



## ROTARY CLUB OF ARVADA DISTRICT 5450

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7577 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO 6:30 pm

### Meeting Bulletin – March 28, 2018

**This week, Jack Emery** is Rotarian of the Day. Our club will honor Ret. Chief Don Wick with the Distinguished Career Award. Officer Tyler Jenkins will be honored with the First Responder of the Year Award. We expect other police and firemen from the Arvada area will be in attendance too. *(Jack Emery has been called out of town at the last minute, April Fratzke will step up)*

**Last Week, March 21 Mike McHugh** was assigned Rotarian of the Day duties. Mike spent some of last week in the silver tube high above the United States with a person next to him coughing their lungs out. Mike chose to not share the illness with the rest of us, so Dennis Hein took over duties as Rotarian of the Day and chairman of the Arvada Rotary Scholarship Committee. As Rotarian of the Day Dennis requested our invocation be presented by Bill Edwards and Rick Worley lead us in song. Matt Weller, Jim Gracey, Don Storey Dan Hershberger, Linda Nedved, April Fratzke and Kathy Periman joined Bill, Rick, and Dennis to review the 13 applications we received for the granting of up to five two thousand dollar Harold Carver academic scholarships and five one thousand dollar Al Kilpatrick vocational grants to area students pursuing additional education beyond high school. The money made from working the Spring Garden and Home show and the Fall Home show along with birthday contributions fund these scholarships, grants and the Jerry Jelinek Scholarship granted through the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth program. Final decision is pending.

**Next Week, April 4**, Arvada Rotary will be dark on Wednesday, April 4 because of the annual **AWRSAY Recognition Ceremony at Pomona High School** (8101 W. Pomona Dr.).

All club members are urged to attend and wear something (shirt, sweater, hat, top, pin etc. which identifies them as Rotarian. Our club sponsors 12 students from Ralston Valley, Mandalay Middle School and Two Roads Charter who have won scholarships to Red Rocks or \$200 grants for summer camps. Please take advantage of the opportunity to meet these youngsters and their families. Please check in with **Dan Hershberger** or **Don Storey** in the commons area by 5:15 pm. A way will be provided for you to identify and greet the students sponsored by Arvada Rotary. Student registration begins at 5:30 pm. Food will be available at 5:30 pm. Students will be led to the auditorium at 6:45 pm, and the Ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm--and end by 8:00 pm. As always, we appreciate the generous support of AWRSAY by the members of Arvada Rotary. Please join us on April 4 to help celebrate the accomplishments of our award winners.-----by Don Storey, Arvada Rotary Club Chairman of AWRSAY

## **PRESIDENT MATT'S CORNER:**

I am looking forward to Arvada Rotary Club recognizing two local officers who have made a great and lasting contribution to our community. I am thankful there are these kind of good people looking out for us all, and that we have created the opportunity to recognize them.

Last week, our Club reviewed the scholarship applications for our Harold Carver Academic Scholarships and Al Kilpatrick Vocational Grants. There were a lot of great candidates, and I appreciate the time put into reviewing and rating them by our members at our meeting. I also want to thank Mike McHugh, for coordinating this effort, and Dennis Hein for the many hours put into collecting, organizing, printing and leading the meeting to review these applications last week. Both are unsung heroes who put in a lot of time and effort so that Arvada Rotary can pass this financial help on to the young people in our community. Thank You!

Hope to see you all at this week's meeting! ---- Matt----

**NEW MEMBERS & VISITORS:** **Kathy Periman** became our newest member the meeting preceding the Garden and Home show, just in time to work the show. She brought **Julie Smith** to our meeting several weeks ago; **Julie** has been a friend of our club for many years. **Jim Koch** visited our club two weeks ago.. Many of us know Jim very well. He was a former member and a photographer; he took many graduation pictures.

