



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Cheyenne

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Governor Matt Mead
"Governor's Talk and Officer Installations"
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Brittany Ashby/Mary
Schwem
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Exchange Student Pao
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Aug 1 2012
Rick Davis
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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Jun 27 2012

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News

Casper Star Tribune Recognizes 2 Club Rotarians

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Final Thoughts as President Bill Gentle Ends His Year of Service

by Gentle, William R.

This will be my last opportunity to communicate with the membership as President, so the most important thing I want to say is what an honor it has been to serve the members of this club for the past year. I must admit that I was somewhat apprehensive about accepting the position because I was unsure that I was up to the task, but in hind-sight it has been one of the most pleasurable experiences of my life.

It truly has been an honor to serve as President, and I say that for two reasons. First, our club truly does a number of wonderful things both in our community and internationally, and secondly, the hard work that so many of our members contribute each year makes the work of the President an easy job.

I am not going to try and list all of the things our Club has done over the past year, because I know I will forget a number of things, but the Boys and Girls Club project certainly stands out in my mind as our largest effort. However, the Third Grade Dictionaries, Read To Me, Polio Plus, Water in Central America, Club Fellowship, Highway Cleanup, RYLA, The V.A. Santa Visit, Teacher and Student of the Month and inbound and outbound Youth Exchange are just a few of the community and International projects that our club members accomplished this past year. Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self", and the members of our club certainly exemplify that motto every day.

The Board that I have been honored to serve with is perhaps the best Board I have ever worked with. Every member took their assigned projects to heart, worked with their committee chairpersons and accomplished every goal that they had set for themselves. I have heard over and over that a good manager finds good people and lets them do their job, and my goal was always to stay out of their way and let them accomplish their tasks.

I am also quite proud of the progress we have made in bringing in new members. I think we have around 12 to 15 more members than we had a year ago, and that is very important to the future viability of our club. Rotary around the World continues to gain members, but in the United States Rotary is losing membership, and that trend is true for other service clubs such as Lions and Kiwanis as well. If Rotary continues to lose members in the United States I am very concerned about Rotary's long term potential to accomplish so many good things around the world.

We do need to continue our fund raising efforts both for both local and international projects. I know there is confusion about the Rotary International Foundation and our local Cheyenne Rotary Foundation. Our Cheyenne Rotary Foundation is pretty simple, the by-laws specify that all funds disbursed by the Cheyenne Foundation must be used for projects that directly benefit Laramie County. At this time the Cheyenne Rotary Foundation Board is conducting a long term fund raising effort with a goal of having one million dollars in the permanent endowment by 2018, which is the one hundredth anniversary of our Club.

I will admit that trying to figure out all the ins and outs of the Rotary International Foundation can be intimidating, but in very simple terms when you contribute a dollar to the International Foundation that dollar is invested by the Foundation for 3 years. After 3 years 50% of the dollar is returned to our District for District grants, and 50% is available for Large International grants. Every dollar you contribute to the International Foundation counts toward a Paul Harris Fellowship, and when you have contributed \$1,000 you receive recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary International Foundation encourages every member to contribute annually to the International Foundation, and there are a number of ways to do that.

Again, it has been an honor to serve as President for the past twelve months. I would like to thank the Past Presidents for nominating me and all the members for electing me and allowing me to serve. I would especially like to thank Billie Adleman for providing so much assistance and advice to me, without his help I would have been lost many times.

The Club is in good hands with Ron Hammel taking over as President and so many good strong individuals on the Board. I have all the faith in the world that with this leadership the Cheyenne Rotary Club will continue to be one of the best clubs in the Nation.

We Care Announcements

by Schwem, Mary

Our condolences were sent to the Family of Vickie Graham.

Speedy Recovery wishes to our Club Pianist, Marilyn Casner and Member Bob Harmon.

Our Latest Paul Harris Fellow

by Schreiner, Roger A.

Congratulations to our latest Paul Harris Fellow:
Rolinda Sample

Rotarian of the Week 06-20-12

by Adams, Ted J.

Our Rotarian of the Week was born in Princeton, New Jersey. He grew up in Madison, Wisconsin. His first paying job was mowing lawns. He really cannot remember how much he was paid.

He attended Madison West High School...interestingly... his high school did not have a mascot... It was just ...Madison West High School.

