

Monthly Newsletter

October 2025

Rotary 
Club of Houston Heights
Established in 1939



Building Stronger Communities, One Connection at a Time

Each October, Rotary International emphasizes Economic and Community Development as a key area of focus. This theme reminds us of the importance of creating sustainable opportunities that allow individuals and communities to thrive. With nearly 1.4 billion people worldwide living on less than \$1.25 a day, Rotary clubs are uniquely positioned to promote local entrepreneurship, support job training, and invest in infrastructure that leads to long-term success and stability.

Our club actively supports this mission through service projects and partnerships—and we're proud to be a member of our local Chamber of Commerce. This membership connects us with business leaders, community organizations, and development efforts that align closely with Rotary's goals. By working together, we can expand vocational training, support small business initiatives, and

encourage economic self-sufficiency throughout our region.

To strengthen this relationship and grow our impact, we're seeking volunteers to attend upcoming Chamber events. These gatherings provide a great opportunity to promote Rotary's mission, share our community service efforts, and invite others to get involved. Your presence helps build awareness of our club's work and may inspire new members to join us in making a lasting difference. Let's use our seat at the table to grow both Rotary and our local economy.

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



Engaging the Next Generation of Rotarians

As we work toward global goals like polio eradication and economic development, it's essential that we also focus on the future of Rotary — by engaging and inspiring the next generation of leaders. Youth programs like Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) offer young people the opportunity to develop leadership skills, serve their communities, and connect with the values that drive Rotary's mission.

Our club can play a vital role in supporting these programs by mentoring young leaders, involving them in service projects, and inviting them to club meetings or events.

Creating opportunities for meaningful engagement not only strengthens our impact today, but also ensures the continuity of Rotary's work for years to come. These connections often spark a lifelong commitment to service.

By investing in youth and empowering them to lead, we help build stronger communities and a more resilient Rotary. The future of Rotary is bright — and it begins with us. Let's continue to grow, mentor, and inspire. Together, we can build a legacy of service that spans generations.

Individuals interacting with our youth should also complete the Rotary International Youth Protection Training and provide proof to the board.



RI Learning App

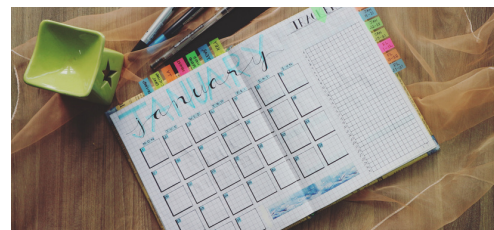
Learning at Your Finger Tips

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

- 10/4: Heights Library Book Sale, 6-3pm. Volunteers Needed
- 10/8, 6-8pm: Monthly Social @ The Puttery (15/pp) Open to Members & Guests
- 10/15: Meeting
- 10/18: Turning Point Center Serving Volunteers Needed
- 10/22: Kendra Atkins with Bel Inizio
- 10/29: William Harris, Space Center Houston
- 11/8: Walk to End Alzheimer's - We have a club team

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

<https://rotaryclubofhoustonheights.org/invoicepayment>

Member Highlights



Upcoming District Events

Pies for Polio... In case you wish to put a pie in the DG's face, join us at The Club at Falcon Point (24503 Falcon Point Dr, Katy, TX 77494) on Thurs, Oct 16, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For questions, please contact [Karen Kurt](#).

Pumpkins for Polio - The 2nd annual multi-Club event October 23 - 25, 2025. The Sugar Land Club took home first prize last year! Will your Club take home first place this year?! [Click here](#) for more event info.

Roses for Polio - District Gov. Tom Kelchner has created a unique and easy fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation, Roses For Polio, where you can send a "virtual" rose to someone via Facebook, or email. It's a great way to save a child from polio & recognize someone by contributing \$5 to [The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund](#).

Ride to End Polio (10/18)

We invite motorcycle riders to join us Wipe Polio Off The Planet! Meet at Buc-ees, 11151 Shadow Creek Pkwy in Pearland the enjoy the ride to [Blessing Hotel](#). Contact [Ute](#) with questions.

[District 5890 Polio Plus Website](#)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

10/12: Scott Thompson
10/14: Scott Lester
10/16: Richard Tange

Anniversaries

10/1: Sue and Sylvester Carroll
10/6: Clint and Mary Alice Horne
10/20: Richard and May Ellen Tange

Rotary Anniversaries

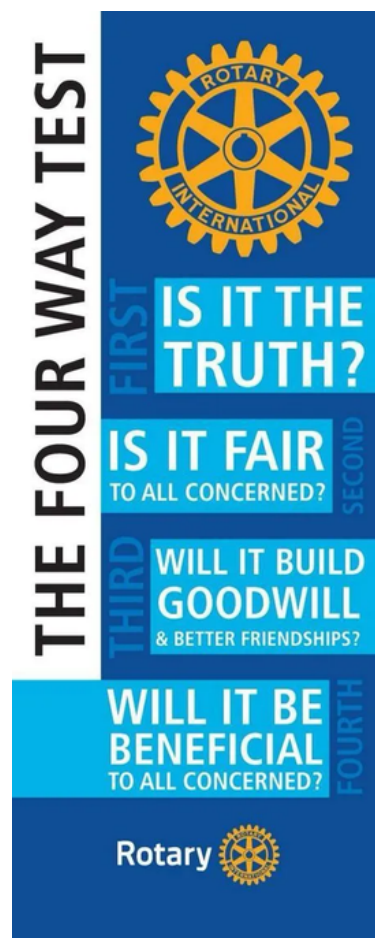
10/2: Cody Nassar *6 years)



Polio Fundraiser & Awareness Campaign

Heights Rotary and Cane's on Shephard Dr are partnering for an opportunity to fundraise to End Polio and share information about RI's End Polio Now campaign.

Volunteers will be needed.
More information to come!



Polio Plus

Be a Rotary Polio Champion...Join our Rotary District 5890 PolioPlus Society!

Pledge to contribute at least \$100 each year until polio has been full eradicated and the world is polio free!

District 5890 PolioPlus Society Members will receive a membership lapel pin depicting a child receiving two drops of polio vaccine and a PolioPlus Society Membership. We look forward to properly recognizing you for your commitment as a Polio Eradication Champion!

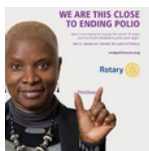
Two to One Match by the Gates Foundation!



Polio Eradication: Rotary's Global Mission

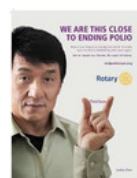
Since 1985, Rotary International has led the charge to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. Through the launch of the PolioPlus program, Rotary became a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), alongside the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and later, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Thanks to this historic effort, cases of wild poliovirus have been reduced by more than 99.9%, and the disease remains endemic in only two countries—Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Rotary members have contributed over \$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from polio. Our commitment has inspired matching funds and government partnerships around the world, multiplying our impact. In addition to funding immunization campaigns, Rotary plays a critical role in advocacy, surveillance efforts, and community engagement to ensure that every child, no matter how remote, is reached.



Our local club has an opportunity to be part of this global movement. We will contribute by hosting a fundraiser, raising awareness during World Polio Day (October 24), and organizing an educational events within our Interact Clubs at Heights High School and Hamilton Middle School. Every donation counts — just \$3 can immunize five children. Members can also pledge to become PolioPlus Society members by donating at least \$100 annually toward polio eradication efforts.

Rotary's promise to the world is bold and unwavering: a polio-free future for all. With each vaccine delivered and each child protected, we move one step closer. Together, through our time, energy, and resources, we will finish the job. "We are this close."



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