## **WHAT ROTARIANS ARE DOING:**

**Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth:** **Don Storey**, our representative for Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth (AWRSAY) reports: AWRSAY has once again been chosen, along with four other non-profits, to compete for a \$5000 grant at Arvada Vitality Alliance's annual event (Arvada Hilton Garden Inn) on May 5 between 6:00 and 9:00 pm. Each competing non-profit will have a table upon which to display information about itself and a fishbowl for the deposit of tickets. Attendees (which, we hope, will include many Rotarians) will buy tickets which they deposit in the fishbowl of the non-profit they believe to be most worthy of the grand prize. AWRSAY has a good chance of winning if lots of its members and supporters buy lots of tickets which they then drop into the AWRSAY fishbowl. The non-profit with the most tickets wins the \$5000 grand prize. The grand prize money would finance at least two scholarships in the future. All we have to do is show up, enjoy the food and fellowship, and vote for AWRSAY with our tickets! In addition, several tickets will contain the keys to some fabulous door prizes. Please join us on **Saturday, May 5** in support of AWRSAY and its continuing goal of providing educational opportunity to worthy students in Wheat Ridge and Arvada.

*By: Don Storey, Dan Hershberger, Della Blay*

## **Linda Nedved has supplied the following information on RYLA and**

**Young RYLA:** Arvada Rotarians: We have requested 2 RYLA and 2 YRYLA positions for 2018. I have confirmed our interest in these positions with the RYLA Coordinator. Each slot is \$450 (for either age level) and \$1800.00 payment is due March 15th.

### **RYLA, Young RYLA, and RYLA Plus applications open**

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a life-changing leadership training program for young men and women. Leadership skills and principles are learned, developed, and enhanced in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The purpose of these conferences is to encourage and assist current and potential youth leaders in methods of responsible and effective leadership. The application and review schedule is, as follows:

April 30: Application period ENDS

May 15: Interviews and selection completed. Completed RYLA applications must be submitted.

May 30: Completed Young RYLA applications must be submitted.

**RYLA Conferences** (held at YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO)

Applicants must be *current high school sophomores or juniors*, and must be able to stay all 5 days of conference.

RYLA 1: Sunday, July 15 through Friday, July 20, 2018.

RYLA 2: Sunday, July 22 through Friday, July 27, 2018.

**Young RYLA Camps** (held at Ponderosa Retreat & Conference Center, Larkspur, CO)

Applicants must be *current 7th grader* to apply, and must be able to stay all 5 days of camp.

Young RYLA Camp-1: July 22 - 27, 2018

Young RYLA Camp-2: July 29 - August 3, 2018

**RYLA Plus** Camp (physically-challenged teens)(held at Easter Seals' Rocky Mountain Village, Empire, CO)

RYLA Plus: Sunday, July 8 - Friday, July 13, 2018

If you know of anyone who may be interested, they can learn more about these opportunities at <http://www.rmryla.org> or call Linda Kay Nedved, (C) 303.520.2956 or email [mseqjkn@aol.com](mailto:mseqjkn@aol.com).

Thanks so much, Linda Kay Nedved (C )303.520.2956

**Linda Nedved has requested the Annual Report on our Guatemala**

**Literacy project** be attached to this bulletin for your information. Our club and Linda in particular have participated in this project for many years. As you can see be the report, it is a very worthy project!!

**OUTGOING EXCHANGE STUDENTS: DAN HERSHBERGER** worked with the District 5450 Committee to select two students from our club area as outgoing exchange students. They are **Ethan Elzinga**, from Ralston Valley High School going to Croatia and **Melanie Johnson** from Arvada West High School going to Finland.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:** March 2, **Sherry McGee**, March 27, **Don Storey**

**Club Anniversaries:** **Bill Edwards, 3-1-1984, Dan Hershberger, 3-1-2004 Mike McHugh, 3-6-2002, Dennis Hein, 3-25-1981 Thanks for your Service!**

**KRAMER'S CORNER:** Rich Kramer is once again sharing some wisdom with us:

\*\*\*\*\* MORE ABOUT CATS \*\*\*\*\*

- \* Cats on average sleep 16 hours a day. A 9 year old cat has been awake only 3 years of its life.
- \* A cat's back is extremely flexible. It has up to 53 loose fitting vertebrae. Humans have 34.
- \* A cat's hearing is better than a dog's.
- \* Cats can detect earthquake vibrations 10 to 15 minutes before us.
- \* A cat called dusty has the known record for the most kittens; 420.