This special Rotarian earned his both his Bachelor of Science and his Medical Doctor degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He interned and served a fellowship in Burlington, Vermont. He served his second year of fellowship at the University of Minnesota.... He also served in the United States Air Force.

Dr. Eric Wedell has been married to his lovely wife Maida for 45 years. They have two adult children Carl and Allison.

Other than family, Eric is most proud successfully practicing medicine for 32 years right here in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Eric retired...June 30, 2006. Though he did not mention it ... it should be noted ... Dr. Wedell served as Wyoming Chapter Governor of the American College of Physicians from 2008 to 2012.

Eric was sponsored into The Rotary Club of Cheyenne by Dr. Rick Davis in 1981. His most memorable Rotary experience was becoming aware of and then completely committed to ...Rotary's polio eradication program. Dr. Weddle likes Rotary because of the Rotary genuine commitment to "Service above self" both locally and internationally. He and Maida served as Chairs of the Rotary Dance several years ago. In addition he has provided numerous very interesting programs for Rotary over the years... most recently ...the program on the extraordinary changes in the United States health care system.

Eric's favorite meal is ...steak cooked medium...with baked potato with butter... and a vegetable.

In his spare time Eric enjoys ...road bicycling and volunteering... he volunteers with United Way of Laramie County and serves in a leadership role in his church. Eric has recently been named president – elect of the remarkably talented ...Cheyenne Chamber Singers.

In recognition of his many years of service to our club and our community the Sargent at Arms will present Dr. Eric Wedell with a gift certificate from the Club.

Attention Committee Members

by Schwem, Mary

If you are a committee chair beginning in July and I have not created your user name, please contact me, Mary.Schwem@erau.edu or call me at 307-640-5699.

We have added a Committee Management Component to the member side of our website. With these changes you will be able to add committee members, communicate with your members, save your minutes and other documents, set up subcommittees. We will be demonstrating how to use the component at the July 11th meeting.

Time to Renew Your Background Checks

by Schwem, Mary

If you are a member of our Club who works with youth under the age of 18 in any capacity, including but not limited to Youth Exchange Host Family or member, Youth Exchange Officer, Counselor, Chaperone, bus driver, etc., RYLA or YRYLA chaperone or counselor, participate in projects such as Read to Me, or work with At Risk Adults or Meals on Wheels, you are required to complete a Volunteer Affidavit for a Background check once each Rotary

Year, July 1 – June 30. Forms will be available at each meeting and may also found on-line through the District 5440 Website, www.rotary5440.org. Select the Site age for New Generations, then the Volunteer Affidavit .

Double Foundation Recognition Points for Recurring Contributions

by Schwem, Mary

The Rotary Foundation will be offering double Foundation recognition points for all recurring contributions (through Rotary Direct) to the Annual Fund between 1 April and 1 July 2012.

Questions about this promotion may be directed to Rotary's Contact Center, contact.center@rotary.org or by phone, 866.976.8279.

What is Rotary Direct?

Rotary Direct (formerly known as TRF-Direct) is The Rotary Foundation's recurring giving program. Select an amount, frequency (monthly, quarterly or annually), and contribution method. You can set up recurring gifts to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus and the Areas of Focus.

Double recognition points will be automatically given to Rotarians and friends of Rotary who are enrolled in Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct, and make one or more scheduled (monthly, quarterly or annual) contributions between 1 April and 1 July 2012.

Unlike past promotions for online giving, this special opportunity is available to recurring (monthly, quarterly, annual) contributions only, and is not available for one-time contributions. All recurring transactions that take place between 1 April and 1 July 2012 will generate double Foundation recognition points, but will not result in double recognition amount for the individual donor. Donors can extend their available Foundation recognition points to others to name them as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. A donor's personal recognition amount which is used to calculate their own Paul Harris Fellow status will not be subject to doubling.

How do you sign up?

You can sign up online or by completing the TRF Contribution Form.

Online: Once registered in Member Access, Rotarians can contribute at www.rotary.org/contribute. The recurring option is presented in Step 2 of the contribution process under the section titled "Frequency."

Contribution Form: Donors may enroll using The Rotary Foundation Contribution Form (123) by checking the frequency box (monthly, quarterly or annually) under section "3. Contribution Details- Make this a recurring contribution."

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