



the first COMPUTERS in Wichita. It was a room-sized machine that was roughly equivalent to today's programmable calculators. When Don saw the machine, it was love at first sight and he quickly figured

High school brought other happiness to his life. During his senior year, he met his future wife, Barbara, and they have enjoyed their two

now-grown children and two grandchildren for their 56 years of

an MIT research group that was inventing the first time-sharing

Since high school, Don has been happily involved with electronics, computers and programming. After he received his degree in

electrical engineering from MIT in 1965, his first job was working with

computer system. The machine used for this project was a one-of-a-

out what he wanted to do when he grew up.

married life.

kind machine built to the group's specifications by IBM. The success of that project quickly led to the next generation of time-sharing machines, also a heavily modified machine built by General Electric (yes, GE built computers way back then). At about this time, the oil industry was beginning to experiment with digital data processing using these new-fangled computers so Don and Barbara moved to Calgary, the development center for the Canadian "oil patch", to join in the new developments. After inventing a whole new industry during their nine years in Canada, it was time to move back to the US where Don joined one of the "beltway bandit" consulting firms in the Washington DC, area.

After spending seven years in the heart of the military-industrial

complex, it was time to get a real job. So, Don and his family moved to Boulder where he spent the rest of his active career in all sorts of engineering and consulting jobs. Among other developments he is most proud that in his role as VP of Engineering, his company developed the prototype of the Indiana Jones Thrill Ride at Disneyland in 1990. He continued to work on leading-edge technical product development until his first retirement and move to Estes Park in 1997. They moved to Estes Park because they had always wanted to live in the mountains and wanted a small town that had a hospital and library. Both Don and Barbara love to read as their hobby. In Estes Park, Don met and was mentored by a good friend, Al Wasson, who invited him to become a Rotarian and help build the Estes Park Library into a modern library. Don led the task force that finally succeeded in persuading the voters to approve the formation

of the Estes Valley Fire District in 2010.

the administration of the Estes Park Duck Race to this day. He has also written the prototype database applications for the Town Code Compliance Department, the Restorative Justice group, the Rocky Mountain Transit shuttle service, Crossroads Ministry, Hobert Office Services, the Salud Foundation, and the Rocky Mountain National Park Wilderness Office. Before finally retiring for the second time and becoming an Honorary

Rotarian, Don had been active in our Rotary Club and has written extensively about computers for the local newspapers. In addition to

Don was the leader of the Estes Park Audio-visual group that

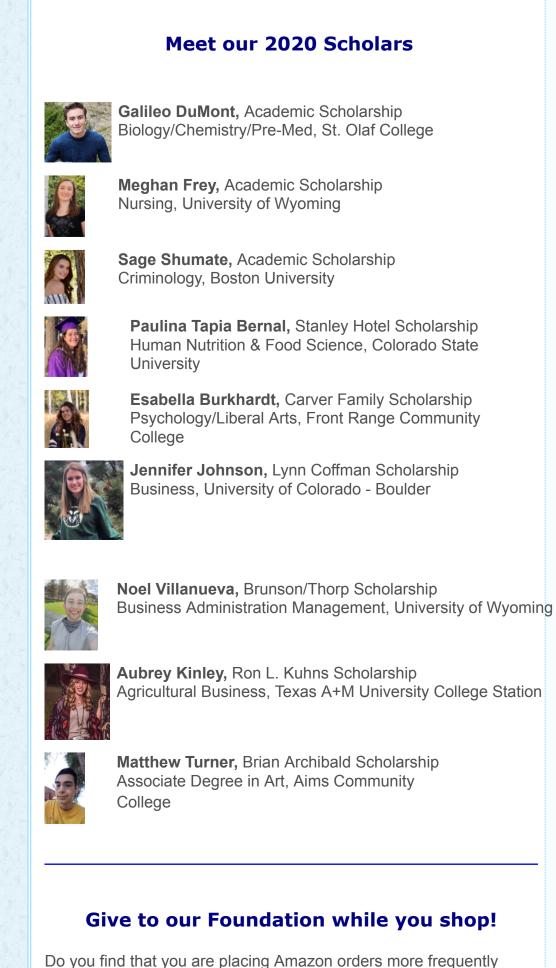
supported the Rotary District Conference in 2012. Based on earlier programs written by our own former Rotarian, George Williford, Don created an integrated computer database system in 2002 that runs

writing for the local press, he and his book partner wrote several technical books that are still being sold after 20 years on the market. In 2013, Don and Barbara decided to become full-time RV-ers and see the country. They've had many fun adventures in their travels including working at Dollywood in Tennessee, working for the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, as well as staying for extended visits with their siblings, children, and grandchildren. They currently

overwinter in the Phoenix area and work in Rocky Mountain National

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Park during the summer. Fun times.



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