## Who's in Charge?

Date	ROD	Greeter	Greeter
3/28/18	Jack Emery		
4/4/18	<b>Dark, AWRSA Awards @ Pomona High School. Don Storey</b>		
4/11/18	Diane Head		
4/18/18	Nancy Nichols		
4/25/18	Bill Edwards		
5/2/18	Rick Worley		
5/9/18	<b>April Frantzke (Club Assembly 2018/19 Plan</b>		
5/16/18	Bryan Head		
5/23/18	Sherry McGee		
5/30/18	Della Blay		
6/6/18	Jerry Younggreen		
6/13/18	Cathy Gaume		
6/20/18	Rex Stuck		
6/27/18	<b>Installation of Officers, 2018/19</b>		
7/4/18	<b>July 4, Holiday, No Meeting</b>		

**Got News?** Please let Dennis Hein know so it can be included in the weekly Bulletin.  
Email me at [dennishein@msn.com](mailto:dennishein@msn.com) Thanks for all you do for Arvada Rotary!

**“ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE”**

# Cooperative for Education (CoEd)



Breaking the Cycle of Poverty in Guatemala through Education

## 2017 Annual Report

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By working together across multiple countries and organizations, we've been able to have a tremendous impact on the quality of education in Guatemala. *Monte Cristo, February 2017.*

As we celebrate the conclusion of another year and reflect on all we've accomplished, it strikes us just how important supporters like YOU were to all of our successes in 2017. After celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, we're launching into the next two decades in a big way, poised for major growth in a number of areas. But none of these would be possible without the support of partners who care about kids in Guatemala just as much as we do.

### Celebrating Longstanding Partnership

If you've been reading these reports for a while, you may recall that we owe the seeds of our very first program expansion—more than 20 years ago—to the members of the worldwide service organization Rotary International, who noticed the potential in our first textbook school model, and the Rotary clubs who chipped in to help bring the program to other schools. Over the years, this network of CoEd and Rotarians with an interest in improving education in Guatemala, known as the Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP), has grown to include 546 Rotary clubs and 75 districts in 8 countries. While Rotary funds traditionally cover the hard costs, like books and computers, we rely on our network of foundation and individual supporters to help

ensure that the programs are delivered in a comprehensive, sustainable way. This results in a perfect marriage that has had a lasting impact in Guatemala:

- We've established **sustainable Textbook Programs in 193 schools**, including 13 new schools in 2017. More than 26,000 students study with CoEd textbooks every day. And this February, our 2018 deliveries will increase that number by 1,400 students in 10 schools.
- We've set up **45 state-of-the-art Computer Centers**, serving more than 12,000 students. Two of these centers were established during 2017, and we'll inaugurate an additional two centers this February, providing almost 800 more students with highly marketable technological skills.
- We've **trained 500+ primary-school teachers through the Culture of Reading Program (CORP)**, equipping them with the literacy instruction tools to help nearly 15,000 children develop a love of reading and learning every day. During 2017, we worked with over 150 teachers in 40 schools, and in the upcoming year, we'll bring 84 new teachers into the CORP family.

## Partnering for Steady Expansion

The educational programs described above remain the core of our services, and we're committed to growing them steadily in the coming years. One major boon to this growth is our current GLP partnership, which is stronger than ever, combined with our relatively new partner north of the border, Canadian Friends of Cooperative for Education. In the past year, our GLP partners led the charge in raising \$153,000 from Canadian clubs and districts alone. Thanks to matching funds from the Government of Canada and Rotary International, we're now in the process of submitting our largest Global Grant ever, for nearly \$700,000! Once approved by The Rotary Foundation, these funds will support the projects being delivered in 2019.

The 35 new Canadian clubs joining the GLP this year aren't the only thing to brag about. We're dramatically increasing our visibility across the Rotary world. In the past year, we participated in a forum panel at the national Rotary convention in Atlanta, and even more impressively, hosted the President of Rotary International and his wife on a visit to our Education Center campus during their trip to Guatemala. As a result, we doubled our network of Rotary clubs in Guatemala.

## Magnifying Our Programs' Impact

Despite the impressive results these programs have had—such as 95% of Computer Center graduates going on to find jobs or further their education—we are committed to finding new ways to increase positive change in Guatemala. For example, we know that



Joe gives the thumbs up to the new laptop lab model the Computer Centers Program team developed to best meet the needs of the new 2017 schools. *Chitay Las Rosas, February 2017.*



Beneficiaries of the Scholarship and Youth Development Program greet Rotary International President Ian Riseley and his wife Juliet during a visit to CoEd's Education Center in Guatemala. *San Lucas Sacatepéquez, August 2017.*

there are still kids in our program communities who are being left behind. Kids who, despite the love of learning they gained through CORP, can't afford to go on to middle school and get the benefit of CoEd textbooks and computers. That's why our Scholarship and Youth Development Program provides the perfect opportunity for growth that complements the work of all of our other three programs.

