This is a great way to build stronger relationships and gather insights directly from the community. Let us know if you're interested in stepping into this important role!

Service Above Self

ROTARY CLUB OF HOUSTON HEIGHTS	Weds, 1145am (Gen Mtg) 2nd Weds, 6pm (Social, TBD)
https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3935/	General Meeting Location Cadillac Bar 1802 Shepherd Dr. Houston, TX 77007