



RRA
Research Recreation Association

HAPPY TIMES

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Congratulations SwRI!

2025 Corporate Cup Champions

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Consider
becoming
an officer!



RRA ELECTIONS ARE HERE!



The RRA will hold its annual elections for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer on Tuesday, July 8, by written ballot at the RRA Board of Governors meeting. The deadline to apply is by close of business on June 30 to **Linda Estes**. We ask for one year of service (or no more than three years, if elected), and you will have assistance! Review details about the positions available [here](#). Our bylaws, charter, meeting locations, etc. are available on the **RRA website** If you are interested in any position or require further information, please contact **Linda Estes** (RRA Membership Chair) or **Mary Ramos** (RRA Chair).



Health
Improvement
Program

June Seminar

Sun Safety

Thursday, June 15 at Noon

Please join us at noon (Central) on Thursday, June 19. [UHC Webinar Link](#) View the [flyer](#) (Internal link). Please contact Diana Ahlders at ext. 3221 or wellness@swri.org with any inquiries.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FOR RRA EVENTS!

Email **Martha Olveda** to have your name added to the volunteer list through SignUpGenius for future events.

RRA Blood Drives

SAVE A LIFE/ GIVE BLOOD

June 12 (Thurs. 9AM – 3 PM)

July 10 (Thurs. 9AM – 3 PM)

Schedule your appointment at RRA Blood Drive. Bring a co-worker too! Blood donors must wait at least eight weeks between donations.

**FREE ICE CREAM at all
RRA Blood Drives**

Slick Talkers Toastmasters Club

Slick Talkers meets every "time-sheet" Friday. If you want to improve your speaking and leadership skills, Toastmasters is for you. Following the guidance of Toastmasters International, you learn at your own pace. This is also an opportunity to network with other SwRI staff and folks in the nearby community. A Toastmasters club is a safe place to practice the skills you want to improve.

**Meetings held every time sheet Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
in B. 152 Facilities Operations Conference Room**

**June Meeting Dates: *Please join us. Questions?*
5 & 19 *Contact Belen at x6820.***

Intramural Sports: 2025 Volleyball Champs!

**Congratulations to our 2025 Intermediate
Volleyball Champs: Court Wizards**



Left to right: Sabrina Mosher, Katherine Gerton, Colby Inman, Dana Dailey (captain), Isaac Vargas (co-captain), Ian Garduno, and Jack Schultz

**Congratulations to our 2025 Recreational
Volleyball Champs: Sugar and Spike**



Back row left to right: Austin Jones, Dylan Kraus, Evan Bond, Josh Arguello, Chris Thomas, Thomas Revak **Front row left to right:** Brynn Bartholomew (captain), Jenny Jones, and Nick Bishop

RRA DISCOUNTS

Triple Check Home Inspections provides thorough home inspections for your peace of mind. We focus on identifying issues before they become major problems helping you minimize unexpected preventable expensive repairs. We provide several different inspection types including pre-purchase and pre-listing. Visit us now at triplecheckhomeinspections.com or call today at 210-800-1149 for a quote – mention you are a SwRI, Texas Biomed, or SwRI FCU employee for 10% off.

Cirque Aria: Aerial dance studio and circus arts. Wide variety of classes available for all skill levels: silks, lyra (hoop), aerial yoga, juggling, fire flow, flexibility, trapeze, and conditioning with new classes added every month. Discount code open to all SwRI employees and family: SWRI10 for 10% off all classes. <https://cirqueariasas.com/>

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travel, and other discounts?**

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Discount Hotel Reservations

Enjoy exclusive savings up to 60% off
hotel rates



Oakley

Get 15% off sunglasses or apparel
online



Sam's Club

Save 60% on a new Membership + \$20
Travel & Entertainment Credit



Cruises

Up to \$1,000 Onboard Credit on
Cruises



Discount Flight Reservations

Save up to 20% on flights



SCIENTIST'S GAMBIT CHESS CLUB



The Scientist's Gambit Chess Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Slick Café. Beginners welcomed, all ages and skill levels. Join the RRA Chess Club to learn, practice, sharpen your chess skills, and make friends. Did you know? Studies suggest that chess players may burn around 132 calories per hour, primarily due to increased heart rate and stress associated with intense mental focus, rather than physical exertion. Contact [Valerie Avila](#), [Christopher Ramirez](#), or [Darren Haby](#) for more info.

RRA CLASSIFIED

Automotive

BMW Wheels and Tires: 17in wheels and tires-Run flat (set of 2), like new, Continental brand; \$250; contact Art Garza at art.garza@swri.org.

Submit your ad for free!

Submit ads on the [RRA website](http://rra.swri.org) at rra.swri.org or email rra@swri.org by June 20 for the July Happy Times.

Pets

Australian Cattle Dog/Australian Shepherd Puppies: puppies in need of forever homes; Bordetella and DACPP boosters and rabies vaccines completed, started on heartworm prevention, started on flea, tick, and hookworm prevention; \$50; for details contact Len Cooper at x2112 or 210-412-8079 or E.H. Cooper at x3925 or 210-608-9241.

RRA STORE + MORE

Stop by the Fitness Center to see our latest products or view [HERE](#).



Contact Information

The RRA operates through committees headed by a chair. The RRA Board of Governors Officers and Committee Chairs are listed below.

RRA Executive Board

Chair	Mary Ramos	x3353
Vice Chair	Anysa Ticer	210-258-9491
Secretary	Stacy Chavez	x6493
Treasurer	Jennifer Betz	x5369
Executive Secretary	Sara Kauffmann	x5100
SwRI Fitness Center	Sara Kauffmann	x5100

Committee Chairs

Athletics	Luciano Smith	x6857
Employee Engagement	YongLi McFarland Carlos Sanchez	x2715 x3663
Health & Fitness	Matt Freeman	x2748
Membership	Linda Estes	x5642
Outreach	Shane Siebenaler	x5758
Publicity & Historical	Kimberly Guzman	x2714
Recreation	Turner Tarrillion	x2663
Social	Pauline Rico Vinny H. Cantu	x3145 x6273

For questions or comments about the Happy Times, call 210-522-5100.