CoEd scholarships target the kids who are most at risk of dropping out, who despite good academic performance would never be able to afford to enroll in middle school. These kids deserve the same opportunities—not just as their peers, but as our kids here in the U.S. That's just one of the reasons behind the massive expansion of the Scholarship and Youth Development Program—otherwise known as the Thousand Girls Initiative that you've heard so much about in the past two years.

Another reason is that in poor families in Guatemala, all too commonly, the girls are pulled out of school first. According to the World Economic Forum's 2017 Global Gender Gap Report, Guatemala ranks the worst in all of Latin America on progress toward gender parity, and also ranks lower than countries such as India and most of sub-Saharan Africa. Clearly, there's a long way to go, but our Thousand Girls Initiative provides a place to start. It starts by reaching the most at-risk kids and keeping them in school. It starts by targeting mainly girls, in an effort to even the playing field. It starts by providing them with the skills and the self-confidence to demand equality, now and throughout their lives. It starts by creating a generation of educated women who will lead the way forward for all of Guatemala.



## Believing in Each Other

Embarking on the Thousand Girls Initiative has taken us on a journey of massive growth. In 2017, we provided scholarships and youth development activities to 353 students in 8 communities. This represents a nearly 300% increase over the number of students the program served five years ago. We're taking another massive leap forward in 2018, growing to 13 communities and 546 students. This dramatic growth means asking our supporters to step up in a BIG way, to take on sponsoring more students than ever before. There is still much to be done, but we're grateful for how many kids we've reached so far, thanks to your belief that **these kids deserve an education.**

And, as you show these students how much you care about their futures, something magical happens. They develop the values of living in solidarity with OTHERS. So your support is not only helping these kids, it's benefiting entire communities. Not only do students design and carry out community service projects during their time in the program, they also go on to live these values for the rest of their lives. Program graduate Tiofila, for example, graduated with a degree in computers, and got a job teaching at



Thanks to the opportunity she was given by the Scholarship and Youth Development Program, Tiofila is living a life of service. Read her full story at [www.cooperativeforeducation.org/tiofila](http://www.cooperativeforeducation.org/tiofila). Sacatepéquez, August 2016.

her town's elementary school. But when she saw a need in her community for basic medical care, she went back to school to train as a nursing assistant. Now, she offers care to people in her community, allowing them to pay whatever they can. She does this work because she really values living "in solidarity with others—giving without expecting anything back." And none of this would have been possible without the sponsor who believed in

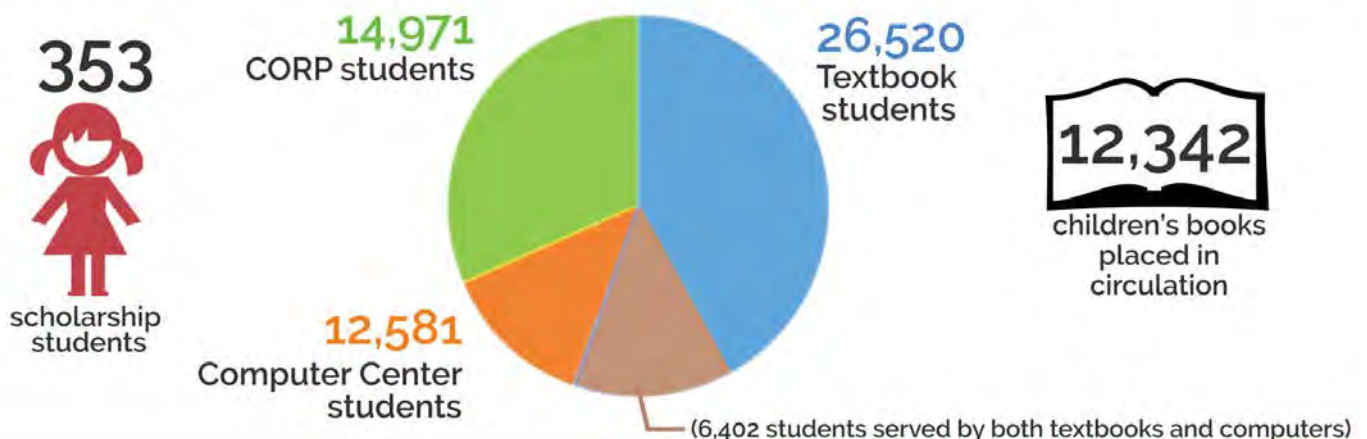
Tiofila, who, without expecting anything in return, kept her in school and enabled her to become her best self through education.

**Thank YOU** for believing in students like Tiofila, for believing in the value of our work, for believing that we are all on this journey together. We are all better when we work together, and we look forward to many more years of partnering to produce positive change in Guatemala.

Yours in service,

Joe Berninger, Executive Director

## How Your Support Made a Difference in 2017







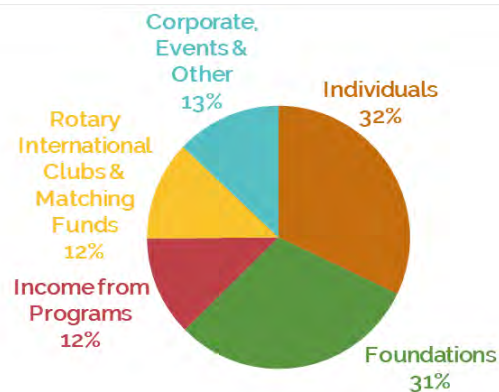
## Financial Highlights

(January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017)

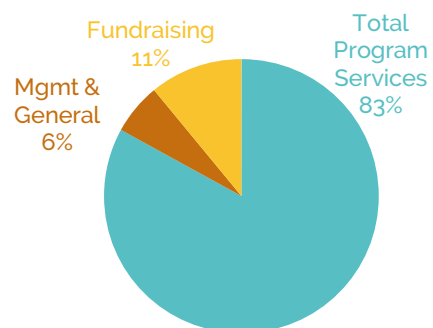
ANNUAL REVENUE 2017	Jan. – Dec. 2016	Jan. – Dec. 2017
Individuals	\$608,384	\$1,042,718
Foundations	\$1,623,668	\$992,909
Income from Programs	\$526,834	\$397,944
Rotary International Clubs & Matching Funds	\$438,129	\$396,602
Corporate, Events & Other	\$271,812	\$420,772
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,468,827</b>	<b>\$3,250,945</b>

ANNUAL EXPENSES 2017	Jan. – Dec. 2016	Jan. – Dec. 2017
<b>Program Services</b>		
Textbook Cooperatives	\$606,720	\$466,304
Computer Centers	\$506,654	\$480,461
CORP	\$439,065	\$521,603
Youth Development Program	\$337,235	\$414,071
Direct Education (Bridges Program)	\$736,102	\$999,895
Partnerships & Special Projects	\$181,074	\$111,488
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$2,806,850</b>	<b>\$2,993,822</b>
Mgmt & General	\$117,944	\$217,583
Fundraising	\$305,471	\$394,782
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>\$423,415</b>	<b>\$612,365</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,372,890</b>	<b>\$3,606,187</b>
Contribution to Net Income	\$95,937	(\$355,242)

### Annual Revenue 2017



### Annual Expenses 2017



### Note to Financials

Although our 2017 financials show a deficit, there are three main explanations, described below. Much of this deficit is due to one-time transitions:

- In 2017, we hired a new CFO. As is common with a new CFO at the helm, some financial and accounting restructuring and improvements are to be expected. (For example, our financials are now presented on the accrual basis, which dramatically impacts when revenue and expense items hit the books, as well as how assets and liabilities are tracked.) These adjustments account for more than half of the deficit, but this money didn't actually move around— we're just accounting for it differently now. You won't see this apparent decrease again now that we're past the transition to accrual basis.
- Secondly, income was lower than projected due to an unexpected \$100,000 decrease from one of our major foundation funders.
- Finally, in 2017, we transitioned to our new Education Center. Once we moved, there were some expenses that we could not have anticipated (such as the need for a new drainage system). However, we did raise funds in 2015-16 (shown as a surplus in previous years) to cover these types of expenses.

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